

Sitting No. 26/63.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Ambasciata d'Argon, Valletta, on Thursday, 9th May, 1963, at 11.00 a.m.

Present: The Hon. Prime Minister & Minister of Economic Planning & Finance.

The Hon. Minister of Industrial Development & Commerce.

The Hon. Minister of Education.

The Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Power & Communications.

The Hon. Minister of Justice.

The Hon. Minister of Works & Housing.

The Hon. Minister of Labour & Social Welfare.

The Hon. Minister of Health.

The minutes of meeting No. 25/63 were read and confirmed.

Electricity Supply to Messrs. Chetillon.

Mrs. A. Fagan, Manager, D.T.E. Dept., and Mr. L. Aianta, Chief Engineer, were in attendance.

The Cabinet was informed that Messrs. Chetillon had asked for an assurance that a supply of up to 1½ MW would be required by them from Malta up to July, 1964, and a further 1½ MW, a

total of 3 MW, by July 1965. The position of the electricity supply in Malta was reviewed vis-à-vis the demand made by Messrs. Chatillon and other Companies who would in future be willing to establish themselves in Malta. It was mentioned that the position needed constant watching as, if no immediate remedial measures were taken, there would possibly be the necessity of shedding the electricity load for a number of months until such time as the new power station was in operation. The new power station would be ready by early 1966 if works were taken in hand immediately.

It was decided that as a first step the Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Power & Communications should immediately contact the Flag Officer, Malta, with a view to obtaining from the Naval Authorities a supply of 10 MW. Other possible steps to obtain or generate the required electricity supply would be taken. Meanwhile, the Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Power & Communications was empowered to give Messrs. Chatillon the assurance they were seeking regarding their requirements of electricity supply.

The Hon. Prime Minister withdrew to see the U.K. Commissioners.

The Hon. Minister of Industrial Development & Tourism took the Chair.

The Cabinet agreed that the offer made by the United Nations Economic Mission for Europe of two Fellowships to finance the participation of two officers in the public service in Malta in a regional seminar on "Sampling Methods in Current Statistics" to be held in Budapest, Hungary, on the 16th/27th September, 1963, be accepted. Mr. Dennis Abela, the Principal Government Statistician, and Mr. H. Bunttil, Higher Executive Officer at the Statistics Office, were nominated to attend the seminar.

LGO 3441/41.

Revocation of the Administration of Justice (Emergency) Regulations, 1940 (Memo. No. 146).

The Cabinet agreed that a Bill entitled An Act further to amend the Criminal Code, Chap. 12, be introduced in the Legislative Assembly.

OPT.(E) X30/55.

Declaration of the pensionability of the posts of Mechanical Engineer in the Departments of Trade & Industry (Memo. No. 151).

It was agreed that H.E. the Governor be advised to declare the posts of Mechanical Engineer in the Departments of Trade & Industry to be a pensionable office.

Sec. (E) 174/62.

Declaration of the pensionability of posts in the

Government Service (Memo. No. 144).

It was agreed

a) that H.E. the Governor be advised to declare the post of Assistant Registrar of Examinations in the Department of Education to be a pensionable office, and

b) that the Hon. Prime Minister be given the general authority of the Cabinet to submit in future matters dealing with the declaration of the pensionability of Government posts to His Excellency directly without the necessity of consulting the Cabinet as a whole.

Confirmation of written opinion.

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

Sec. 284/62. H.E. the Governor was advised to make the Planning Area Permits (Delegation of Powers) (Amendment) Regulations, 1963.

Anthony Oliver
Prime Minister

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Secretary to Cabinet.

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