

MEMORANDUM FOR CABINET
BY THE PRIME MINISTER

Grant of Employment Licence to Mrs. Thyra R. Walker,
Permanent Resident, to act as a Tourist Guide for
Swedish Tourists

On the 14th February, 1969, Mr. Tom R. Walker and his wife, Mrs. Thyra R.G.B. Walker, were granted permission to take up permanent residence in Malta on condition that they do not engage in any employment (including self-employment, managerial post or directorship), trade, business, profession, vocation or calling.

On the 21st March, 1970, Mrs. Walker, a British subject by marriage, applied for permission to work as a tourist-guide in the Swedish language only. In submitting this application the Malta Government Tourist Board states that two Swedish Travel Companies namely, Reso and Heb-Reso are operating weekly chartered flights which bring about one hundred Swedish tourists to the Island. Advertising in Sweden is bound to increase the number of Swedish tourists coming to Malta for their holidays. None of the eighty-four licensed tourist guides can speak Swedish. Moreover, as far as the Malta Government Tourist Board are aware, there are no Maltese citizens who speak Swedish and can at the same time perform duties as tourist guides. These views are endorsed by the Ministry of Education, Culture and Tourism who, therefore, strongly recommend the application. The Ministry of Labour, Employment and Welfare are against the request as Mrs. Walker is a permanent resident.

According to the policy concerning expatriates which was approved by the Cabinet on the 29th March, 1969, no work permits may be granted to permanent residents, any exceptions to this rule being made with the approval of Cabinet. In view of the recommendation of the Malta Government Tourist Board which is endorsed by the Ministry of Education, Culture and Tourism, Ministers may wish to consider whether an exception should be made in this case. Mrs. Walker would be liable to pay full income tax rates on her local earnings, if she were allowed to undertake this employment.

18th October, 1970.

CABINET MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED BY

THE PRIME MINISTER

MEMO. No.

1635

SUBJECT

Permission to work to Mrs Thyra R.E. Walker - a permanent resident.

CABINET DECISION REQUESTED

Whether Mrs Thyra R.G.B. Walker, a permanent resident should be granted permission to act as a tourist guide in the Swedish language.