

Meeting No. 85 of 1970

Cabinet Meeting held at the Auberge d'Oranger, Valletta, on Thursday, 19th November, 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
The Minister of Health
The Minister of Education, Culture and Tourism.
The Minister of Labour, Employment and Welfare.

OPM. 1252/63

Amendment of the National Assistance Act.

Ministers considered the Minister of Labour, Employment and Welfare's proposals and agreed with paragraph 4 of the memorandum, that a person or a couple who have no pension other than the non-contributory old age pension, should not lose entitlement to Sickness Assistance as a result of an increase in the rate of that pension.

Regarding the proposal in paragraph 7, that all current means scale rates in the Fourth Schedule of the National Assistance Act be increased by 50/-, it was decided that further discussion in Cabinet be held after a study on the financial implications is completed by the Ministry of Finance.

OPM. 1176/69

Proposed Town and Country Planning System and Organisation.

Ministers discussed the measures necessary for bringing into force the Town and Country Planning Act and agreed that the Efficiency Development Branch of the Establishments Division should carry out a detailed study of staff and organisational requirements for the setting up of a planning department. The resulting recommendations are to be referred to Cabinet by the Administrative Secretary in the shortest possible time.

OPM. 508/70

Future of Malta Airlines.

Ministers examined the proposals made by the Leader of the Opposition in his letter to the Prime Minister dated 22nd October, 1970, and the reaction of British European Airways communicated by Mr. Marking in his letter dated 10th November, 1970. It was agreed that the Prime Minister would again consult Mr. Mintoff before a final decision is taken.

OPM/E/4/66(1)

Terms of appointment of expatriate Principal at the Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology.

Ministers studied the Minister of Education, Culture and Tourism's proposals for the engagement of Mr. J. E. Forlin as Chief Technical Adviser and agreed that the Minister of Education, Culture and Tourism should discuss the question of remuneration further with Mr. Forlin on the understanding that

no exemption of salary from Income Tax would be granted. The Minister of Education, Culture and Tourism to report again to Cabinet.

Confirmation of Written Opinion.

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

- Land 24/53 H.E. the Governor-General was advised to sign Declaration for the acquisition of three plots of land at Zebbug, Malta, required for the opening of the new Zebbug-Siggiewi Road. (Memorandum No. 1640)
- Land 452/69 H.E. the Governor-General was advised to sign Declaration for the acquisition of one plot of land at Balzan required for the erection of an Electricity Sub-station. (Memorandum No. 1649)
- Land 742/68. H.E. the Governor-General was advised to sign Declaration for the acquisition of one plot of land at Ghorcasq required for the purpose of road widening. (Memorandum No. 1650)
- Land 80/70 H.E. the Governor-General was advised to sign Declaration for the acquisition of one plot of land at Ghajnisclem, Gozo, required for the erection of an Electricity sub-station.

Land 1550/63. H. E. the Governor-General was advised to sign Declaration for the termination of a lease of one agricultural plot of land at Zabbar required for a Home Ownership Scheme.
(Memorandum No. 1652).

Prime Minister.

Secretary to Cabinet.