

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CABINET  
BY THE HON. MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL  
DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Applications for aid under the  
Aids to Industries Ordinance

Under the Colonial Office rule the Financial Secretary functioned jointly as Minister and as Chairman of the Aids to Industries Board, and was responsible also for the Department of Trade and Industry which provided the executive body for the Board so far as applications for aid were concerned. In these circumstances an application was expeditiously finalised once it had received the blessing of the Board, since its passage through Executive Council was a mere formality.

2. Under current circumstances, with the Governor as the approving authority under the Aids to Industries Ordinance, applications must in all cases pass through Cabinet, unless the Cabinet authorises the Minister responsible for this sector of administration to act on its behalf in terms of Section 31 of the Constitution.

3. It is suggested that, in cases where the Minister for Industrial Development and Tourism agrees with the recommendations of the Aids to Industries Board and the Industrial Development Board, it should not be necessary to bring the matter before the Cabinet. Time would be saved by authorising the Minister to submit such cases direct to His Excellency the Governor.

4. Hon. Ministers are accordingly invited to agree that general authority be granted to the Minister of Industrial Development and Tourism to advise the Governor direct in such cases, for the purposes of subsection (1) of section 31 of the Constitution.

5. If the above proposal is agreed to, a number of outstanding applications could be finalised immediately, without unnecessary formality.

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