

✓ Sitting No. 78/64.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Auberge d'Oran, Valletta, on Thursday, 14th August 1964, at 11 am.

Present: The Hon. Prime Minister
The Hon. Minister of Public Buildings & 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 & Tourism,
The Hon. Minister of Labour, Employment & Welfare.

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

The Minutes of Meeting No. 77/64 were read and confirmed.

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Terms of Reference of an Independent Commission.

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~~The Cabinet discussed the finalization of the terms of reference and other matters connected with the Independent Commission on Salaries.~~

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Anomalies~~It was agreed~~

OPM. 551/65/17

Independent Commission on Salary Anomalies
(The Hon. Mr. E. Gattacchi and Mr. J. Cusabatt were in attendance)

The Cabinet was informed of Rd 23 in file wherein the Staff Side of the Malta Government's Joint Council ^{was stated to have} made two conditions: (a) that the Independent Commission should not start functioning before all Staff Associations have approved the agreed lists, and (b) that the improved offers by the Government should not be implemented before the Independent Commission has submitted its report.

The Cabinet accepted condition at (b) but did not accept the one at (a). It was agreed that the Administrative Secretary should ask the Staff Side to withdraw condition at (a). If Staff Side refused to comply, then they would be informed that it was the intention of the Government to proceed with the appointment of the Independent Commission not later than the 4th September, 1964.

On the question of the claim made by the General Workers' Union for the adjustment of salary relativities of industrial employees, and for subsequent reference to a Commission which would be differently constituted from the Independent Commission for Non-Industrial employees,

The Cabinet agreed that the General Workers' Union be informed that their request for the extension of the recent salary increases to Groups I to VIII had been accepted, but that the Government could not agree to the setting up of a Commission for Industrial employees different from that for Non-Industrial employees. Should the Government increases to Groups I to VIII be found unsatisfactory, the Union could either refer them to the existing Independent Commission or have recourse to the Arbitration Tribunal.

Joseph Dimech
Prime Minister.
21.8.64

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Secretary to Cabinet
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