

V - Sitting No. 34/64.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Ambasciata d'Armenia, Valletta, on Thursday, 23rd March, 1964, at 11 a.m.

Present: The Hon. Prime Minister.

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 Education, Culture & Recreation.

The Hon. Minister of Labour, Employment & Welfare.

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

The minutes of meetings Nos. 32 and 33/64 were read and confirmed.

OPM. 414/54/II

Air Fares (Memo. No. 743)

(The Hon. Mr. E. Cechetari and Mr. S. Euro were in attendance)

The Cabinet considered Memorandum No. 743 which gave details of the increased air fares which had

been agreed to ^{by} member airlines at the IATA Traffic Conference held in Honolulu in September/October, 1966. The fares from Malta covered points in Europe and North Africa. The Malta Airlines were not seeking the approval of the new rates which were due to become operative from the 1st April, 1967.

No objection was raised to the increase of 15/- per single trip in the fares from Malta to various points in the Scandinavian Countries. This increase was due to the incorporation of the Passenger Service Charge with the cost of the passages.

The Cabinet did not favour any increases in the fares covering Malta-London and Malta-Lipoli/Borghesi, and agreed that the Malta Airlines should be so informed. It was agreed also that representations be made to the Government of Libya with a view to inducing that Government to obtain the agreement of the Kingdom of Libya Airlines not to increase the fares covering Malta-Lipoli/Borghesi.

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Minimum Age of Apprentices (Memo. No. 741)

The Cabinet considered Memorandum No. 741 and agreed to the recommendation that the minimum age when a person may take up an apprenticeship be raised to 15. The

Industrial Training Act, 1952, was to be amended accordingly.

OPH. 54/64.

Wages to apprentices in Private Industry
(Memo. No. 720)

The Cabinet considered Memorandum No. 720 wherein it was proposed that the wage scales payable to apprentices in private industry be increased by 25%. As the implementation of the proposal would affect the Government in that it would have to pay more subsidy from the very first year of apprenticeship, it was agreed that Finance views on the proposal be obtained.

28th March 1967

Colin Clark
Prime Minister

Ray Beene
Secretary to Cabinet
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