

MEMORANDUM FOR CABINET BY
MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

Development of Bimar Area - Xemxija

Dr. J. Vella LL.D., on behalf of his client, Mr. Paul Gauci has submitted a scheme for the development of the site known as 'Is-Simar' at Xemxija, St. Paul's Bay, with the exclusion of the area being considered for a football pitch marked on attached plan with numbers 1, 2 and 3.

The proposed scheme envisages a public recreation park covering an area of 36 Dun. 4 Mon. 1 Ais. and embracing playing fields and several other permanent sports and recreational amenities attractively landscaped as indicated on attached layout plan.

Mr. Gauci is prepared to finance the entire project himself (with the exception of the said football pitch). He would be responsible for the proper upkeep and maintenance of the park as well. In return for the capital outlay for the construction of the park, Mr. Gauci's only request is the grant by Government of the necessary permits and licences for the erection of a Kiosk within the park - also at his own expense - and of a long lease of this Kiosk.

This is an attractive project. It will enhance the general aspect of the area. The St. Paul's Bay Civic Committee strongly recommends the request. Director of Public Works also agrees in principle as to the suitability of the site for a recreation park. Government would not be involved in any expenses.

Except for the request for the construction of

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the football ground already referred to on part of the site there is no other project pending. The lease of the Clive Grove has been terminated.

In view of the above, Hon. Ministers are requested to decide:

- a) Whether Mr. Paul Gauci should be allowed to develop the site as a public recreational park which would be operated and managed by him under such conditions approved by Government.
- b) Whether in view of the capital outlay and other costs to be incurred in the implementation of his project, Mr. Gauci should be allowed to erect a kiosk therein and be granted such Kiosk on a long lease for, say 25 years.