

✓ Sitting No. 42/66.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Ambasciata d'Argon, Valletta, on Thursday, 27th October, 1966, at 11 a.m.

Present: The Hon. Prime Minister
 The Hon. Minister of Travel, Customs & Ports.
 The Hon. Minister of Public Building & Works.
 The Hon. Minister of Justice & Parliamentary Affairs
 The Hon. Minister of Trade, Industry & Agriculture
 The Hon. Minister of Health
 The Hon. Minister of Labour, Employment & Welfare.

Absent: The Hon. Minister of Education, Culture & Tourism, who was away from the Island on official business.

The Minutes of Meeting No. 41/66 were read and confirmed.

OPM. 1298/66. Housing Scheme in Australia (Memo. No. 682)
 (Mr. E. Cusack, Administrative Secretary, was in attendance)

The Cabinet was informed that the question of financing the housing scheme in Australia had been settled by the Hon. Prime Minister in consultation with the Hon. Minister of Finance, Customs & Ports.

OPM./E/1145/66.

Retiring Age of Heads of Missions

The Cabinet agreed that the administrative rule regarding the retirements from Government service at the age of 60 should not be made to apply to Heads of Missions before their 63rd birthday.

OPM. 1426/65.

Duty on Tobacco imported in cut and blended form (Memo. Lo. 674)

The Hon. Minister of Trade, Industry & Agriculture explained the requests made in his Memorandum Lo. 674. It was agreed that early steps be taken to reinstate the situation that existed before the new higher rate of duty on tobacco in cut and blended form was to be levied in accordance with the Import Duties Act, 1964.

Edward Dimes
Prime Minister

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Secretary to Cabinet.

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