

MEMORANDUM BY THE HON. MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND
PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS.

Collaboration with Authorities at the
Archbishop's Curia for the provision
of Land and Loans as an extension of
the Home Ownership Scheme.

The Housing Secretary has suggested that
he be authorised to approach the Economic Authorities
at the Archbishop's Curia with a view to getting
them interested in making available Church land for
99 years leases to persons chosen, after calls for
application, by the Housing Department, under
conditions similar to those governing the emphy-
teutical grants made under the Home Ownership
Scheme.

The Housing Secretary proposes that, if
the Curia Authorities agree to make such land
available, the planning and ground-rent valuation
be carried out by the Director of Public Works under
the same criteria followed in respect of Government
land made available under this scheme.

The successful applicants will, in the
Housing Secretary's proposal, receive £900 by way
of loan instead of a grant of £250 and a loan of
£650, this in view of the fact that the land will be
reverting to the Church on determination of the lease
and not to Government.

The Housing Secretary has reason to think
that the proposal, if made to the Curia Authorities,
will be received favourably by them, the Church
in Malta having expressed many times the wish that
a way be found to improve the housing situation of
the local population, with special emphasis on
engaged couples.

Hon. Ministers may wish to agree.

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