

Sitting No. 1/64.

Cabinet meeting held at the Amburge d'Argon, Valletta, on Friday, 3rd January, 1964, at 5 p.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 and Housing.  
 The Hon. Minister of Labour + Social  
 Welfare.

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

OPM. 1355/63

Amendment to Shops and Hawkers (Business Hours)  
 Act, 1954 (Memo. No. 222).

It was explained that section 8(c) of Act No. XXIV of 1954 provided that shops in Valletta, Sliema, Floriana, Indira, and Rabat (Malta) could remain open to serve customers whenever ships, troopships and naval ships visited Malta for a stay not expected to last more than three days, provided such shops closed for the serving of customers not later than 10 p.m.

It was felt that in this regard the Law as it stands at present discriminates

between shops in certain localities and those in others. In order to avoid this discrimination it was agreed that the law be amended to enable the Director of Emigration, Labour + Social Welfare to grant a permit to open for visitors under the usual conditions, to all shops in Malta without distinction. It was decided that a Bill in this sense should be prepared for presentation to the Legislative Assembly.

OPM.1053/58

Re-introduction of U.K. Football Pools in Malta  
(Memo. No. 37A)

The Cabinet considered a report by the Financial Secretary on the contacts the Director of Public Lotto had made with Football Pools Organisations in England, to ascertain the terms they would be prepared to offer in return for Government allowing betting in football pools in Malta. There was a proposal that the Director of Public Lotto should proceed to Liverpool to initiate discussions with the Pools Promoters Association, on the understanding that any agreement reached would have to be approved by the Government.

It was agreed that the matter be considered further at another meeting of the Cabinet at which the Financial Secretary and the Director of Public Lotto would be present.

OPM. 154/63.

Amendment of the Regulations governing the  
Repetition of Premises intended for use as  
Night Clubs. (Memo. No. 228).

The Hon. Minister of Industrial  
Development and Tourism undertook to  
discuss the implications of this matter with  
the Chairman, Government Services Board, and  
to report to Cabinet in due course.

OPM. 558/63.

Revision of Customs & Trade Policy in Malta.

Mr. A. Silveira, Financial Secretary, Mr. A. Camilleri, Comptroller  
of Customs, Mr. S. Mijzi, Director of Industrial Development,  
and Mr. A. Laurenti, Assistant Comptroller of Customs,  
were in attendance.

The Cabinet reviewed Chapters  
18 and 19 of the proposed new Customs Tariff.  
It was decided as follows:-

a) The duty on item No. 17.04, Sugar Confectionery  
and on item No. 18.06 (B), Other Chocolate, should  
be 45% (General) and 35% (Preferential).

b) The duty on item No. 19.05, Prepared Foods, &c  
should be 12/6 per 100 kilos.

c) The duty on item No. 20.02 (A) and (B),  
Tomato Sauce, &c., and Peas and Beans, should be 50/-  
per 100 kilos.

Anthony Oliver  
Prime Minister.

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Secretary to Cabinet.  
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