

Sitting No. 53/65

Cabinet Meeting held at the Auberges d'Aragon, Valletta, on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> August, 1965, at 10.30 am.

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

The Minutes of Meetings Nos. 51 & 52/65 were read and confirmed.

OPM/E/91/48.

Commencing salary of the Official Experts at H.M. Courts (Memo. No. 456)  
 (Mr. C.J. Mallia was in attendance)

Hon. Ministers agreed that in view of the special circumstances enumerated in para. 4 of Memorandum No. 456, Mr. Edgar Talice, the Official Expert in the Technical Section of

H.M. Courts, be allowed to earn increments immediately on appointment and thus be able to retire on the maximum of the salary scale (£ 735) of his post.

OPM. 522/65.

Visiting Forces Act, 1952 (Demo. No. 438)

Consideration of this item was postponed to a later date as the Bill, amending the Visiting Forces Act, 1952, was being redrafted by the Comd Advocate General.

OPM. 254/63.

Amendment to the Prevention of Disease Ordinance (Precautionary measures against the spread of disease in poultry)  
(Demo. No. 130).

It was agreed that the applicability of the Prevention of Disease Ordinance be extended to poultry with a view to enabling the Government to enforce certain precautionary measures against the spread of disease in fowl, should the necessity arise. It was decided also that whenever breeders are required to vaccinate their poultry compulsorily the attendant expense should be borne by the Government.

OPM. 2145/58/1

Hague Convention on the Conflict of Laws relating to the Form of Testamentary Dispositions (Demo. No. 315)

Consideration of this matter was postponed to a later date.

OPM. 474/51.

Fugitive Offenders Act, 1951 (Memo. No. 42)

Consideration of this matter was postponed to a later date.

OPM. 1646/65  
(MS 55/65)

An Act to amend the relating of Urban Property (Regulations) Ordinance, 1931. (Memo. No. 446)

It was agreed to consider the draft Bill at a later date.

OPM. 1643/65  
(CAG 15/65)

An Act to modify the application of section 29 of the Constitution of Malta.

Hon. Ministers agreed that a Bill entitled An Act to modify the application of section 29 of the Constitution of Malta be presented to the House of Representatives.

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OPM. 511/64  
(AG 210/64)

An Act to prescribe the National Colours to be worn by Maltese ships (Memo. No. 304)

An reconsideration of the matter, Hon. Ministers proposed tentatively that the Mercantile Marine flag should consist of a white Maltese

Trees placed in the centre of a red field, as shown in figure attached to Red 18 in file OPM. 511/64, with the addition of a white line bordering the red field.

OPM/E/639/62.

Proposed changes in the design of the uniforms of the Executive Staff of the Courts (Memo. No. 445).

This matter was fully discussed. It was agreed that it be considered further at a later date.

OPM. 537/64.

Illegal occupation of Government Rural and Urban Property (Memo. No. 303).

Hon. Ministers agreed to the suggestion that a notice be issued, and a copy given to all occupants of Government property, stating that the Government would be prepared to consider sympathetically cases where there had been a change of tenancy without Government permission, and that from a date to be fixed by the Hon. Minister of Justice measures be taken to ensure that such illegal occupation would not recur.

*Anthony Dukes*  
Prime Minister  
28. 8. 65

*Eag. Cassar*  
Secretary to Cabinet.  
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