

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CABINET BY THE
HON. PRIME MINISTER

In terms of Regulation 5 of the Police Licences Regulations, 1949, as amended by the Police Licences (Amendment) Regulations, 1960, (Legal Notice No.12 of 1960) the Governor-General is empowered to remit or reduce any fee specified in the Schedule to the said Regulations.

2. Mr John Pisani of the Infantile Paralysis Rehabilitation Fund has applied on behalf of Mr George Falzon, a paraplegic, who lives at No.48, Victory Street, Qormi, for a free licence in respect of the latter's Morris Mini Minor Van No.32381. The van is specially adapted to suit Mr Falzon's disability and has been exempted from payment of customs duty.

3. Mr Falzon suffers from a disability of the right upper and lower limbs and walks with a limp. He is a bachelor and is employed as a bus despatcher with the Police Department earning £32 monthly. He resides with his brother Paul and pays no house rent but contributes £5 per month towards the maintenance of his married sister. He has no property and is paying for the van in £7 monthly instalments.

4. Two similar requests have already been received from Mr Falzon but both were refused, the first time also in Cabinet (Memorandum No.175). In both cases Finance had not objected to Mr Falzon's paying a nominal fee of 2s. 6d but the then Hon. Minister of Labour and Social Welfare and the Hon. Minister of Health did not recommend the requests.

5. With regard to the present request the Ministry of Finance, Customs and Port and the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Welfare have recommended the issue of a licence against payment of a nominal fee but the Ministry of Health does not recommend the request as Mr Falzon's disability does not interfere with the proper function of his duties and consequently the use of a private car is not essential in his case.

6. Hon. Ministers are invited to say whether they agree that the car licence fee should be reduced to 2/6 in this case and that His Excellency the Governor-General should be advised to approve accordingly.

14th December, 1966.

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