

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

PROPOSED EXPANSION OF THE PALM BEACH HOTEL

In 1965 Messrs. T.S. & S. Ltd applied to expand the Palm Beach Hotel/Restaurant onto a plot of Government-owned Land in front of the existing establishment. The project could not be taken further at the time because the physical planning of the area by Government was then in-complete.

In 1968 the firm came to an agreement with Public Works Department as regards the site over which the proposed expansion could take place and specified that the Planning Area Permits Board would be prepared to issue a building-permit if the emphyteusis of the Land was finalised with the Lands Department. The plot earmarked measures 1000 sq. canes and is shown in blue on plan L.D. 27A/68 attached.

The Lands Department has recommended to grant a 99 year lease at £2000 per annum, subject to revisions after the 35th, 50th and 75th years of the lease, on condition that the hotel provide a minimum of 250 bedrooms.

The project was recently brought before the Committee set up to Select Sites for Tourist Development. It was felt that this project should not fall under the new policy of submitting a call for application (tenders) since it involves the expansion of an existing establishment rather than a new project and as this expansion is planned over an area lying in front of, and directly adjacent to this existing establishment.

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I understand that a Memo is being submitted to Cabinet by the Hon. Minister of Public Building and Works to establish the height which the proposed Hotel should reach.

Hon. Ministers are now asked to agree that a direct allocation of the said land to the company is warranted, under the conditions specified above, without a previous call for applications being made to the public.

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