

Meeting No. 1906
Cabinet Meeting held at the Auberge
d'Orion, Valletta, on Tuesday, 10th May, 1966,
at 11 a.m.

Present: Hon. Minister of Finance, Customs
& Ports.
Hon. Minister of Public Building
& Works.
Hon. Minister of Justice and
Parliamentary Affairs.
Hon. Minister of Trade, Industry
& Agriculture.
Hon. Minister of Education, Culture
& Tourism.
Hon. Minister of Labour, Employment
& Welfare.

Absent: Hon. Prime Minister who was unwell.
Hon. Minister of Health who was
away on official business.

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Disposal of Redundant Staff at the C.R.S.
(Memo. No. 584)

(Mr. E. Grech & Mr. S. Inge were in
attendance)

Hon. Ministers considered
again the question of the redeployment of the
redundant staff at the C.R.S. They heard
this as a result of the study made by the
Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Customs and Ports,
in conjunction with Heads of Departments, about

100 out of the 250 reported redundant employees were to be absorbed in the Ministries of Health, Education, Tourism, Works and Agriculture.

It was agreed that the following measures be taken immediately with a view to redeploying the remaining 150 men and women at the C.R.S. and other redundancies:

1. No recruitment of extra hands, including substitutes and part-time workers, is to be made until all redundant labour is absorbed;

2. Transferees who decline to do work assigned to them are to be discharged;

3. The Public Works Department is to employ the greatest possible number of redundant employees on the cleaning of public gardens and other similar places and charge expenditure to funds available for horticulture;

4. Heads of departments are to see that employees who are 63 years of age or over cease work immediately;

5. A Labour Absorption Board is to be set up at once, composed of the Hon. Minister of Labour, Employment and Welfare, as Chairman, and representatives of Establishments, Finance, and the Personnel Officer of each department, with the task of seeing that all labour wastage and staff vacancies

in each Ministry are filled possibly by redundant staff now existing in the several Government departments.

Subject to "Establishments" remarks, the following measures were also proposed:

1. A grant of a percentage of marks to candidates already in Government employment who wish to sit for public examinations;
2. Persons below the age of 19 not to be recruited into Government service unless under an approved apprenticeship scheme; and
3. Heads of Departments to encourage the retirement from the service of employees between 60 and 63 years of age.

Emilio Dimech
Prime Minister

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Ray Bugeja
Secretary to Cabinet.

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