

✓ Sitting No. 61/63.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Auberge d'Oran,  
Valletta, on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> December, 1963, at  
10 a.m.

Presents: The Hon. Prime Minister  
The Hon. Minister of Industrial Developments  
& Tourism.  
The Hon. Minister of Education.  
The Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Power &  
Communications.  
The Hon. Minister of Justice.  
The Hon. Minister of Works & Planning  
The Hon. Minister of Labour and  
Social Welfare.

Absent: The Hon. Minister of Health who was  
unwell.

Five-Year Plan for 1964/69.

Mr. G. Cusack, Administrative Secretary, Mr. A. Salomone,  
Financial Secretary, Mr. A. Birk, Under Secretary, Mr. S. Duggi,  
Director of Industrial Developments, Mr. M. Abela, Principal  
Government Statistician, and Dr. V. Ragoveri, Public  
Relations Secretary, were in attendance.

The Cabinet proceeded  
with the review of the Five-Year Plan for 1964/69  
as drawn up by the Economic Committee on the  
basis of the reports by the United Nations Economic  
Mission. Considerations were made in baranashka

5, 15, 21, 22, 36 and 57. The Gross National Income (Appendix IV) was redrafted in consequence of a readjustment of the employment projections (Appendix V). The Cabinet also discussed certain measures which were to be taken prior to the commencement of the Five-Year Plan. The following measures were mentioned:

1. Appointments of Engineering Consultants.
2. Appointments of a) Quantity Surveyors.  
b) Cost Accountants.
3. Improvements in a) tax collection,  
b) duty collection.
4. Introduction of a Sales Tax.
5. Setting up of a) Development Corporation,  
b) Central Bank,  
c) Public Corporations.
6. Rationalisation of tax structure.
7. Enlisting the services of an Organisation and Method experts.
8. Development of the Co-operative System.
9. Establishment of an Exports Credit Agency.

It was decided that the help of the Bank of England should be enlisted with regard to the sending over of an expert to advise the Malta Government on the establishment of an Exports Credit Agency and of a Central Bank. The Administrative Secretary was asked to take appropriate action through the United Kingdom Commissioner.

*Amery-Williams*  
Prime Minister.

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*Secretary to Cabinet.*  
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