

Meeting No. 79 of 1970.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Auberge d'Aragon, on Tuesday, 13th October, 1970, at 11 a.m.

Present: The Prime Minister and Minister of Commonwealth and Foreign Affairs.
The Minister of Finance, Customs and Port.
The Minister of Public Building and Works.
The Minister of Justice and Parliamentary Affairs.
The Minister of Trade, Industry and Agriculture.

Absent: The Minister of Health
The Minister of Education, Culture and Tourism
The Minister of Labour, Employment and Welfare
(away from the Island)

OPM/E/212/70

Salaries of Legal Officers in Government Service

Ministers considered Memo. No. 1626.

After hearing the views of the Crown Advocate General and of the Administrative Secretary, Ministers agreed that in discussions with the representatives of the Chamber of Advocates an offer could be made by which the salary scale for Crown Counsel should remain the same as recommended by the Salaries Anomalies Commission i.e. £1,550 x 50 - £1,900 with the proviso that new entrants be granted an increment for every complete year of private practice and/or service with the Government in a legal capacity.

It was also agreed that the Chamber of Advocates be informed that the Government

did not intend to depart from the present practice of requiring legal qualifications in the holders of posts of Registrars and Assistant Registrars of the Courts and of the office of Commissioner of Land.

OPM. 516/55 III

U.N.D.P. Assistance for Phase II of the Water Supply and Wastes Disposal Project.

Ministers considered Memo. No. 1248 A and agreed to hear the views of the Economic Planning Division of the Prime Minister's Office and of the technical advisers of the Ministry of Public Building and Works at the next meeting.

OPM. 837/69.

Request by the Royal Navy to instal an underwater photographic tower off Benghisa Point.

Ministers considered Memo. No. 1396 and agreed that the request by the Royal Navy to instal an underwater photographic tower off Benghisa Point be approved.

OPM. 857/68.

Electricity Tariff chargeable to Hotels.

Ministers considered Memo. No. 1311 but they wished to be informed in the first instance of the effect on the Malta Electricity Board revenue if hotels were to be classified as industrial establishments. It was agreed that the General Manager and the Finance Officer of the M.E.B. should attend the next

meeting of the Cabinet and give the required information.

Confirmation of Written Opinion

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

Land 472/69 H.E. the Governor-General was advised to sign Declaration for the acquisition of part of garden of premises at No. 45, St. Paul's Street, Sliema, required for the erection of an electricity sub-station. (Memorandum No. 1615)

Land 381/70. H.E. the Governor-General was advised to sign Declaration for the acquisition of a plot of land and overlying air-space up to a height of 16 courses required for the erection of an electricity sub-station. (Memorandum No. 1616)

Land 400/70. H.E. the Governor-General was advised to sign Declaration for the imposition of an easement on land at Fgura which consists in the laying of a sewer pipe in a trench. (Memorandum No. 1617)

OPM. 800/70 H.E. the Governor-General was advised to authorise the issue of a Registry Pass to Mr. R. Barnard

of Australia to sail his yacht
'Bungara' from Malta to Sydney,
Australia, for registration.

Land 254/69. H.E. the Governor-General was advised
to sign Declaration for the acquisition
of one plot of land at Hamrun
required for road widening.
(Memorandum No. 1620)

Land 810/68. H.E. the Governor-General was advised
to sign Declaration for the acquisition
of one plot of land at Gharghur
required for the formation of a road.
(Memorandum No. 1621)

OPM. 784/70. H.E. the Governor-General was advised
to sanction the mortgage of the m.v.
Imperial Eagle whose registered
owners are Mrs. Lillian Magro of
10, Castle Street, Victoria, Gozo,
and Mrs. Rita Magro of 2, Mary
Street, Victoria, Gozo, in favour
of the National Bank of Malta, Ltd.
Kingsway, Valletta.

OPM. 795/70. H.E. the Governor-General was advised
to sanction the mortgage of the m.v.
'Saint Rule' whose registered owners
are Marine Enterprises (Malta) Limited
of 148, Britannia Street, Valletta, in
favour of the Bank of Industry, Commerce
and Agriculture Ltd., Commercial House.

86, South Street, Valletta.

Land 389/69. H.E. the Governor-General was advised to sign Declaration for the acquisition of one plot of land at Attard required for the opening of a new street. (Memorandum No. 1622)

Land 53/64. H.E. the Governor-General was advised to sign Declaration for the acquisition of one plot of land at St. Paul's Bay required for the widening of St. Publius street. (Memorandum No. 1623)

Prime Minister.

Secretary to Cabinet.