

MEMO FOR CABINET BY THE HON. MINISTER OF WORKS
AND HOUSING
EXTENSION OF ACT 11 OF 1949 (THE HOUSING ACT)

The Housing Act is due to expire on the 12th February, 1964 and it is accordingly proposed that it should be extended for a further period of 12 months, up to 12th February, 1965.

Although the present housing situation is not as acute as it was some years ago - mainly as a result of the Government building programme, the decrease in Service families and emigration - it is still very necessary that the requisitioning power should be retained.

The attention of Hon. Ministers is drawn to the fact that the timely implementation of nearly all Government works projects depends on the requisitioning of affected property and the provision of alternative accommodation for the evictees concerned.

It is also pointed out that there are a number of families who have been accommodated in privately-owned property by the Housing Department and who have not been recognised as the legal tenants by the owners concerned. The expiration of the Housing Act would immediately deprive these tenants of their title to occupation, and unless the Act is extended, they would automatically become homeless.

Hon. Ministers are therefore asked to approve that Act 11 of 1949 (The Housing Act) shall continue in force for a further period of one year until the 12th day of February, 1965.

9th January, 1964.
M.W.H. 41/63

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