

✓ Sitting No. 31/64

Cabinet Meeting held at the Ambasciata d'Argon, Valletta, on Tuesday, 14 March, 1964, at 11 a.m.

Present: The Hon. 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 Health
The Hon. Minister of Education, Culture & Tourism.
The Hon. Minister of Labour, Employment & Welfare.

Absent: The Hon. Minister of Finance, Customs & Ports, who was indisposed.

The Minutes of Meetings Nos. 29 & 30/64 were read and confirmed.

OPM. 1629/59

Permits to operate mechanized quarries.

It was explained that permits for operating mechanized quarries were being issued on the advice of the Quarries Advisory Board. This Board had in the past consistently adapted a

policy of not recommending the issue of new licences, which was done to protect the interests of the existing quarry owners when the construction industry was declining. As that industry was now flourishing again and the demands for stone was on the increase, the Cabinet agreed that new licences to operate mechanized quarries may now be issued to deserving and bona fide persons at the discretion of the Hon. Minister of Public Building and Works.

Floating of a Local Loan.

The Cabinet agreed to the floating of a local loan of £850,000, part of £4,100,000 included in the Development Plan for 1964-69. The terms to be offered were to be 6 per cent at £99 for ten years, and the loan was to enjoy the same provisions regarding liquidity as in the case of the two loans raised by the Government in 1965 and 1966.

It was agreed also that the Accountants General should ^{not} accept ~~any~~ further applications for the purchase of 6% Local Development Registered Stock 1974-81. A notice to that effect was to be published in the Press.

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The Cabinet considered again the question of the importation of five luxury motor coaches. It was stated that the successful tenderers - Messrs. Car Assembly Ltd. of Massena - had accepted ~~the terms of the letter of acceptance~~ and complied with the terms of the letter of acceptance issued by the Department of Trade. It was agreed that under the circumstances the Director of Trade should issue the required import licence.

Edmond Platts
Prime Minister

16.3.67

Ag. (Ag. Sec.)
Secretary to Cabinet.
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OPM. 360/67.

Rent for Government-owned sites for the erection of hotels.

Reconsidered.
See decision
under
Sitting No. 34/67.

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It was explained that so far Government had granted sites for the erection of hotels at nominal rents for the first ten years and at commercial rents ^{thereafter} ~~afterwards~~. In view of the present changed conditions the Cabinet agreed that in future Government sites required for the building of hotels should be granted only at commercial rents.

Prime Minister
Secretary to Cabinet.