

✓ Sitting No. 51/64.

Cabinet meeting held at the Ambassadors' Residence, Valletta, on Friday, 19th May, 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
 & Agriculture.
 The Hon. Minister of Health.
 The Hon. Minister of Employment,
 Labour and Welfare.
 The Hon. Minister of Education,
 Culture & Leisure.

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

"Taxi" Fares.

(The Commissioner of Police was in attendance.)

The Cabinet was informed that Taxi owners were insistent on their requests for an increase in fares. They were meeting the Prime Minister on the matter that day. After viewing the question from all angles, he was agreed to propose the following increases:
 Minimum fare: from 2/4 to 2/6. For every ^{subsequent} 1.1. meter

of a mile: from -/4 to -/5.

OPM. 523/66.

Planned Wages Policy: Meeting of the
Joint Industrial Council.

(The Hon. Mr. E. Cuschieri + Mr. R. Lohr were
in attendance)

The Cabinet was informed that at a meeting of the Joint Industrial Council, held on the 18th May, 1964, the General Workers Union rejected the Government's offer of 4% increase in salaries and wages, based on the rise of the costs of living index. The Union was asking the Government to agree instead to a planned wages policy, i.e. to agree beforehand on wage and salary increases for a period of one or two years; such increases would take into account expected increases in the Gross National Product. Further consideration of this matter was left to another meeting of the Cabinet.

OPM. 551/65.

Independent Commission on salary
adjustments.

(The Hon. Mr. E. Cuschieri was in attendance)

It was agreed that at the next meeting of the Malta Government Joint Council, the Staff Side should be informed that Lt. Col. J.V. Abela, O.B.E., was the Government's nominee on

the Independent Commission on salary adjustments. It was agreed also that the Official Side should propose that the terms of reference of the Commission should be those which had been laid down in the "Procedure and Terms of Reference" and which had been ~~expressly~~ accepted by the Staff Side in September, 1966 (Ref 71 in file), viz: "To consider and make recommendations in any anomalies existing in the salary and wage scale of ----- bearing in mind the need for suitable relativities between the pay of the various grades and classes vis-à-vis their respective duties and responsibilities".

Osney Clarke
Prime Minister
23.5.67

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Secretary to Cabinet
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