

V Sitting No. 41/64.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Auberge d'Argon,
Valletta, on Monday, 23rd November, 1964, at
10.30 a.m.

Present: Hon. Prime Minister
Hon. Minister of Industrial Development
+ Tourism.
Hon. Minister of Education
Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Power and
Communications.
Hon. Minister of Works and Housing.
Hon. Minister of Labour + Social Welfare.
Hon. Minister of Health.

Absent: Hon. Minister of Justice who was away
from the Island on official
business.

OPM. 1270/64 Rising cost of essential commodities.

Mr. A. Salamone, Mr. S. Muggi,
Mr. J. Lehmann and Mr. M. Petroscechino were
called to give their views on the current
rise in the cost of essential commodities.
It was decided that immediate steps should
be taken by the Price Control Board to fix
the margin of profit to the importer, the
wholesaler and the retailer on the following
items:

Breakfast foods

Butter
 Margarine
 Cooking fats
 Jams & Marmalade
 Tinned meat
 Bacon
 Edible oil
 Eggs (imported)
 Tinned milk
 Infants Foods
 Cheese in canteens
 Sugar
 Coffee
 Medicinal preparations

In carrying out this exercise priority was to be given to butter, margarine, cooking fats, tinned meat and edible oil, and a report on the outcome of the exercise in regard to these five items was to be prepared and submitted by the Price Control Board to the Hon. Minister of Industrial Development & Labour within fifteen days from this date.

Similar action was to be taken by the Department of Agriculture with regard to all agricultural products. The Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Power & Communications undertook to see that action with regard to eggs (and) meat (fresh) and fish was taken within fifteen days from this date.

The question of price tags was also discussed. It was decided that the law compelling retailers to fix price

tags on all articles exhibited for sale
should be enforced after sufficient notice
had been given by the Ministry of Industrial
Development to all concerned by means of
the Press and the Radio.

Emmanuel
Prime Minister.

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E. G. Galea
Secretary to Cabinet.
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