

Sitting No. 39/63.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Auberge
d'Angam, Valletta, on Tuesday, 2nd July,
1963, at 10.30 am.

Present: The Hon. Minister of ^{Education} Industrial
~~Development~~ & ~~Tourism~~.
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.

Absent: The Hon. Prime Minister
The Hon. Minister of Industrial
Development & Tourism,
who were engaged on
other urgent business.

The minutes of Meeting
No. 38/63 were read and confirmed.

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Measures for winding up the War Damage
Commission (Memo. No. 143)

Mr. A. Solomon, Financial Secretary, Dr. G. Duge,
Commissioner for Lands, and Mr. V. Podesta,
Housing Secretary, were in attendance.

It was agreed that after eighteen years since the end of the last war, it was time that steps were taken to wind up the War Damage Commission. With this end in view, the Cabinet decided that the following measures regarding Parts I and II of the War Damage Ordinance should be put into operation immediately:

a) Time limits for the various outstanding claims to be fixed as follows:

i) Claims on "Bills" System: Assessments to be completed by the 31st March, 1964.

ii) Claims on "Unpriced or Descriptive" Schedule System: Full and satisfactory documents to be submitted by December, 1963, and claims to be finalized through all stages by the 31st March, 1964.

iii) Claims on "Priced" Schedule System: Full and satisfactory documents to be submitted by December, 1963, and claims to be finalized through all stages by June, 1964.

iv) Open Credits: Works costing less than £1,500 to be carried out within six months, and those costing more than six months £1,500 within twelve months.

v) Exhaustion Inspections: Six months for works already completed, and three months for works eventually to be completed.

vi) Checks: Assessments of claims through all stages to be finalized within six months.

all the above periods were to run from the date of the publication of the relative appropriate notice in the Government Gazette and in the Press.

b) The following action was also decided upon:

i) Latent Damage: Immediate amendment of Section 24(1)(b) of the War Damage Ordinance to exclude further consideration of latent damage.

ii) Risk-period: Immediate legislation in terms of section 44 of the War Damage Ordinance for the termination of the risk period.

iii) Movements affected by re-alignments: Immediate abrogation of the Demolition and Clearance Ordinance and of Government Notice No. 3 of 1955. Responsibility for compensation in respect of new alignment to be taken over by the Public Works Department.

iv) Claims under Part II of the War Damage Ordinance (Goods, Private Chattels, etc.): Regulations to be made to allow settlement of the claims not necessarily on grounds of hardship.

Confirmation of written opinion.

The files mentioned hereunder were circulated to Hon. Ministers & the written decision was as follows:-

OPT. 1552/62. N.B. the Governor was advised to approve that Mr. Joseph Talyan, a paraplegic, be allowed to pay a reduced car licence fee of 20/6d per annum.

OPT. 1526/62. N.B. the Governor, in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 77 of the Colonial Air Navigation Order 1961, was advised to exempt aeroplanes VP-147A from the payment of fees under sub-paragraph (1) of para. 6 of the Thirteenth Schedule in respect of its Dominican Certificate of Airworthiness provided Messrs. Metropolitan Airlines pay any charges as are claimed by the United Kingdom Air Navigation Board in connection with any examination of the aircraft, its maintenance schedules, engines, radio apparatus and other equipment.

OPT. 1526/62. N.B. the Governor was advised to approve action required to be taken before the newly registered aircraft VP-147A may fly.

Colin Clarke

Prime Minister

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Secretary to Governor
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