

MEMORANDUM TO CABINET BY THE
HONOURABLE THE PRIME MINISTER

SUMMER TIME

Representations have been made by various organisations - including the Chamber of Commerce and the General Retailers Union - and correspondence and articles have appeared in the Press, advocating the introduction of Summer Time, which was abolished through the repeal of the Summer Time Ordinance (Cap. 171) by a Proclamation dated 18th April, 1948.

Suggestions have been made in favour of the introduction of Summer Time:

- a) during the Summer months only and
- b) all the year round.

Apart from the usual arguments regarding the prolongation of daytime during the evening hours, which is calculated to bring about a saving in the consumption of electricity as well as enable tourists and workmen to enjoy Malta's sunshine for an additional hour, it has also been argued that the introduction of Summer Time in Malta would bring Malta Time in line with European Time and that this would be beneficial in so far as official and commercial telephonic and telegraphic communications with the Continent are concerned. It is not known, however, that, apart from Italy, Summer Time is in force in other European Countries, and British Summer Time coincides with Malta Time right through the year.

Ministers will recall that they had severally considered the matter in previous years. In view of the fact, however, that representations on the subject are made every year with the approach of the summer season, they may wish to give further consideration to the matter.

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