

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CABINET BY THE
HON. MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING

Planning Area Permits (Delegation of Powers)
(Amendment) Regulations, 1963

The issue of building permits is governed by subsection (1) of section 11 of the Code of Police Laws (Cap. 13) which reads as follows:-

"11. (1) The Minister responsible for public works may, prior to the preparation, publication or approval of a scheme, order by Notice in the Government Gazette the whole or any part of Malta to be a planning area; and from the date of any such order no person shall lay out, construct or close any street, or erect any building or increase the height or otherwise modify any existing building, or change the use of any land or building in any part of such area (whether or not an approved scheme exists in respect thereof) without a permit from the Minister responsible for public works who may, in his discretion, refuse the grant of a permit or, in granting it, impose such conditions as in his discretion he may deem proper."

2. The powers contemplated in the abovequoted section were vested in the Planning Area Permits Board, in virtue of Government Notice No. 118 of the 16th February, 1962, and the Hon. Minister of Works and Housing is unable to uphold appeals made to him by applicants who are either refused a permit or are granted a conditional one by the Board.

3. Moreover, it is proposed that the Chief Government Medical Officer be included in the Planning Area Permits Board.

4. Under section 12 of the Code of Police Laws (Cap. 13), the power to make regulations is vested in the Governor.

5. Hon. Ministers are asked whether they agree that H.E. the Governor be advised to make the Planning Area Permits (Delegation of Powers)(Amendment) Regulations, 1963, as per draft at Red 6a in file.

9th April, 1963.

L-Arkivji Nazzjonali ta' Malta