

✓ Sitting No. 4/66

Cabinet Meeting held at the Ambasciata d'Inghilterra, Valletta, on Tuesday, 25th January, 1966, at 11 a.m.

Present: Hon. Prime Minister

Hon. Minister of Industrial Development
& Tourism.

Hon. Minister of Education.

Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Power
& Communications.

Hon. Minister of Justice.

Hon. Minister of Works & Housing.

Hon. Minister of Labour & Social Welfare.

Hon. Minister of Health.

OPM 7/2/66. Handing over of Government-owned Football Grounds to the National Sports Board (Memo. No. 408)

Hon. Ministers considered the proposal to hand over Government-owned football grounds to the National Sports Board for management purposes only. The Government would continue to bear full responsibility for the maintenance works which became necessary from time to time. It was explained that the main function of the Board was to promote and organize sports activities in general, and, therefore, the reasons which prompted the Board to ask for the actual control of public football grounds were not understood. The Hon. Minister of Justice undertook to explain the position to

The National Sports Board.

OMY 539/65.

Exploration of the Continental Shelf (Demo. No. 546)
(Mr. A. Misch, Dr. E. Meggi and Mr. P. Attard were in attendance)

Mrs. Ministers considered Memorandum No. 546 on the subject of the exploration of the Continental Shelf. It was agreed that

- a) a Continental Shelf Act be enacted during the present parliamentary session;
- b) Dr. P. Misch be invited to Malta at the earliest possible date to give the necessary technical advice and assistance to the Oil Committee.

Should it be necessary the Government would also be prepared to agree that eventual bidding for the various blocks be restricted to Companies who would have subscribed towards the cost of the survey.

The question of ratification of the Geneva Convention of 1958 was to be considered further at a later date.

OMY 2000/65

The Scarcity of Milk during the period of low production (Demo. No. 523)

Mrs. Ministers considered Memorandum No. 523 and agreed that there was a prima facie evidence in support of the proposal to increase milk prices paid to herdsman and the quota of

milk supplied. The Secretary, Ministry of Economic Planning & Finance, and The Manager, Milk Marketing Undertaking, were asked to study further the matter and to report the result to the Hon. Minister of Economic Planning & Finance by Saturday, 29th January, 1966.

LG 1093/36. Public Seal of Malta

It was agreed that a Bill be prepared to prescribe the Public Seal of Malta and make provision for its custody and other connected matters.

Confirmation of Written Opinion.

The files mentioned hereunder were circulated to Hon. Ministers. Their written opinion was as follows:

Leads 924/65. H.E. the Governor-General was advised to sign Declaration for the acquisition of premises at Nos. 16 & 17, Back Street, and No. 118 Main Street, Sliema, required for the formation of a square.

Leads 892/65. H.E. the Governor-General was advised to sign Declaration for the acquisition of lands at Victoria, Sliema, required in connection with the construction of a new road.

Land 844/65. H.E. the Governor-General was advised to sign Declaration for the purpose of examining a garden at St. Paul's Street, Laxxva, with a view to its possible acquisition for a public purpose.

OPM 60/66. H.E. the Governor-General was advised to issue Order in connection with the filling of the vacancy in the 9th Electoral District caused by the resignation of Dr. Daniel Micallef, M.P.

Land 381/66. H.E. the Governor-General was advised to sign Declaration for the acquisition of lands at Gormi required for the purpose of constructing a Roundabout.

LA/2/58. H.E. the Governor-General was advised to sign Declaration for the acquisition of lands at Laxxva required in connection with the construction of a highway bypassing Paola and Laxxva.

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Prime Minister
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Secretary to Cabinet
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