

Meeting no 24 of 1970

Cabinet meeting held at the Auberge d'Aragon on Tuesday, 31st March, 1970, at 11 am

Present: The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,
Customs and Post

The Minister of Public Building and Works

The Minister of Justice and Parliamentary Affairs

The Minister of Trade, Industry and Agriculture

The Minister of Education, Culture and Tourism

The Minister of Labour, Employment and Welfare

Absent: The Minister of Health (away from the Island)

OPM/E/882/57 Senior professional posts in the Telephone Department

Ministers took note of the view of the Public Service Commission expressed in paragraph 4 of their letter of the 25th March, 1970, in reply to the Administrative Secretary's submissions as at vol 108 in file OPM/E/882/57 and agreed that the appointments referred to in those submissions should now be made.

OPM/E/54/70 The Minimum Wage

Ministers considered Memorandum no. 1522 and agreed that there were no grounds for varying the offer made to the General Workers Union in accordance with the decision taken on the 12th March, 1970. It was also agreed that the Union's claim for a reduction of the working week to 42½ hours be accepted.

8 PM 99/40 Extradition between Commonwealth Countries

Ministers considered Memorandum No. 1488 and agreed in principle to the enactment of the proposed legislation provided it was made to operate on a reciprocal basis with other Commonwealth countries who are expected to make corresponding legislation. It was agreed that the draft Bill prepared by the Crown Advocate General be presented to Parliament, such Bill to include the provision amend the death penalty but to exclude from the list of extradition offences the contravention of import or export prohibitions relating to precious stones, gold and other precious metals.

Leas. 2335/69 Tenders for the construction of breakwaters and other works at Mgarr Harbour, Gozo

Ministers considered minute 54 in Leas. 2335/69 and agreed that the lower tender by SOCOMAR be accepted

Prime Minister

Secretary to Cabinet