

Meeting No 24 of 1971

Cabinet meeting held at the Auberge d'Dragon
on Tuesday 27th April, 1971 at 10.30 am.

Present:

- The Prime Minister and Minister of Commonwealth and Foreign Affairs
- The Minister of Finance, Customs and Port
- 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 & Tourism
- The Minister of Labour, Employment & Welfare

The Minutes of Meeting No 22/71 were read and confirmed.

Arising out of Minutes (Cold Stores at Barraca)

The Minister of Trade, Industry and Agriculture informed Ministers that Messrs Caruana Cold Stores had suggested that the parties involved i.e. Government and Caruana Cold Stores should appoint two representatives - one from each side - to discuss the proposed purchase by Government of the cold storage plant.

Ministers decided that a third independent expert should be nominated in order to expedite matters.

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Land at Għallis

Ministers discussed the termination of lease by the Minister of Justice and Parliamentary Affairs of 390 Tumoli of land, held by Mr Ernest Cuschier at Għallis for cultivation and shooting, and decided that there are no grounds on which to reverse the decision taken by the Minister of Justice and Parliamentary Affairs.

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Development of Luqa Airport

Ministers considered Memo. No. 1735 on the Development of Luqa Airport and agreed to:

- a) accept in principle the runway design submitted by Sig. Mamo and to authorise discussions on this basis with the Services;
- b) appoint consultants to prepare detailed designs and working drawings, specifications and tender documents on the basis of the Mamo proposals and to undertake the necessary supervision of the works;
- c) within the context of their assignment, retain the consultants to:
 - i) study ~~the~~ alternative solutions for the ~~takway~~ and submit a cost /

benefit analysis of each proposal;

- ii) Study the needs of a new air terminal and submit designs for it and for its ancillary services and facilities (e.g. car parks, apron, maintenance areas, etc.);
- iii) Study the eventual use of the existing air terminal and submit plans of any alterations considered necessary;
- iv) Study the possibility of eventual expansion of the projected air terminal and its attendant services and facilities;
- v) Study the possibility of the eventual expansion of the complex of services and facilities of the present terminal in the light of the result of the study at (iii);
- vi) design the road system necessary to meet the needs of the airport as planned and to replace the roads which will be closed by its development;
- vii) give detailed estimates of the cost of the project;

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- d) ask the Italian Government to continue to make available the services of Sig. Marta to act as adviser to the Government of Malta on the further studies, designs, specifications, etc. to be carried out by the consultants eventually entrusted with the work which remains to be done for the full execution of the project.

Export of Wines to Switzerland.

Ministers considered Memo No. 1743 on the question of export of wine to Switzerland and decided that a delegation should go to Switzerland to persuade the Swiss Government to grant Malta a quota for 1971. Ministers also agreed that the same mission should go to Bonn and/or Brussels to attempt to obtain a quota for industrial wines similar to the quota granted by Germany to Greece.

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Delegation of General Authority of the Cabinet to the Prime Minister.

Ministers decided that where a power exercisable by the Governor-General is by the Constitution exercisable on the advice of the Cabinet or of a Minister acting under the general authority of the Cabinet, such power may, at the discretion of the Prime Minister, be exercisable by the Governor-General on the advice of the

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Prime Minister, who is for this purpose
given the necessary general authority
of the Cabinet.

Edward G. Beaufort

Prime Minister

29th April, 1971.

R. Abela.
Secretary to Cabinet