

Meeting on 5th Dec 1966.
Cabinet Meeting held at the Palace,
Valletta, on Monday, 5th December, 1966,
at 4.30 p.m.

Present: The Hon. Minister of Finance, Customs
-& Ports, Acting Prime Minister.
The Hon. Minister of Public Building
-& Works.
The Hon. Minister of Justice and
Parliamentary Affairs.
The Hon. Minister of Trade,
Industry and Agriculture.
The Hon. Minister of Education,
Culture and Leisure.
The Hon. Minister of Labour,
Employments & Welfare.

Absent: The Hon. Prime Minister (away from
the Island)
The Hon. Minister of Health (away
from the Island)

(The Hon. Mr. E. Cuschieri, Administrative
Secretary, was in attendance throughout the
meeting)

Order 425/66. Greets on encroachment terms of a searchlight
post near Sher Dolem.

Hon. Ministers agreed in
principle that a searchlight post near
Sher Dolem, recently released to the Government

by the Service, be granted on encroachment terms to the Trioka tal-Benefits Scheme, General Workers Union, for the purpose of turning it into a convalescent home for its members.

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

Referring to the decision taken in Cabinet at the meeting of the 1st December, 1966, the Hon. Acting Prime Minister informed Ministers that he had in the meantime asked for confirmation of certain points by the Administrative Secretary and he was satisfied that the offer of the 'package deal' to the Medical Association of Malta should now be proceeded with. The Administrative Secretary was authorised to make the offer accordingly.

OPM. 1234/66. Copyrights Bill (Deno. No. 665)
(Dr. M. Vassallo, Crown Advocate General, was in attendance)

Having heard the Crown Advocate General on various points raised by interested bodies, Hon. Ministers decided:

(a) that copyrights protection granted by section 4(1) of the Bill should not extend, as the Bill is drafted at present, to simultaneous and to subsequent rebroadcasts, but only to subsequent rebroadcasts. The Crown Advocate General was instructed to amend the Bill

accordingly;

(b) to maintain the term of protection of copyright at 25 years after the end of the year in which the author dies, as the Bill is drafted at present;

(c) that the provision of section 4(1), (k) of the Bill, which excludes copyright protection in certain circumstances, should not apply to the reproduction of a work in a material form (such as the printing of a school text). The Council Advocati General was instructed to amend the Bill accordingly.

Confirmation of Written Opinion

The files mentioned below were circulated to Ministers whose written opinion was as follows:-

Land 1144/63. H.C. the Governor-General was advised to sign Declaration for the acquisition of land at Quedi required by the Government for the purpose of widening Farnes Road.

Edward Dwyer
Prime Minister

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Ag. General
Secretary to Cabinet.
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