

Lithog. No. 53/68.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Ambasciata d'Angelo, Valletta, on Thursday, 18th July, 1968, at 10.30 am.

Present: The Hon. Prime Minister

The Hon. Minister of Finance, Customs & Port.

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 Public Building & Works.

The Hon. Minister of Education, Culture & Tourism, who was away from the Islands on official business.

OPT.1/E/148/82 Forty-Hour Working Week (Memo. No. 1059)

Ministers considered the General Workers' Union claim for a 40-hour week for industrial employees in the service of the Government. It was agreed that any disturbance in the time/pay relation of any class of employees at this stage was bound to conflict with the

Government policy of non-interference in the terms and conditions of work of Government employees before the findings of the Salaries (Anomalies) Commission were known.

It was agreed that the Union be informed accordingly and told that their claim would receive urgent consideration at the appropriate moment.

Claim for a 6% wage increase.

It was noted that the Union based their claim on the rise in the gross national ~~income~~ product. Ministers therefore wished to have a note from the Chairman of the Joint Industrial Council where the claim was being discussed, about the official side's attitude with regard to the basis of the claim.

OPM 551/65 III.

Salary Anomalies.

Ministers agreed that in their comments on Staff Associations' submissions to the Salaries (Anomalies) Commission, Government representatives should adhere to the Government policy that the adjustment of anomalies should not involve any change in the minimum or the maximum rate of pay, nor, except with prior Ministerial approval, recommend any changes in the approved wage and salary structure submitted to the Commission.

It was agreed that the said comments be transmitted to the Commission possibly within a month, but in any case not

later than the 31st August, 1968.

OPM. 527/55/W. Salaries of the Academic Staff, Royal University of Malta. (Memo. No. 890 A)

Ministers considered at length the implications of the proposals in Memorandum No. 890 A, and agreed to finalise their conclusions at the next meeting.

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Prime Minister.
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