

✓ Sitting No. 104/67.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Auberge d'Angelo, Valletta, on Tuesday, 28th November, 1967, at 11 am.

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 Education,
 Culture & Tourism.
 The Hon. Minister of Labour, Employment
 & Welfare.

Absent: The Hon. Minister of Finance, Customs
 & Ports, who was away from
 the Island on official business.

The Minutes of Meeting No. 106/67
 were read and confirmed.

OPM. 1682/67. Action to be taken as a result of devaluation
 (Memo. No. 910)

The Cabinet agreed to the
 proposals contained in memorandum No. 910
 regarding the action to be taken regarding
 the control on ~~prices~~ increases in prices as
 a result of devaluation.

CPM. 1750/65

Food Manufacturing Wage Regulations Proposals.
(Memo. No. 909.)

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The Hon. Minister of Labour, Employment and Welfare informed the Cabinet that he had already given his approval to the Wage Regulations Proposals made by the Food Manufacturing Industries Wages Council. In the circumstances the Cabinet did not agree to the postponement of the implementation of the proposals, as recommended in memorandum No. 909.

CPM. 535/65
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Harbour Development Scheme

(Memo. No. 763A) (S.E. Higgs & Mr. P. Staines were in attendance)

The Cabinet considered memorandum No. 763A on the further development of Harcourt Harbour. It was agreed as follows:

a) That the scheme devised by the Government's Committee in concert with the Consortium, as outlined in the memorandum, should be followed up;

b) That subject to appropriate terms being devised, which would safeguard the principle and reality of Board control, a management agreement should be entered into with the Consortium for an initial period of three years renewable at Government's option for further periods of three years, which would give the Consortium the duty of exercising executive control over the details of administration and development;

c) That Manoel Island and the

For b)
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harina properties should be leased to the Company for a 99-year term, subject to the obligation on the Company's part to build a breakwater at the mouth of Marsamxett Harbour within a period to be agreed between the Government and the Company. Should circumstances arise which would preclude or render uneconomical the building of such a breakwater within the agreed period, the lease term would then be deemed for fifty years.

d) That any scheme of development of Manoel Island should be subject to prior Government approval.

OPM. 842/54/
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Distribution of Proceeds from the sale of Serge Cass Stamps (Demo. No. 900)

The Cabinet considered Memorandum No. 900 and agreed that all the proceeds from the sale of stamps commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the award of the Serge Cass to the Island - £68,273 - should be distributed to those persons who were receiving a pension under the Personal Injuries Scheme and also to all the dependents of the civilian war casualties and to those civilians who were maimed for life through enemy action in the Second World War. It was agreed also that action should be taken by the Department of Social Welfare to ensure that, ^{except for} ~~apart from~~ pensioners, only those persons benefited whose total income did not exceed £500 a year.

OPPT. 1469/67.

Setting up of a Pharmacy Board. (Memo. Lo. 8/B)

The Cabinet considered further the question of the setting up of a Pharmacy Board. It was agreed that the matter be dealt with by the Hon. Minister of Health, the Hon. Minister of Education, Culture & Leisure and the Hon. Minister of Labour, Employment & Welfare.

OPPT. 814/66.

Amendments to the Commercial Partnerships
Advisance (Memo. Lo. 797)

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The Cabinet agreed to the amendments to the Commercial Partnerships Advisance, as recommended in Memorandum Lo. 797.

Prime Minister

Secretary to Cabinet.

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b) That a Management Agreement should be entered into with the Consortium for a period of fifteen years; provided that the Government should, within this period of fifteen years, have the right at the end of the third year, and subsequently at the end of each succeeding period of three years, to determine the Agreement freely should it be so desired. The Agreement would, subject to appropriate terms being devised which would safeguard the principle and reality of Board control, give the Consortium the duty of exercising executive control over

the details of administration and development;

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