

Meeting No. 86 of 1970.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Auberge d'Oragon,
Valletta, on Tuesday, 24th 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. 554/70.

Salaries of Legal Officers in the Government Service.

The Crown Advocate General reported to Ministers the negative reaction of the Chamber of Advocates to the proposal conveyed to them following the Cabinet decision taken on the 14th October, 1970. After further discussions with the Chamber, the Crown Advocate General submitted a proposal to Cabinet involving the filling of the post of Assistant Crown Advocate General, with a salary of £2,340 per annum, the addition of one post of Senior Crown Counsel, with the present salary of £2,270 per annum, the revision of the salary of Crown Counsel from the present incremental scale of £1,550 x 50 - £1,900 to a fixed salary of £1,900 linked with seven years' practice and the revision of the salary of Assistant Crown Counsel, Advocate for the Poor, Solicitor, and Advocates in Departments from

the present incremental scale of £1,400 x 50 - £1,650 to a fixed salary of £1,650 linked with five years' practice.

Ministers agreed that the Administrative Secretary and the Crown Advocate General should discuss the proposal with Establishments and report back to Cabinet.

O.P.M. 952/70. Amendments to the Criminal Code, Cap. 12.

The Crown Advocate General explained the reasons for proposing the amendments contained in Memorandum No. 1662. Ministers agreed to amendments (a), (b) and (c). Ministers also agreed to amendment (d) subject to there being no objection to the proposal by the Chamber of Advocates and the lawyer members of Parliament, who are to be approached on the matter by the Crown Advocate General. Steps are to be taken accordingly by the Minister of Justice and Parliamentary Affairs to introduce the Bill in question in Parliament.

O.P.M. /E/4/66. Terms of appointment of expatriate Principal at the Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology.

Ministers agreed to the Minister of Education, Culture and Tourism's proposal that Mr. J. E. Yorlin be engaged as Chief Technical Adviser to the Education Department, on a five year contract, and that Mr. Yorlin be paid a salary on the terms as laid out in ^{MEET's} ~~the~~ memorandum. The net amount payable to Mr. Yorlin

will be £3,500 per annum by way of salary plus £1,000 per annum for insurance.

OPM.612/48. Government subsidy payable on Kerosene.

The Minister of Trade, Industry and Agriculture, informed Ministers of the reasons which had led kerosene hawkers to suspend the sale of kerosene to consumers. The Minister of Trade, Industry and Agriculture pointed out that on present sales the average gross profit of a hawker amounted to about £9.10.0d per week; the present subsidy was costing the Government about £100,000 a year and that the increase in subsidy of 2s/6d per hundred gallons offered by Government would cost a further £5,000 in a full year. This offer was turned down by the General Retailers and Traders Union.

Ministers agreed that the Minister of Trade, Industry and Agriculture should again meet the General Retailers and Traders Union and inform them that if kerosene sales were resumed the Government would be prepared to examine the question of subsidy further.

OPM/IMM/126/48. Permission to act as representative of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama.

Ministers approved that Mrs. Rosemary Slater, a permanent resident, be granted permission to act as representative of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, for so long as she retains the appointment on a voluntary basis.

Confirmation of Written Opinion.

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

Land 22/57. H.E. the Governor - General was advised to sign Declaration for the acquisition of three plots of land at Xaghra, Gzo., required for the preservation of Calypso Cave. (Memorandum No. 1653)

Land 335/69. H.E. the Governor - General was advised to sign Declaration for the acquisition of nineteen plots of land at Naxxar required for a Housing Scheme. (Memorandum No. 1654)

Land 1165/66 III H.E. the Governor - General was advised to sign Declaration for the acquisition of four plots of land at Mellieha required for road widening. (Memorandum No. 1655)

Land 781/69. H.E. the Governor - General was advised to sign Declaration for the acquisition of one plot of land at Gzira required for the erection of an Electricity Sub-station. (Memorandum No. 1656)

Land 377/70. H.E. the Governor - General was advised to sign Declaration for the acquisition of one plot of land at Birbirkara required for the erection of an electricity Sub-station. (Memorandum No. 1657)

Land 653/70. H.E. the Governor-General was advised to sign Declaration for the acquisition of one plot of land at Attard required for the erection of an electricity sub-station. (Memorandum No. 1655)

L.A. 9/54/f.fle H.E. the Governor-General was advised to sign Declaration for the acquisition of premises No. 33, Paola Road, Tarxien, required for the prolongation of Longon Street. (Memorandum No. 1661)

Prime Minister

Secretary to Cabinet.