

Sitting No. 47/66

Cabinet Meeting held at the Palace,
Valletta, on Tuesday, 22nd November, 1966, at
5 p.m.

Presents: The Hon. Minister of Finance, Customs
+ Ports.

The Hon. Minister of Justice, + Parliamentary
affairs.

The Hon. Minister of Public Building
+ Works.

The Hon. Minister of Trade, Industry
+ Agriculture.

The Hon. Minister of Education,
Culture + Tourism.

Absents: The Hon. Prime Minister.

The Hon. Minister of Health.

The Hon. Minister of Labour, Employment
+ Welfare, who were
away from the Island
on official business.

OPM. 503/66. Salary Negotiations with the Medical
Association of Malta.

(Mr. E. Cuschieri, Administrative Secretary,
and Mr. R. Helmers, Secretary, M.F.C.P., were
in attendance)

Hon. Ministers were informed
of the latest developments regarding
salary negotiations with the Medical
Association of Malta. No salary increases

were being proposed ^{also} for medical officers in the Government service who were allowed the private practice of their profession, Hon. Ministers agreed that the matter be considered further at another meeting of the Cabinet when Finance comments on the expenditure involved as well as on the possible repercussions from other grades in the service would be available.

Kingsway Incident (John Saffarena, P.W.D. employee)

Reference was made to the incident which occurred outside the Head Office of the Public Works Dept. in Kingsway on the 21st October, 1966, when an employee of that department caused bodily harm to the Hon. Minister of Public Building and Works. The employee was fined by the Court of Magistrates for his behaviour and, in accordance with the advice of the Public Service Commission, was allowed to resume work in the Public Works Department. The Hon. Minister of Public Building + Works expressed his objection to the continued presence of that employee in the department for which he was responsible. The Administrative Secretary undertook to see how best he could have the employee transferred elsewhere without coming in conflict with the General Workers Union. It was agreed that, if necessary, the law should be amended to give Ministers adequate protection against similar incidents. The matter was to be considered further at another meeting of the Cabinet.

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A/ Prime Minister