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The Bechuanaland Protectorate (Constitution) (Amendment) Order 1965

Made - - - -	18*th September* 1965
Laid before Parliament	20*th September* 1965
Coming into Operation	21*st September* 1965

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 18th day of September 1965

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers in that behalf by the Foreign Jurisdiction Act 1890(a) or otherwise in Her Majesty vested, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

Citation, construction and commencement.

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Bechuanaland Protectorate (Constitution) (Amendment) Order 1965 and shall be construed as one with the Bechuanaland Protectorate (Constitution) Order 1965(b).

(2) This Order and the Bechuanaland Protectorate (Constitution) Order 1965 may be cited together as the Bechuanaland Protectorate (Constitution) Orders 1965.

(3) This Order shall come into operation on 21st September 1965.

Amendment of the Bechuanaland Protectorate (Constitution) Order 1965.

2. The Constitution set out in the schedule to the Bechuanaland Protectorate (Constitution) Order 1965 is amended as follows:—

(*a*) for section 33 there is substituted the following new section—

"Commissioner to be informed of Cabinet affairs.

33.—(1) The Prime Minister shall—

(*a*) cause to be transmitted to the Commissioner copies of all papers submitted for consideration by the Cabinet at the same time as those papers are transmitted to Ministers;

(*b*) cause the Commissioner to be informed of the summoning of any meeting of the Cabinet and of the matters to be discussed at that meeting at the same time as Ministers are so informed; and

(*c*) cause the Commissioner to be furnished, immediately after each meeting of the Cabinet, with a copy of the minutes of the meeting showing the matters discussed and the conclusions reached by the Cabinet at that meeting.

(a) 53 & 54 Vict. c. 37. (b) S.I. 1965/134 (1965 I, p. 276).

(2) The Prime Minister shall keep the Commissioner fully informed concerning the general conduct of those matters for which he and the other Ministers are responsible and shall furnish the Commissioner with such information as he may request in respect of any particular matter relating to the Government of Bechuanaland.";

(*b*) for sections 35 and 36 there are substituted the following new sections—

"Summoning of Cabinet and quorum.

35.—(1) The Cabinet shall not be summoned except by the authority of the Prime Minister:

Provided that the Commissioner, acting in his discretion, may summon a special meeting of the Cabinet whenever he shall think fit.

(2) No business shall be transacted at any meeting of the Cabinet if there are less than four members of the Cabinet present besides the person presiding.

Presiding in Cabinet.

36. The Prime Minister shall, so far as is practicable, attend and preside at all meetings of the Cabinet and in his absence the Deputy Prime Minister shall preside.".

W. G. Agnew.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Order.*)

This Order amends the Bechuanaland Protectorate (Constitution) Order 1965 by altering certain provisions governing Cabinet proceedings.