

Sitting No. 18/63.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Auberge d'Aragon, Valletta, on Tuesday, 2nd April, 1963, at 10.30 am.

Present: The Hon. Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Planning + Finance.
 The Hon. Minister of Industrial Development + Tourism.
 The Hon. Minister of Education.
 The Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Power + Communications.
 The Hon. Minister of Justice.
 The Hon. Minister of Works + Housing.
 The Hon. Minister of Labour + Social Welfare.

Absent: The Hon. Minister of Health.

The minutes of Meeting No. 14/63 were read and confirmed.

Increased B.E.A. Fares.

Mr. E. Cocchiari, Administrative Secretary, was in attendance.

The Cabinet discussed the question of the increase in fares for B.E.A. services operating from and to Malta. It was stated that the B.E.A. had applied to the Air Transport Licensing Authority in Malta for permission to increase the fares in view of the heavy losses

which the Company was incurring on the operation of those services. The Authority did not consider the moment opportune for a revision of fares in view of the drive and the efforts that were being made by all concerned to attract more tourists to the Islands. The Authority therefore advised against the proposed increases. It was now known that in spite of this, the B.E.A. announced an increase of 10% on all fares to and from Malta as from 1st April, 1963. Another consideration of the matter was left to another sitting.

Confirmation of written opinion.

The files mentioned below were circulated to Hon. Ministers whose written opinion was as follows:

OPPI. 1014/55. H.E. the Governor was advised to issue a declaration releasing a plot of land "Le Del Lur", limits of family.

OPPI. 224/63. Hon. Ministers agreed that the amendments to section 4 of the Customs Act should be made.

A.S. 38/58. Hon. Ministers agreed that the Housing Acts, 1949, continue in force for a further period of one year up to the 12th February, 1964.

Anthony Dukes
Prime Minister
8.4.63

James
Secretary to Cabinet.