

Meeting No 27 of 1971

Cabinet meeting held at the Auberge d'Aragon on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 1971, at 10.30 am.

Present:-

The Prime Minister and Minister of Commonwealth and Foreign Affairs,

The Minister of Justice and Parliamentary Affairs,

The Minister of Public Building and Works,

The Minister of Trade, Industry and Agriculture,

The Minister of Health,

The Minister of Education, Culture and Tourism,

The Minister of Labour, Emigration and Welfare.

Absent:

The Minister of Finance, Customs and Port.

The minutes of Meeting No 25/71 were read and confirmed.

Claims by the Malta Union of Teachers.

Ministers directed that pending claims by the M.U.T. be considered with urgency by Finance and Establishments and the Department of Education and that the Minister should be informed of what they consider can be conceded in the interests of good administration. Ministers also authorised the Minister of Education,

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Culture and Tourism to make an offer to the Union on the basis of these recommendations and if the Union accepts the proposals would be left over for implementation until it would be possible to give effect to the agreement either by Supplementary Estimates or by Special Warrant.

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Subsidy in connection with Potato Exports

Ministers considered the proposal by the Minister of Trade, Industry and Agriculture to pay a direct subsidy to farmers of £1 per bag, based on the quantity, of Arran Banner seed potatoes bought by them in order to compensate them for the loss of the U.K. export market for the current year's potato crop.

Ministers decided to defer consideration to the next meeting of the Cabinet when the views of the Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Customs and Post and the Director of Agriculture would be sought.

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~~M. Abela~~  
Secretary to Cabinet.

*George Abela*  
Prime Minister