

Sitting No. 16/63.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Auberge d'Orpagan, Valletta, on Wednesday, 20th March, 1963, at 10.30 am.

Presents: The Hon. Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Planning + Finance.

The Hon. Minister of Industrial Development and Tourism

The Hon. Minister of Education

The Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Power + Communications.

The Hon. Minister of Justice.

The Hon. Minister of Works and Housing.

The Hon. Minister of Labour + Social Welfare.

Absent: The Hon. Minister of Health.

The minutes of Meeting No. 15/ were read and confirmed.

Arising out of these minutes it was stated that no qualified Quantity Surveyors were available at the War Damage Section of the Housing Department.

The Cabinet was informed that an application had been made by the Government to the United Nations Technical Assistance Board to send a Town Planning Team to Malta to draw up a Master Plan. In view of the importance of the project and the effects of land use planning on the economy of Malta, the Technical Assistance Committee of the Economic & Social Council of the United Nations had approved the application. The appropriate Organisation of the United Nations had now been asked to entrust the drawing up of the plan to consultants from Stockholm.

It was agreed that a Board composed of the Officers mentioned hereunder be set up forthwith to draft the required legislation and to submit to Government a report thereon by the 31st July, 1963:-

The Director of Public Works, Chairman.

The Deputy Attorney General

The Assistant Secretary (Economics)

The Senior Health Officer

The Commissioner of Lands

The Senior Water Engineer

The Director of Museum

The Agricultural Chemist, Dept. of Agriculture

The Chairman, Malta Inst. Tourist Board.

Sec. 219/59. Decentral of premises rented at £ 45 and over per annum (Demo. Lo. 106).

The moment was not considered opportune for the consideration of the suggestion to decentral premises.

ORM. 505/63. Removal of a section of Vignacourt Aqueduct (Memo. No. 123).

The Cabinet did not agree to the removal of this part of the Vignacourt Aqueduct running between St. Louis-de-Lys and Hamouan.

Confirmation of written opinion

The file mentioned hereunder was circulated to Hon. Ministers whose written decision was as follows:-

Sec. 1425/59. Hon. Ministers agreed that the Bill entitled an Act to make provision for the abatement of litter be approved with a view to further action being taken in the Legislative Assembly.

Edmond Durell
Prime Minister

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Secretary to Cabinet
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