

Sitting No. 32/67.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Amburge.
d'Aragon, Valletta, on Thursday, 16th March,
1967, at 7 p.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 and Welfare.

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

The minutes of meeting
No. 31/67 were read and confirmed.

OPM. 516/67. Salaries of Secretaries in Ministries.
(The Hon. Mr. E. Cuschieri was in attendance)

It was explained that
following the revision of the salary of the
Chief Government Medical Officer from
£ 1525 + 8% = £ 1647 to an inclusive rate of

£1800 with effect from 1st April, 1966, it had become necessary to consider the question of the rate of salary to be paid to senior public officers who were receiving the same rate of salary as the Chief Government Medical Officer, viz £1647.

In order that certain anomalies created by the new salary payable to the Chief Government Medical Officer might be remedied, the Cabinet agreed that action be taken to uplift to £1800 as from 1st April, 1966, the salary attached to the posts of Secretaries in Ministries, viz. Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Customs & Ports, Secretary, Ministry of Commerce & Foreign Affairs, Secretary, Ministry of Trade, ^{Industry &} Agriculture, ~~Secretary~~ Secretary, Ministry of Education, Culture and Leisure, Secretary, Ministry of Labour, Employment & Welfare, and to ~~posts~~ ^{the post} of Director of Public Works.

~~It was also felt that the present Under Secretaries and the High Commissioners of the various countries, who were receiving the same salary as the Chief Government Medical Officer, the Secretaries in Ministries and the Director of Public Works, should also be put on the new rate of £1800 as from 1st April, 1966.~~

At a later stage consideration would be given to the question of the rate of salary of other ~~senior public officers~~ senior public officers now on the same level as the Chief Govt. Medical Officer.

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Allowance payable to Private Secretaries to Ministers.

In view of the long hours which Private Secretaries to Ministers are usually required to put in, the Cabinet agreed that action be taken in connection with the Estimates for 1967-68 to increase the allowance payable to these officers as under:

Private Secretary

to the Prime Minister - from £150 to £200

Private Secretaries

to Ministers - from £100 to £150

CPM. 1471/66.

Transfer of Ambage d'Etat (Memos Nos. 695 + 695A)

The Cabinet considered Memoranda Nos. 695 and 695A and agreed that it would be more proper if the Ambage d'Etat reverted in due course to the Museum Department, where it was proposed to set up the National Archaeological Museum on a permanent basis.

Representatives of the Postmaster General and the Director of Public Works should meanwhile study and report to their Ministers on the possibility of erecting a General Post Office on the site near Kingsgate, which was once earmarked to be the annex to the Opera House.

OPM. 1252/63

Revenue from Hospital Fees (Memo. No. 742)

The Cabinet considered Memorandum No. 742 and agreed that only those patients in respect of whom the assessment was at full rate should be charged for their care and maintenance in Government Hospitals. This would be another step taken by the Government in its set policy to grant free treatment in Government Hospitals. The Hon. Minister of Finance, Customs and Ports and the Hon. Minister of Health were to agree on the time when this decision could best be implemented.

Edmond D'Amato
Prime Minister
23.3.64

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Secretary to Cabinet
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