

✓ Sitting No. 5/66.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Auberge d'Angelo, Valletta, on Friday, 4th February, 1966, at 11.30 am.

Present: Hon. Prime Minister
 Hon. Minister of Industrial Development & Tourism.
 Hon. Minister of Education
 Hon. Minister of Justice
 Hon. Minister of Works & Housing.
 Hon. Minister of Labour & Social Welfare.
 Hon. Minister of Health.

Absent: Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Power & Communications who was in Sgo on official business.

Amendment of Section 6 of the Malta Government Joint Council Constitution regarding the Staff Side Secretary.

(Mr. E. Cuschieri, Administrative Secretary, was in attendance)

Hon. Ministers were informed that in October, 1964, the Staff Side had proposed that section 6 of the Constitution of the Malta Government Joint Council be deleted and replaced by the following:

"Secretaries - Each side of the Council shall appoint two of its members

secretary appointed by the Staff Side be a civil servant, he shall be allowed to devote all his time to his Staff Side duties within official premises and with official machines".

This motion was made as it was felt that the Staff Side activities could not possibly be carried on by the Secretary in his spare time.

This proposal was considered from all aspects. Under the present circumstances, Government was prepared to agree to the Staff Side's motion that, should the Staff Side Secretary be a civil servant, he would be allowed to devote all his time to his Staff Side activities. Hon. Ministers did not agree to the further proposal that the Staff Side Secretary should carry on his duties "within official premises and with official machines".

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Prime Minister

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