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Meeting No. 62/65.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Auberge  
d'Oragan, Valletta, on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> October  
1965, at 11 am.

Presents: Hon. Minister of Education.  
Hon. Minister of Agriculture,  
Power & Communications.  
Hon. Minister of Justice.  
Hon. Minister of Works and  
Housing.  
Hon. Minister of Labour and  
Social Welfare.

Absence: Hon. Prime Minister  
Hon. Minister of Health who  
were away from the  
Island on official  
business.  
Hon. Minister of Industrial  
Development & Tourism  
who was unwell.

The minutes of Meeting  
No. 61/65 were read and confirmed.

Shortland Writers and Clerks at the  
House of Representatives.

(Mr. E. Ascheri, Administrative Secretary,  
was in attendance)

The attention of Hon. Ministers was drawn to the fact that Scottish Writers & Clerks in the House of Representatives were no longer attending to Court cases and that this was being done with the approval of the Hon. Speaker. It was known that Court cases were being deferred because of the absence in Courts of Scottish Writers. The Acting Prime Minister undertook to see the Hon. Speaker on the matter.

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Pensions of Medical Officers and of Magistrates  
(Memo. No. 486)

(Mr. E. Turchini, Administrative Secretary, was in attendance)

Hon. Ministers were informed of a letter dated 2nd October, 1965, which the Prime Minister had received from the President of the Medical Association of Malta, which letter reflected the reactions of the Association to the decision of the Cabinet that all pensionable officers in the Government service should be granted full pensionability after 30 years service. The President of the Association hoped that the decision of the Cabinet was not final and asked for an interview with the Hon. Prime Minister or his delegate. It was agreed that the Administrative Secretary should meet representatives of the Association and

continue negotiations on the basis  
of the decision already taken by  
the Cabinet.

# (See below)

OPT. 910/63  
(Police C.I.)/  
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Damages caused to Paintings at  
the National Museum, Valletta.

(Mr. E. Cocchieri, Administrative Secretary  
was in attendance)

Hon. Ministers considered  
the case of Salvatore Dusseto and  
Angelo Wittinger, both Official Drivers at  
the National Museum, Valletta, who <sup>had</sup> <sub>been</sub> <sup>had</sup> <sub>been</sub>  
responsibility for the damages caused  
to two paintings at the Museum in  
March, 1963. In view of all the  
circumstances of the case, and of the  
facts that considerable time had  
elapsed, it was agreed that the  
Director of Museum be asked to instruct  
the two persons concerned to make  
good the damages caused.

OPT. 144/65.

Government employees with own vehicle  
(Demo. Lo. 374).

Hon. Ministers considered  
the case of those drivers who were  
directly employed by the Government  
and were driving their own vehicles,  
with special reference to future requests  
to retain vehicles on the impressment  
system on the retirement of the  
drivers. It was agreed that the

positions be reviewed by the Hon. Minister of Works and Housing and the actual transport force now in the Public Works Department be given.

Shift system in the Malta Drydocks.

The Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Power and Communications drew the attention of Hon. Ministers to the current unemployment position in the Island and stressed the necessity of moving the authorities in the Malta Drydocks to introduce the shift system. The Hon. Minister of Labour & Social Welfare stated that he had already taken up the matter with the Drydocks authorities who did not seem to be averse to the proposal. He undertook to pursue the matter further and to report to Cabinet in due course.

*Caruana*  
A/Prime Minister  
12.10.65

*W. G. Galea*  
Secretary to Cabinet.  
12.10.65

¶ Hon. Ministers agreed that the Crown Advocate General be granted full pensionability after 20 years service, as in the case of Her Majesty's Judges.

*W. G. Galea*

*Caruana*  
A/Prime Minister.