

Meeting No. 91 of 1970.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Auberge d' Dragon, Valletta, on Tuesday, 29 December, 1970, at 11 a.m.

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

OPM. 1058/63.

Malta Flight Information Region - En Route Charges.

Ministers considered the question of en route charges as described in Memorandum No. 1374 and agreed that action should be taken as recommended in the last paragraph of the Memorandum, i.e. that in an effort to reach a satisfactory settlement of this question the Director General of I.A.T.A. should be informed that on the assumption that the industry-agreed formula would result in the allocable costs of the en route facilities being recovered, the Government would be prepared to meet airline and I.A.T.A. representatives to discuss the formula, subject to its being made operative either from 1st April, 1967, or with effect from a later date to be agreed, provided the airlines agree to pay

in full the present rate of charges between April 1967 and the later date on which the new formula is brought into effect; and that if agreement is reached on the above basis discussions on the payment of arrears prior to the 1st April 1967 should not fail to result in an equitable settlement.

Ministers discussed the question of chartered flights and decided that a more liberal policy should be followed in this respect particularly in the case of those routes where no scheduled flights from and to Malta exist.

OPM. 435/69. Civil Flying Club.

Ministers considered the facilities existing for student flying training at Luqa airport as described in Memorandum No. 1564 and agreed that:

- (a) the Governor-General be advised to authorise the Director of Civil Aviation to grant Student Pilot Licences as provided for in Article 16 of the Colonial Air Navigation Order, 1961 (L.N. No. 10 of 1963) and under the conditions stipulated in Part A of the Ninth Schedule to the Order; and also issue Private Pilot Licences and validate Instructor's ratings provided the person concerned is the holder of at least a Commercial Pilot's Licence;
- (b) solo flying training be limited for the moment to Saturday afternoons and Sundays;
- (c) the Royal Air Force be so informed

of the policy decision.

The Minister of Finance, Customs and Port then withdrew.

OPM. 1382/64

Methodist Church and Connaught Home, Floriana.

Ministers considered Memorandum No. 1566 by the Minister of Justice and Parliamentary Affairs on the Methodist Church and Connaught Home, Floriana, and agreed that there should be two leases, the first in respect of the Chapel which should be given at a nominal rent of £10 per annum for a period of 20 years and the second lease in respect of the Connaught Home which should be for a period of 8 years at a rent of £250 per annum. It was also decided that the conditions outlined above should continue to apply for so long as the premises are used for the purposes and under the conditions outlined in the Memorandum and that such leases would automatically lapse as soon as the premises cease to be used for such purposes.

Prime Minister

Secretary to Cabinet.