

Sitting No. 90/67.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Ambasciata d'Agan, Valletta, on Tuesday, 26th September, 1967, at 11 am.

Present: The Hon. Prime Minister

The Hon. Minister of Public Buildings
+ Works.

The Hon. Minister of Trade, Industries
+ Agriculture.

The Hon. Minister of Health.

The Hon. Minister of Education,
Culture + Leisure.

The Hon. Minister of Labour,
Employment + Welfare.

Absent: The Hon. Minister of Finance,
Customs + Post, (indisposed)

The Hon. Minister of Justice and
Parliamentary Affairs,
who was away on
official business.

The minutes of meetings
No. 89/67 were read and confirmed.

OPM. 551/67

Independent Commission on Salary
Adjustments.

(The Hon. Mr. G. Azzopardo was in attendance)

Hon. Ministers were
informed of the progress in the discussions

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which were being held with the General Workers' Union relating to the signing of the agreement for the setting up of the Independent Commission. They agreed that the letter shown in draft abt No 30a in file be sent to the Union.

O.P.N. 241/50.

Mr. R. Chelms

was in attendance.

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Contract for the transport of mails, Passengers + Vehicles between Malta + Sgo (Memo. No. 444)

The Cabinet agreed with the recommendation made by the Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Customs & Ports regarding the most advantageous tender received for the above contract. It was agreed that before the letter of acceptance was issued, the tenderer should be asked to confirm in writing that the vessel offered by him would be available for service between Malta and Sgo at the commencement of the contract. Tenderer should also be asked to accept to charge fares as under:

1 st Class	- 3/- single.
3 rd Class	- 2/- single
	3/- return; ticket to remain valid for at least three days.

O.P.N. 1234/64

Introduction of a Health Insurance System (Memo. No. 864)

The Cabinet considered Memorandum No. 864 on the question of the introduction of a Health Insurance System. It was agreed that the Government should

obtain the services of an expert in health insurance who would study the profits, and consider the matter again in the light of the proposals made.

OPM. 1247/67

Overseas Knitting & Manufacturing Co. Ltd.
(Memo. No. 865).

Mr. R. Chetani
was in attendance

The Cabinet considered Memorandum No. 865 on the subject of financial aid required by the above firm in the form of a loan of £20,000. It was agreed that Government would not be prepared to consider making over to the Company any loan before expert opinion declared that there was a reasonable possibility of recovery and prospects of future trading at a profit. It was therefore agreed that the services of an independent firm of chartered accountants be obtained, who would submit to Government a report on their investigations possibly within three weeks.

OPM. 1068/67

Emphyteutical grant of land for industrial purposes (Memo. No. 840)

The Cabinet considered Memorandum No. 840 concerning the emphyteutical grant of land at Marsa to Messrs. Joseph Galea & Sons and to Messrs. Emile Accumulators.

It was agreed that provided the land was required and actually

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used for industrial purposes, the ground.
rent should be assessed at a reduced
rate.

M. Carmel Dimaio
Prime Minister
29. 9. 67

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Secretary to Cabinet
29. 9. 67.