

✓ Sitting No. 40/66.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Ambasciata d' Agam on Saturday, 22nd October, 1966, at 11 a.m.

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

The minutes of Meetings No. 39/66 were read and confirmed.

OPM. 114/59/
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Water Supply Position (Memo. No. 658)

Hon. Ministers considered the water supply position in Malta as described in Memorandum No. 658. They noted the ever increasing water demand due to improved living standards and the diversification of the national economy. The tourist industry, in particular, was

Leaving the greatest impact on the ~~water~~ use of water. In view of those factors and of others which were already contributing towards a greater demand for water, Hon. Ministers agreed that it was urgently necessary for the economic and social development of the Island to go ahead immediately with the installation of the second and possibly the third distillers.

In this connection it was agreed also that a paper should be prepared for consideration in Cabinet, on the feasibility of providing desalination plants, ^{(not necessarily of} ~~possibly~~ atomic power) for small communities.

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Sec. 397/59.

La Qali Reservoir (Demos. No. 659).

(Mr. O. Agius, A/Manager, Water Department, + Mr. E. Vella, ^{Chief} ~~Water~~ Engineer, were in attendance)

As agreed in Cabinet on the 22nd September, 1966, the Secretary to the Cabinet produced the Report by Mr. Aldeman, F.R.S. Hydrologist, and read that part of the Report which dealt with the natural groundwater resources and storage in the Mean Sea Level Aquifer. In view of what was stated in Memorandum No. 659 and of the further explanations of the A/Manager, Water Department, and of the Chief Water Engineer, ~~it was agreed~~ Hon. Ministers agreed to

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The full reconstruction of Ta Oali Reservoir, which would improve the ^{storage for} water distribution flexibility in the Central and the Northern parts of the Island.

OPM. 901/66.

Employment (Memo. No. 625).

Hon. Ministers considered Memorandum No. 625. It was agreed that the question of creating "more work and new jobs with the final aim of full employment in the shortest possible time" should be studied and reported upon to Cabinet jointly by the Hon. Minister of Public Building & Works, the Hon. Minister of Trade, Industry & Agriculture, the Hon. Minister of Education, Culture & Tourism and the Hon. Minister of Labour, Employment & Welfare. The study should include the introduction of training courses for unemployed persons, as proposed in paragraph 6 of the Memorandum.

OPM. 1337/55.

General Workers Union Memorial Building

It was reported that in accordance with the decision taken in Cabinet on the 29th December, 1955, the request at Ref. 65 in file had been fully and favourably considered by the Hon. Prime Minister, the then Hon. Minister of Industrial Development & Tourism, the Hon. Minister of Justice and the General Secretary of the General Workers Union.

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