

✓ Sitting No. 114/64.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Amburge d'Anagon, Kallithea, on Thursday, 28th December, 1964, at 11.30 a.m.

Present: The Hon. Prime Minister
 The Hon. Minister of Finance, Customs & Ports.
 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 Labour, Employment & Welfare.

Absent: The Hon. Minister of Education, Culture and Tourism, who was indisposed.

The minutes of Meeting No. 113/64 were read and confirmed.

OPM. 114/59/11 Tenders for the supply of Turbines to the Malta Electricity Board.

Reference was made to the decision taken in Cabinet on the 14th December, 1964, to award the Turbine contracts to Messrs. A.E.I. of Manchester. It was now reported that Messrs. A.E.I. had

cabled to claim increase in price following loss of export rebate and selective employment tax refunds, plus bank rate increase, which all had followed devaluation of sterling. Messrs. A.E.I. did not therefore confirm their pre-devaluation tender-price. Besides, they revised their delivery period of 84 weeks to 100 weeks. In view of these developments the Malta Electricity Board now recommended for acceptance the next best offer made by Messrs. Franco Lodi of Italy, to which recommendation the Cabinet agreed.

OPHY. 546/67

Joint Mission Report: "Training and Placement" (Memo. Lo. 915)

The Cabinet considered Memorandum Lo. 915 concerning the suggestion made in Chapter 8 of the Joint Mission Report for the establishment of a Training and Placement Authority.

The Hon. Minister of Labour, Employment and Welfare gave reasons in support of his view that Vocational Training, now the responsibility of the Department of Education, should be part and parcel of the Department of Labour. It was agreed that the question be considered further in the light also of the views of the Hon. Minister of Education, Culture & Tourism on the matter.

With regard to ^{training} ~~placement~~, the Cabinet agreed to the establishment of an Advisory Committee composed of representatives of the Ministry of

Education, the Service Departments, the trade union most directly concerned with the matter and the Ministry of Labour. The Committee would coordinate action and advise both the Ministry of Education as the Training Authority and the Ministry of Labour as the Placement Authority. The composition of the Committee was to be agreed to by the Hon. Minister of Education, Culture & Tourism and by the Hon. Minister of Labour, Employment and Welfare.

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Wireless Sound Broadcasting (Memo. No. 824 a)
(Dr. E. Kugge was in attendance)

Further consideration of Memorandum No. 824 a was left to another meeting of the Cabinet.

Emilio Dimech
Prime Minister

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Secretary to Cabinet
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