

Sitting No. 37/68.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Auberge d'Argon,
Valletta, on Tuesday, 21st May 1968, at 11 am.

Present: The Hon. Prime Minister

The Hon. Minister of Finance, Customs
& Ports.

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.

The Minutes of Meetings
Nos. 34, 35 & 36/68 were read and approved.

Strike Action by the General Workers Union.
(The Administrative Secretary was in attendance)

The Hon. Minister of Health
informed the Cabinet of the outcome of his
meeting on the 16th May with representatives of
the Government Section of the General Workers
Union on the subject of the age/pay and
parity claim in respect of State Registered
Innocents. During that meeting it was agreed

that a ruling be given on the following points:

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- (i) whether a claim which had not been submitted formally to the Salaries (Anomalies) Commission would be considered by the Commission;
- (ii) whether the Commission would consider anomalies regarding a class of employees who were in the majority members of a particular trade union/association who had not submitted a claim on behalf of these members;
- (iii) whether in the case of an agreement having been previously reached between the Government and a trade union/association, the Commission could review or alter the agreement already concluded;
- (iv) whether the salary scale of State Enrolled Nurses could be reviewed by the Salaries (Anomalies) Commission in view of the fact that legislation governing this new class of employees has not yet been enacted;
- (va) whether it was within the terms of reference of the Salaries (Anomalies) Commission to deal with the matter of age/^{party}pay of the State *Registered Nurses*

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OR

- (vb) whether, in the case of the State Registered Nurses where after discussions by the parties concerned one party maintained that agreement had been reached and the other party maintained that no agreement had been reached, the Salaries (Anomalies) Commission could consider the matter and give a decision.

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The Hon. Minister of Health submitted the above points in a Note which was passed to the Administrative Secretary.

In this connection the Cabinet agreed that it would be better if Government clarified the terms of reference of the Independent Commission. In that proposal the Hon. Prime Minister undertook to see the Chairman of the Commission.

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Factory Construction

Letter-minute dated 29 April 1968, from the Director of Public Works to the Hon. Minister of Trade, Industry and

Agriculture (Ref 69A in file) concerning the site for a new industrial estate, was read out to Cabinet. The Cabinet endorsed its decision taken on the 26th October, 1967, that the estate should be sited at Bulebel-g-Off in the limits of Bgjetun. It was agreed, however, that only that land should be taken over which was required for the thirty factories recommended by the Roberts Commission. The Cabinet was to be informed when more land in the area would be required for factories in addition to the thirty already mentioned.

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Extra remuneration to Salin Planners at the Public Works Department

The Cabinet was informed of the claim made by the Salin Planners at the Public Works Department for extra remuneration.

(Ref 145 in file).

The Hon. Prime Minister expressed that he did not recall that he had ever said anything as at 'X' in Ref 145A.

It was agreed that the view of Finance and Establishments should be obtained in the first instance.

OPH. 1033/64 Tobacco Smoking in Hotels (Memo. No. 1033)

The Cabinet agreed to the repeal of The Tobacco Smoking (Control of) Ordinance 1939 (Cap. 164) as recommended in Memorandum No. 1033.

OPH. 123/57 Government Offices to be housed in the new Building to be constructed on the Old St. Peter's College site in Valletta.

In addition to the decision taken in Cabinet on the 26th March, 1968, and in view of Refs 161 in file, it was agreed that the Director of Public Works be asked to advise on the possibility of housing in the new building either the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries or the Department of Labour or both.

OPH. 403/66 Excelsior Hotel.

It was agreed that Finance views be obtained on the recommendation made by the Ministry of Education, Culture and Tourism at Ref 22 in file.

Explanation of Written Opinion

The files mentioned hereunder were circulated to Ministers whose written opinion was as follows:

OPIN. 324/68. It was agreed that Malta should sign the Council of Europe Agreement relating to Persons participating in proceedings of the European Commission and Court of Human Rights.

Land. 435/68. H.E. the Governor General was advised to sign Declaration for the acquisition of land at 35 Scots Lane, Gypsum, required by the Government for a public purpose.

Land. 429/67. H.E. the Governor General was advised to sign Declaration for the acquisition of land at Gilling, required in connection with roads widening.

OPIN. 1356/64. H.E. the Governor General was advised to determine that the sum of £55,000 be paid to the Broadcasting Authority in respect of its expenditure during the financial year 1968/69.

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