

Sitting No. 46/63.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Ambasciata d'Argon, Valletta, on Tuesday 15th October, 1963, at 10.30 am.

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

Absent: The Hon. Minister of Education who was away from the Islands.

The Minutes of Meeting No. 45/63 were read and confirmed.

Sec. 2189/61 Wheat supplies to Malta (Memo. No. 202)
(DTI/244/56)

The Hon. Prime Minister read a cable received from the Commissioner for Malta in London regarding the supply of

wheat to Malta from Canadian and Australian sources. In view of the unprecedented supplies to Russia it was suggested that Malta should seek assurance that supplies of Australian wheat would be maintained up to December, 1964. The Canadian Wheat Board had stopped sales of wheat, but stocks were still available from agents. It was expected that the price would rise and it was suggested that Malta should stockpile urgently as far as supplies could be secured. The cable from the Commissioner for Malta in London was handed to the Hon. Minister of Industrial Development & Tourism who undertook to see that all necessary action was taken.

L.F. 43/36. Licence to Messrs. Cable & Wireless Limited to operate in Malta. (Memo. No. 94).

The Hon. Minister of Industrial Development & Tourism informed the Cabinet that he had contacted representatives of ~~the~~ Stalacable in Rome on the question of the renewal of the two licences held by Messrs. Cable & Wireless Limited: one to operate Wireless Telegraphy and the other to operate Telegraphy and Telephony in Malta. Both licences expired on the 31st December, 1962. The Hon. Minister of Industrial Development & Tourism was advised, and the Cabinet agreed, in favour of the renewal of the licences under certain conditions of which a typewritten copy was produced. It was also stated that the representative of Stalacable in Rome.

would like to have further talks with a Malta Government official on the administrative side of the matter.

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The Valletta Market (Memo. No. 171).

Mr. S. Mangion, Director of Public Works, and Mr. J. Spiteri, Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, were in attendance.

It was again stressed that repair work to the roof of the Valletta Market should be taken in hand with the least possible delay in view of its present dangerous state. In the question of the building of a new market, the Cabinet agreed that a Committee composed of the Director of Public Works, Chairman, the Commissioner of Land, Mr. John Spiteri, Chief Engineer, P.W. Dept., Mr. Roger Debonis, B.E.(A.), A.C.E., F.R.I.B.A., Mr. Joe Linnane, Curran, Mr. Mario Padovani, Higher Executive Officer, Secretary, be set up with the following terms of reference:

To examine the possibility of the construction of a new Valletta Market on the old site by a Corporation and to suggest ways and means to safeguard the interests of present stall holders.

The Committee was to be asked to submit their reports to Government by the 30th November, 1963.

Osmond Dumas
Prime Minister.

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Secretary to Cabinet.