

Memorandum to Cabinet by the Minister of Public Building and Works.

Development of Government owned land.

Government is continually pressed from various sectors of the economy for the grant in emphyteusis of its land.

In view of the conflicting interests:- tourism, agriculture and industry any decision on whether such land is to be developed or not and how it is to be developed must come after full consideration by all Departments concerned

Obviously, neither the Ministers concerned nor Cabinet can enter into the details and merits of every particular case. It was, therefore, agreed between the Minister of Public Building and Works and the Minister of Justice and Parliamentary Affairs that a Committee should be set up to make recommendations to Cabinet. It was intended that the Committee should also consider all applications for Government land which were still pending.

As the work of this Committee is intimately related with physical planning, it had been agreed between the two Ministers that it should be chaired by the Director of Public Works and composed as follows:

- (i) The Commissioner of Land
- (ii) The Director of Agriculture
- (iii) The Director of Industry
- (iv) The Chairman, Malta Government Tourist Board.
- (v) A representative of the Ministry of Finance
- (vi) A representative of the Economic Secretariat)

The Ministry of Education, Culture and Tourism has suggested that tourist projects should be dealt with separately as it felt that the Committee might retard progress. It is considered more advisable to include all possible uses to which land could be put and it is recommended that Hon Ministers agree to the creation of the abovementioned committee.

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