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Minuti

Il-Ministri appruvaw il-Minuti tal-Laqgħa Nru 60.

Il-Ministri ddiskutew il-Memorandum tal-Ministru tas-Sahha dwar il-hatra ta' Direttur tad-Dipartiment tal-Kirurgija fis-Servizzi tas-Sahha u ta' Kap tad-Dipartiment tal-Kirurgija fl-Iskola Medika, u ddecidew li skond il-policy li biha d-Direttur u Deputat Direttur ma setghux ikollhom il-prattika privata, l-ewwel kellu jigu offrut il-post ta' Deputat Direttur, għal perijodu qasir, lit-Tabib Joseph Muscat u, jekk dan ma jaccettax, lil dawk li kienu warajh.

Il-Ministru tas-Sahha kellu wkoll ifittex li jingagga Direttur u Deputat Direttur minn barra.

Il-Ministri qablu wkoll dwar il-hatra ta' Dr Abraham Galea bhala President tal-Kunsill ta' l-Universita' u tas-Sur Pawlu Camenzuli bhala Membru tal-Kunsill, minflok Dr Galea.


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13/11/81.

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Chairman tal-Kabinett

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MEMORANDUM FOR CONSIDERATION BY CABINET

Directorship of the Department of Surgery Within the Health Service and Headship of the Department of Surgery in the Medical School

Prof. Anthony Debono is at present occupying the post of Director of the Department of Surgery within the Health Service and Head of the Department of Surgery in the Medical School in an acting capacity. His substantive appointment, which is on expatriate contract terms and carries a salary of £M700 per month, tax-free, is that of Deputy Director and Deputy Head (copy of contract of service enclosed). This three-year appointment is due to expire on the 27th October, 1981.

- 2. Prof. Debono is also President of the Council of the University, an appointment which is valid up to the end of 1981.
- 3. At a recent meeting with Prof. Debono, he intimated to the Minister of Health and Environment and to the Minister of Education that:-
 - (a) it is not his intention to renew his contract under the present terms and conditions as Deputy Director and Deputy Head;
 - (b) after the 27th October, 1981, he is not prepared to accept even a temporary short extension of his present contract; and
 - (c) he is only prepared to consider an offer of the post of Director within the Health Service and Head of the respective Department in the Medical School (a post which carries the same terms and conditions except for salary which would be £M880 per month, tax-free).
- 4. It is to be mentioned within this context that:-
 - (a) the final M.D. examinations of a group of 30 Worker-Students are scheduled to commence at the end of November, 1981; and
 - (b) the holding of these examinations requires that there should be a Head or acting Head of the Department of Surgery in the Medical School.

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5. It must also be mentioned that:-
- (a) medical students, especially those in the final year, have been complaining that Prof. Debono is holding back on the number of lectures; and
 - (b) there was a period of a few months when he refused to give lectures to medical students after 2.30p.m.
6. The following suggestions are being put forward for consideration with a view to ensuring that there is continuity in the direction of the surgical services, both within the Health Service and the Medical School, and the Council of the University:-
- (a) The post of acting Director and acting Head could be offered to Dr. Joseph Muscat. Dr. Muscat, MD (1949), FRCS (Eng. 1955), is a very experienced surgeon. In fact he was the next most senior surgeon to Prof. V. G. Griffiths and, in the normal course of events, was the candidate most likely to succeed him as Professor of Surgery in the Medical School. If appointed Deputy Director and Deputy Head of Department, Dr. Muscat would continue to draw a salary of £M3,516 per year from the Health Department, as at present, and a remuneration of £M1000 per year from the University.
 - (b) Dr. Abraham Galea, who is a member of the Council of the University on which he represents the Prime Minister, is willing to accept nomination as President of the Council.
 - (c) Dr. Paul Cassar is, in turn, willing to accept appointment as member of the Council vice Dr. Abraham Galea in the event that the latter is offered the post of President of the Council.

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