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**Public Works Subcommittee of the Finance Committee  
of the Legislative Council**

**Minutes of the 1st meeting  
held in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building  
on Wednesday, 18 October 2000, at 2:15 pm**

**Members present :**

Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou, JP  
Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, JP  
Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung, JP  
Prof Hon NG Ching-fai  
Hon CHAN Yuen-han  
Hon SIN Chung-kai  
Hon WONG Yung-kan  
Hon LAU Kong-wah  
Hon Mrs Miriam LAU Kin-ye, JP  
Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP  
Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong, JP  
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, JP  
Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung  
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip  
Hon IP Kwok-him, JP  
Hon LAU Ping-cheung

**Non-Subcommittee Member attending:**

Dr Hon David LI Kwok-po, JP  
Dr Hon LO Wing-lok



Kong-wah and seconded by Mr SIN Chung-kai. Mr CHAN accepted the nomination.

5. There being no other nomination, Mr Albert CHAN Wai-yip was declared elected Deputy Chairman of the PWSC for the 2000-01 session.

**Any other business**

6. The Chairman advised that the next meeting of the PWSC would be held on Wednesday, 25 October 2000, at 10:45 am.

7. The Chairman suggested that to avoid prolonged discussion and hence, possible delay in the consideration of public works funding proposals, he would exercise due control over the duration of discussion at future meetings of the PWSC. For example, he might limit the number of further questions to be raised on an item after the item had been discussed at length and would disallow questions that were not directly related to the item under consideration. In this regard, the Assistant Secretary General 1 supplemented that the usual practice of committees and subcommittees was for the Chairman to set a limit, if necessary, on further questions on an item after each member who wished to ask questions had been given the opportunity to raise at least one question on the item.

8. Mrs Miriam LAU concurred that the Chairman should exercise his discretion to adopt a stricter control over the relevancy of questions. Miss CHAN Yuen-han said that as members might have diverse concerns over a public works proposal, the Chairman should be cautious when exercising his judgement on the scope and relevancy of members' questions. The Chairman assured members that they would be given reasonable opportunities to raise questions and express views on any item under consideration. In case there was insufficient time to deal with all the items scheduled for a PWSC meeting but there was an urgency for one or more of the outstanding items, he might consider arranging special meetings of the PWSC to deal with the urgent outstanding item(s).

9. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 2:22 pm.