

Sitting No. 54/63.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Auberge d'Argon, Valletta, on Saturday, 7th December, 1963, at 10.30 am.

Present: The Hon. Minister of Education, of
Prime Minister.
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.
The Hon. Minister of Health.

Absent: The Hon. Prime Minister.
The Hon. Minister of Industrial
Development & Commerce
who were away from the Island.

The minutes of meetings
Nos. 51, 52 and 53/63 were read and
confirmed.

OPT. 488/49.

Complaints received from the Sgo Taxi Owners
Union.

The Hon. Mr. E. Cuscheri, Administrative Secretary,
was in attendance.

The Sgo Taxi Owners

Union complained inter alia ~~that~~^{about} the decision which the Cabinet had taken on the 13th November, 1962, viz: that taxis in Sgo which were equipped with a taximeter were to have precedence in taking fare-paying passengers over taxis not so equipped even if the latter (non-meter) had been waiting longer at the stand.

The Cabinet considered the matter again and saw no reason to justify a reversal of their decision. The Cabinet's decision of the 13th November, 1962, was therefore confirmed.

OT/1. 488/49.

Representations made by the Sgo Transport Association.

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

The Secretary of the Sgo Transport Association had asked that a member of his Association be appointed on the Traffic Control Board, or alternatively that a representative of the Association be asked officially to sit on the Board whenever matters affecting traffic in Sgo were discussed.

The Cabinet was informed that it was the established policy of the Traffic Control Board to refuse the appointments of representatives of any constituted body or organization connected with the motor trade.

This was necessary if the Traffic Board was expected to enjoy public confidence.

It was also stated that as far as Gozo was concerned, the Sister Islands was represented on the Board by a government official, Mr. J. Vella Dureb, and also that before decisions were taken on traffic matters, the Gozo Civic Council was invariably consulted.

In the circumstances it was agreed that the representations made by the Secretary of the Gozo Transport Association could not be met.

OPM. 523/55.

Amendments to the National Insurance Act (Chemo. No. 211).

The Cabinet considered the proposals of the Hon. Minister of Labour & Social Welfare regarding the extension of the National Insurance Act to cover all persons ordinarily resident in Malta. The kinds of benefits payable to each class of insured person were fully explained.

The Cabinet agreed to the proposals, but left their financial implications to be discussed and settled by the Hon. Minister of Economic Planning & Finance, the Hon. Minister of Labour & Social Welfare and the Financial Secretary.

Confirmation of written opinion.

The files mentioned hereunder
were circulated to Hon. Ministers whose
written decision was as follows:-

M.O.J. 83/62. H.H. the Governor's Deputy was advised to
approve arrangements for the duties
of Her Majesty's Judges.

OPM. 54/3/3. H.E. the Governor was advised to
approve the plans of assistance
under the Aid to Industries
Advance to the Mediterranean
Trading Shipping Co. Ltd. to
purchase a 700-ton coaster.

Sec. 2461/60. H.E. the Governor was advised that
the Certificate of Naturalization
in respect of Mr. Giacomo Matria
be forwarded to the Secretary of State
for approval in terms of section
10(2) of the British Nationality Act
G. Flier.

A/Prime Minister
13.12.60

Secretary to Cabinet
13.12.63

