

✓ Sitting No. 9/64.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Auberge  
d'Aragon, Valletta, on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> February,  
1964, at 10.30 am.

Present: The Hon. Minister of Education,  
Acting Prime Minister  
The Hon. Minister of Agriculture,  
Power & Communications.  
The Hon. Minister of Justice.  
The Hon. Minister of Works and  
Housing.  
The Hon. Minister of Health.

Absent: The Hon. Prime Minister  
The Hon. Minister of Industrial  
Development & Tourism  
who were away from the Island  
on official business.  
The Hon. Minister of Labour and  
Social Welfare who was  
unwell.

The minutes of meeting  
No. 8/64 were read and confirmed.

OPT. 114/59/II

New Power/Water Station. Implementation of  
Stages 2 and 3 of the Scheme. (Memo. No. 210)  
(Mr. A. Selmane, Financial Secretary, Mr. A. Egan,  
Chairman, Electricity Board, Mr. A. Castillo, of Manager,

Water Works, Mr. L. Gantac, Chief Electricity Engineer, and Mr. E. Della Comlin, Deputy Chief Water Engineer, were in attendance).

Mr. Egan explained that the Electricity Board was faced with four problems, namely the meeting of the rising demand for power during the current winter months, the taking of steps to avoid load-shedding especially during the winter months until such time as the new Station was in operation towards the end of 1965, the erection of the 1<sup>st</sup> Stage of the new Power/Water Station and the planning to meet future load growth as a result of the drive for industrialization and tourism after 1966. In order that sufficient firm plant capacity was always available, the Chairman, Electricity Board, felt that action was to be started to obtain a second loan from the World Bank to obtain additional plants and machinery. The Financial Secretary explained that this matter was closely linked with the approval or otherwise by the British Government of the next Five-Year Development Plan and that therefore no decision on the matter before the Cabinet could be taken at that stage. The Cabinet agreed that the question of the implementation of Stages 2 and 3 of the new Power/Water Station be considered later in the light of the outcome of the discussions to be held with the British Government on the next Five-Year Development Plan.

Sec. 2/2/59.

Acquisition of Luga Reservoir from  
the Admiralty (Memo. No. 243).

It was explained that the Admiralty had offered to transfer free of charge to the Government of Malta the Royal Reservoir at Luga and a 9" pipeline from that reservoir to the Dockyard entrance gate at Fajri Swili. The reservoir and the pipeline were valued at £20,000. The Government would have to meet the legal expenses connected with the transfer, which were estimated at about £750. The transfer involved also the taking over of the adjoining land the acquisition of which was estimated at £119. 11. 8. The Colonial Secretary stated that funds for the transfer could be made available from existing provisions in the Estimates. The Cabinet therefore agreed that the offer made by the Admiralty be accepted.

Sec. 1/E/1079/60.

Disciplinary action against Public Officers  
granted a conditional discharge under  
the Probation of Offenders Act, 1957.

(Memo. No. 246).

(Dr. M. Tuffigao, of Attorney General, was in attendance).

The Cabinet, after leaving the further explanations of the Acting Attorney General, agreed that section 12(1) of the Probation of Offenders

Act be amended as proposed in paragraph 5 of Memorandum No. 246 (Red 26 in file).

Confirmation of written opinion.

The files mentioned below were circulated to Ministers whose written decision was as follows:-

-Sec. 205/59. Hon. Ministers agreed that Units of the Royal Netherlands Army be allowed to land in Malta for training purposes.

Land 356/63. H.E. the Governor was advised to sign Declaration for the acquisition of land at Inside required for the construction of an electricity sub-station.

*Osmond Lewis*  
Prime Minister.  
18. 5. 64.

*James*  
Secretary to Cabinet.  
18. 5. 64

