

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CABINET
BY THE HON. MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE,
POWER AND COMMUNICATIONS

Closing of San Anton Gardens

Section 2 of the Public Gardens (Closing) Ordinance (Cap. 57) states that the Governor may on such days as he shall think fit close to the public any public Government garden or pleasure ground or any part thereof, and may grant the use of the same, either gratuitously or for payment, to any public association, institution or charity, or for any agricultural, horticultural, or other show, or for any other public purpose, or may use the same for any such show or purpose; and the admission to the said garden or pleasure ground, or such part thereof, on the days when the same shall be so closed to the public, may be either with or without payment, as directed by the Governor, or, with his consent, by the society or persons to whom the use of the garden or pleasure ground, or such part thereof, may be granted.

2. Mgr. Ignatius Sciberras Psaila, Provost of Birkirkara, who is raising money in aid of the Church Restoration Fund of his parish, has asked for permission to hold a Fair at San Anton Gardens on the 20th and 21st October, 1962, at which an entrance fee will be charged.

3. The Director of Agriculture finds no objection to the grant of the permission requested.

4. The Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Power and Communications agrees that the request should be approved.

5. In the circumstances Hon. Ministers are asked whether they agree that

- (a) His Excellency the Governor be advised to order the closing of San Anton Garden on the 20th and 21st October, 1962; and
- (b) in future, the Hon. Prime Minister shall have the general authority of the Cabinet to submit such requests to His Excellency without the necessity of consulting the Cabinet as a whole.