

Sitting No. 21/66

Cabinet meeting held at the Auberge d'Aragon, Valletta, on Tuesday, 19th July, 1966, at 10.30 am.

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

Absent: The Hon. Minister of Health (indisposed)

The minutes of meeting No. 20 were read and confirmed.

OPM 551/65 adjustment of salaries, 1966.
 The Hon. Minister of Labour, Employment & Welfare said the representatives of Staff Side had again approached him and told him that they would be indicating to him in writing ways and means in which the impasse reached on the salaries anomalies question could be broken.

OPM 476/66 Trade agreement with Italy (Memo 591)

OPM 195/65 Cultural agreement with Italy (Memo 387A)

OPM 477/66 agreement between the Government of Malta and the Government of Italy relating to Economic, Scientific and Technical Cooperation (Memo 572)

It was agreed to proceed with the negotiation and eventual conclusion of these agreements, subject to the respective texts being studied and agreed by the Hon. Prime Minister, the Hon. Minister of Finance, Customs & Post,

to Hon. Minister of Trade, Industry & Agriculture and the Hon. Minister of Education, Culture and Tourism.

o/m. 503/66 Salaries of Medical Officers (Memo no. 614)

It was recalled that the Cabinet had already agreed to a salary of £1800 (inclusive of the 8% increase) for the Chief Government Medical Officer, whereas the Medical Association of Malta was claiming £1850. It was agreed that the previous decision should be adhered to. On this reckoning it was also agreed to offer to medical officers without private practice maximum salaries lower by £50 than those shown in brackets on page 2 of the Memo.

It was realised that these increases went beyond the recent salary adjustments and claims for corresponding increases in the salaries of comparable grades in the administrative and professional civil service were to be expected.

o/m. 539/65 Exploration and Exploitation of the Continental Shelf (Memo 546A)

It was agreed to proceed with the enactment of the Continental Shelf Act during the present session of Parliament. The other proposals in the memo were to be considered later.

Confirmation of written opinion.

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

Land 15/62 - H.E. the Governor General was advised that Mr. G. A. Refalo, LL.B., Magistrate of the Island of Malta, should sit in the Court of Magistrates for the Islands of Gozo and Comino, in its Superior Commercial Jurisdiction,

to take cognizance of the case "Joseph Farrugia and others vs
Gianni Spiteri et al", and that Mr. T. Anastasi M.D., Magistrate
of Judicial Police for the Islands of Gozo and Comino, should
take cognizance of any matters within the competence of the Court
of Magistrates of Judicial Police for the Islands of Gozo and
Comino as a Court of Voluntary Jurisdiction during the period
11th July to the 17th August, 1966.

Anthony Dimech
Prime Minister

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Secretary to Cabinet

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