

MEMO FOR CABINET

Extension of Old Age Pension to blind
persons between the ages of 18 and 40 years

by

the Hon. Minister of Labour and Social Welfare

The Old Age Pension Act provides for the payment of pension to blind persons, 40 years of age or over, so long as they comply with the statutory requirements.

The Malta Society for the Blind is requesting Government to extend the concession to blind persons between the ages of 18 and 40 years of age. The request is praiseworthy and my feeling is that Government should do everything possible to alleviate the plight of these unfortunate persons, more especially so if such action could in any way contribute to their rehabilitation and fuller integration within society.

The number of known blind persons within the age group of 18 to 39 is not expected to exceed 23 and the expense involved therefor would be below £2,000 a year.

The request would require an amendment to the Old Pension Act.

Cabinet is required to approve.

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