

Meeting no 11 of 1970

Cabinet meeting held at the Auberge d'Arignon on Thursday, 19th February, 1970 at 11 am.

Present: The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,
Customs and Post
The Minister of Public Building and Works
The Minister of Justice and Parliamentary Affairs
The Minister of Trade, Industry and Agriculture
The Minister of Health
The Minister of Education, Culture and Tourism
The Minister of Labour, Employment and Welfare

DPN 1110/69 Government borrowings

Ministers confirmed the agreement reached with the Central Bank that the £10 m required before the end of the current financial year be raised by floating an eighteen-month £5.5 m "bridging" loan at 5½% at par and a five-year £4.5 m loan at 7% at par.

DPN 527/69 Reorganisation of the Bus Service

Ministers were informed of the outcome of the consultations ~~made~~ with the General Workers' Union and agreed that the Public Transport (Regulation of Employment) Bill, 1969, be read a first time at the next sitting of the House of Representatives. It was also agreed that before the Bill was presented for publication the Government Parliamentary Group, the General Workers' Union and the General Transport Union be consulted on its ~~revision~~.

oPm/EP/114/64/ Children's Unit at St. Luke's Hospital

Ministers agreed that the Director of Public Works should ask the consultants to proceed with the preparation of the specifications and tender documents for the erection of the Unit.

oPm 549/69 National Development Plan for Malta

Ministers considered Memorandum No. 1431 and agreed that the Minister of Public Building and Works should discuss with each of the Ministers concerned the proposals and provisions of the Plan prepared by the United Nations Physical Planning Adviser and to report back to Cabinet in due course.

oPm/Am/584/66 Grant of a work permit to Mr. P. M. Hollingworth

Ministers agreed that a work permit be granted to Mr. Hollingworth to work as a Physiotherapist at St. Luke's Hospital until such time as the Chief Government Medical Officer considers that his services are no longer required.

Confirmation of written opinion

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

Land 152/67 - H.E. the Governor-General was advised to sign a declaration for the acquisition of five agricultural plots of land at San Gwann, required by the Government for a public purpose, namely a Housing Scheme (Memorandum No. 1491)

Land 653/63 - At the Governor-General was asked to
sign a declaration for the acquisition of
a plot of land at Zabbar, required by the
Government for a Housing Scheme (Memorandum
no 1493)

Land 535/67 - At the Governor-General was asked to
sign a declaration for the acquisition of
land at Zgarej, required by the Government
for a Housing Scheme (Memorandum no. 1494)

John Lumsden

Secretary to Cabinet