

OFFICIAL REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS**Meeting of 22nd May 1963****RESENT:**HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR (*PRESIDENT*)

SIR ROBERT BROWN BLACK, GCMG, OBE

HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT-GENERAL RICHARD WALTER CRADDOCK, CB, CBE,
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COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES

THE HONOURABLE EDMUND BRINSLEY TEESDALE, MC
COLONIAL SECRETARYTHE HONOURABLE MAURICE HEENAN, QC
ATTORNEY GENERALTHE HONOURABLE JOHN CRICHTON McDOUALL
SECRETARY FOR CHINESE AFFAIRSTHE HONOURABLE JOHN JAMES COWPERTHWAITTE, OBE
FINANCIAL SECRETARYDR THE HONOURABLE DAVID JAMES MASTERTON MacKENZIE, CMG, OBE
DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICESTHE HONOURABLE ALEC MICHAEL JOHN WRIGHT
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKSTHE HONOURABLE GEOFFREY MARSH TINGLE
DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES

THE HONOURABLE DHUN JEHANGIR RUTTONJEE, OBE

THE HONOURABLE FUNG PING-FAN, OBE

THE HONOURABLE RICHARD CHARLES LEE, OBE

THE HONOURABLE KWAN CHO-YIU, OBE

THE HONOURABLE WILLIAM CHARLES GODDARD KNOWLES

THE HONOURABLE SIDNEY SAMUEL GORDON

THE HONOURABLE LI FOOK-SHU, OBE

MR GORDON ERIC MATHER (*Deputy Clerk of Councils*)**ABSENT:**

THE HONOURABLE PETER DONGHUE

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

THE HONOURABLE KAN YUET-KEUNG, OBE

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 8th May 1963, were confirmed.

PAPERS

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, by Command of His Excellency the Governor, laid upon the table the following papers: —

<i>Subject</i>	<i>LN No</i>
Immigration (Control and Offences) Ordinance, 1958.	
Immigration (Control and Offences) (Amendment) Regulations, 1963	50
Distress for Rent Ordinance.	
Distress for Rent (Amendment of Fees) Order, 1963	51
Prisons Ordinance, 1954.	
Prison (Amendment) (No 2) Rules, 1963	52
Training Centres Ordinance, 1953.	
Training Centres (Amendment) Regulations, 1963	53
Registration of Persons Ordinance, 1960.	
Registration of Persons (Re-registration) (No 18) Order, 1963	54
Births and Deaths Registration Ordinance.	
Births and Deaths Registration (Amendment of First Schedule) Regulations, 1963	55
Registration of Persons Ordinance, 1960.	
Registration of Persons (Re-registration) (No 19) Order, 1963	56

SCHEDULE OF WRITE-OFFS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1962/63

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY moved the following resolution: —

Resolved that the Write-offs for the financial year 1962/63, as set out in the Schedule, be approved.

He said: Sir, the schedule to the resolution comprises those write-offs approved by Finance Committee during the last Financial Year which require the covering approval of this Council.

I should perhaps refer to one item in the schedule, namely the loss of drugs from the Kowloon Hospital Dispensary. Exhaustive enquiries have failed to reveal how these drugs came to be missing or what happened to them. Certain shortcomings in store-keeping procedures were, however, disclosed, and action has been taken to rectify them.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

PRISONS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1963

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL moved the First reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend the Prisons Ordinance, 1954".

He said: Sir, the purpose of this Bill is to repeal section 26 of the Prisons Ordinance, 1954 (No 17 of 1954), which deals with the proportionate reduction of a term of imprisonment imposed in respect of the non-payment of a sum of money, other than a sum of money ordered to be paid by way of compensation or amends. This section, Sir, is unnecessary since section 115 of the Criminal Procedure Ordinance, and section 36 of the Magistrates Ordinance deal in somewhat modified forms with the same matter. As the subject is properly one of criminal procedure and not one of control of prisons it is considered expedient that the provision should be removed from the Prisons Ordinance.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

The Bill was read a First time.

Objects and Reasons

The "Objects and Reasons" for the Bill were stated as follows: —

The purpose of this Bill is to repeal section 26 of the Prisons Ordinance, 1954, which deals with reduction of imprisonment on paying portion of fine, since this has been dealt with, in slightly modified form, by section 115 of the Criminal Procedure Ordinance, Chapter 221, as amended by the Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Ordinance, 1960 (No 12 of 1960), and by section 36 of the Magistrates Ordinance, Chapter 227.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS PENSION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1963

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend the Widows and Orphans Pension Ordinance, Chapter 94".

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

The Bill was read a Second time.

Council then went into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

Clauses 1 to 7 were agreed to.

Council then resumed.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY reported that the Widows and Orphans Pension (Amendment) Bill, 1963, had passed through Committee without amendment and moved the Third reading.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

The Bill was read a Third time and passed into law.

ANIMALS (CONTROL OF EXPERIMENTS) BILL, 1963

DR D. J. M. MACKENZIE moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to provide for the control of experiments on living vertebrate animals".

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

The Bill was read a Second time.

Council then went into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

Clauses 1 to 17 were agreed to.

Council then resumed.

DR D. J. M. MACKENZIE reported that the Animals (Control of Experiments) Bill, 1963, had passed through Committee without amendment and moved the Third reading.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

The Bill was read a Third time and passed into law.

ADJOURNMENT

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR: —That concludes the business for today, gentlemen. When is it your pleasure that we should meet again?

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL: —Sir, may I suggest this day two weeks.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR: —Council stands adjourned until this day two weeks.