

✓ Sitting No. 9/69.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Ambasciata d'Inghilterra, in London, 23rd January, 1969, at 10.30 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 and
 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.

OPM. 114/59 II. Power / Water Station Project: Financing (Memo. No. 7269)
 Ministers agreed that action
 be taken as recommended in paragraph 8 of
 Memorandum No. 726 C.

Increase in Rates of Postage

In connection with a request
 for the raising of postage rates to meet the
 increasing cost of the carriage of mails, Ministers
 agreed that the Hon. Minister of Finance, Customs and
 Ports should take into consideration such measures
 as may be considered necessary in connection with

the 1969/70 Budget.

OPM. 548/65

Command of the Malta Land Force.

Ministers considered suggestions for setting up a separate Landquarters for the Malta Land Force in anticipation of the taking over of the R.M.A. in September 1970, and agreed to consider the matter later.

OPM/E/658/68.

Wage Increase of 6%.

Ministers were informed of the position reached in the negotiations with the General Workers Union on this claim which now stands at an increase of 3% from 1st April 1968, and a further increase of 3% from 1st October 1968, as against an offer of 4% from 1st January, 1969, made by the Official Side.

Ministers agreed that the claim for a 3% increase from 1st April, 1968, should be conceded and that whatever additional rate of increase would be conceded subject to the decision at Minute (19) in full should not take effect before the 1st January, 1969.

Alberto Leaman
A. Prime Minister
30th January, 1969

Prof. G. G. G.
Secretary to Cabinet.
30th January, 1969