

Sitting No. 17/64.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Auberge d'Angelo Valleria, on Tuesday, 9th June, 1964, at 10.30 a.m.

Present: The Hon. Minister of Education.
The Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Power and 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 on official business.

The minutes of meeting No. 16/64 were read and confirmed.

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Holding of lotteries and other small games in clubs (Memo, No. 285)

The Cabinet considered complaints from the Belvedere Band Club and from the Malta Band Clubs Association regarding the competition they are

experiencing as a result of tombola sessions being run by political clubs. They argued that the Lotto Department should refuse applications for tombola tickets from political clubs on the ground that band clubs were fulfilling an important civic and educational role and must therefore be enabled in the public interest to earn the revenue needed to sustain their activities. Hon. Ministers could not accept this argument. They felt that it would not be justified for Government to deny political clubs the opportunity of conducting tombola sessions simply in order to protect the revenue interests of Band Clubs. It was agreed that the Financial Secretary should reply to Belvedere Band Club and to the Maltese Band Clubs Association informing them that their petitions cannot be accepted for the reason that Band Clubs are already being helped by the Government (i) to the extent that they have been granted lotto office facilities which are very rewarding in terms of income; (ii) Band Clubs have recently been given complete freedom from income tax on the proceeds of all their activities, business or otherwise, and (iii) Band Clubs are allowed to hold small games free of duty once a month with a prize fund not exceeding £5 and once a year with a total prize fund of £15.

Sec. 365/62.

Extension to Malta of the International Convention abolishing the requirement of legalization for Foreign Public Documents (Memo. No. 288).

It was agreed that the International Convention abolishing the requirement of legalization for Foreign Public Documents be extended to Malta and that the Secretary of State be informed accordingly.

OPM. 371/64.

Exemption from Customs duty on an adapted car imported by Miss Mary Leitch (Memo. No. 289)

It was agreed that the Customs duty on a Hillman Imp, specially adapted to suit the physical requirements of Miss Mary Leitch, a paraplegic, be waived.

Confirmation of written opinion.

The files mentioned below were circulated to Ministers whose written decision was as follows:-

Land 161/62. H.C. The Governor was advised to sign Declaration for the acquisition of land at Imrielet, limits of Bormi, required in connection with the erection of a new building.

OPT. 1283/55.

H.E. The Governor was advised to make the Temporary Weapons Range (Barraux La Azzurra) Regulations, 1964.

Land 1494/63.

H.E. The Governor was advised to sign Declaration for the acquisition of land at Laxxas required for the widening of San Pawl tib-Tarja Road.

Land 1184/63.

H.E. The Governor was advised to sign Declaration for the acquisition of land at Victoria, Soz, required for road widening.

OPT. 842/52.

Hon. Ministers approved a Resolution to be moved in the Legislative Assembly for the restoration of property to the Dominican Nuns, Victoria, Soz.

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of Prime Minister.

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Secretary to Cabinet.
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