

MEMORANDUM TO CABINET
BY THE PRIME MINISTER

Allocation of Flats built under
the Gozo Civic Council Housing Scheme

20 flats have been built at Victoria under the Gozo Civic Council's Housing Scheme out of funds belonging to the Council.

Extract
at
App. "A"

In terms of Section 34(2) of the Gozo Local Government Ordinance, the Council is requesting that the Authority of the Governor-General be sought for the allocation of these flats on the Points System by the Council. Such authority is required as the said Section 34(2) provides, inter alia, that a contract of lease shall be made by the Council after a call for tenders, unless otherwise authorised by the Governor-General.

The Minister of Justice and Parliamentary Affairs has suggested that the flats in question should be allocated by the Housing Allocations Board of the Housing Department, whose jurisdiction in Gozo is no less than it is in Malta.

It may be pertinent to add, for the information of Ministers, that in the case of the Church's housing estates at Kalkara and Dlata-l-Bajda which were completed some years ago, it was decided that the requisitioning power was not to be used and the Church Authorities were allowed to allocate the flats after a call for applications.

Ministers may wish to consider whether the Governor-General should be advised, in terms of Section 34(2) of the Gozo Local Government Ordinance, to authorise the allocation of these flats by the Gozo Civic Council on the "points system".

APPENDIX 'A'

EXTRACT FROM THE

GOZO LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINANCE 1961

Contracts of
the Council

Section 34(2)

A contract for the lease of any tenement the administration and management of which is vested in the Council by Section 36, or for the supply of goods or materials or for the execution of works which are estimated by the Council to exceed one thousand pounds in value shall, unless otherwise authorised by the Governor, be made by the Council after -

(a) notice of the intention of the Council to enter into the contract has been published and tenders have been invited, on behalf of the Council, by the Director of Contracts in accordance with the procedure for the time being in force with respect to contracts made by the Government; and

(b) the Council has given due consideration to the recommendations of the Contracts Committee, as conveyed by the Director of Contracts, as to the award of the contract.
