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LegCo Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

Minutes of Meeting
held on Friday, 5 January 2001 at 9:30 am
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building

- Members Present** : Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP (Chairman)
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Hon David CHU Yu-lin
Hon Albert HO Chun-yan
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon CHAN Yuen-han
Hon SIN Chung-kai
Hon WONG Yung-kan
Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, JP
Dr Hon YEUNG Sum
Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung
Hon LAU Kong-wah
Hon SZETO Wah
Hon LAW Chi-kwong, JP
Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP
Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung
Dr Hon LO Wing-lok
Hon WONG Sing-chi
Hon IP Kwok-him, JP
- Member Absent** : Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, JP
- Clerk in Attendance** : Mrs Constance LI
Chief Assistant Secretary (2)5
- Staff in** : Mrs Justina LAM

Attendance Assistant Secretary General 2

Miss Betty MA
Senior Assistant Secretary (2)1

Ms Joanne MAK
Senior Assistant Secretary (2)2

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I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2000 - 2001 session

Election of Chairman

Mr David CHU, Member of the highest precedence among those who had joined the Panel, presided over the election of Chairman of the Panel. Mr CHU called for nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel, in accordance with the election procedures set out in rule 20 and Appendix IV of the House Rules.

2. Mr IP Kwok-him was nominated by Mr LAU Kong-wah and the nomination was seconded by Mr YEUNG Yiu-chung and Mr TAM Yiu-chung. Mr IP Kwok-him accepted the nomination.

3. Mr Fred LI was nominated by Dr YEUNG Sum and the nomination was seconded by Mr Albert HO and Mr Michael MAK. Mr Fred LI accepted the nomination.

4. As there were two nominations, Mr David CHU ordered a vote to be taken by secret ballot. The result was Mr IP Kwok-him received eight votes, Mr Fred LI received ten votes and one member abstained from voting. Mr David CHU declared Mr Fred LI elected as Chairman of the Panel. Mr Fred LI then took the chair.

Election of Deputy Chairman

5. The Chairman called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship of the Panel.

6. Mr Tommy CHEUNG was nominated by Dr YEUNG Sum and the nomination was seconded by Mr Albert HO Chun-yan. Mr Tommy CHEUNG accepted the nomination. There being no other nomination, the Chairman declared Mr Tommy CHEUNG elected as Deputy Chairman of the Panel.

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II. Schedule of meetings for the 2000-2001 session

7. Members agreed to hold regular meetings on the fourth Monday of each month at 8:30 am. With the agreement of the Chairman, the Clerk would issue the schedule of meetings for the 2000-2001 session.

(*Post-meeting note* : The meeting schedule was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2) 633/00-01.)

III. Discussion items for the next meeting

(The " List of issues to be considered")

Letter from Director of Administration dated 6 November 2000 on the terms of reference of this Panel

(LC Paper No. CB(2) 193/00-01(02))

8. The Chairman drew members' attention to the terms of reference of this Panel and the letter from Director of Administration dated 6 November 2000. The Chairman reminded members that the Panel would also monitor issues relating to agriculture and fisheries which included agriculture and fisheries policy, veterinary health, provision of wholesale food markets, animal welfare, and policy on legislation on pesticides.

Special meeting on 8 January 2001

9. Members agreed that a special meeting be held on Monday, 8 January 2001 at 4:30 pm to discuss the following urgent items proposed by the Secretary for Food and Environment in her letter of 4 January 2001 -

- (a) Proposal to strengthen the control on unlicensed and unhygienic food establishments;
- (b) Proposed fixed penalty for minor cleansing offences; and
- (c) Proposed arrangement for stallholders in Central Market.

10. Regarding paragraph 9(c) above, Mr James TO expressed doubts as to whether the Panel should discuss individual cases if they did not involve policy issues. Dr YEUNG Sum said that the proposed arrangement for Central Market was in fact a new policy on closure of public markets and should be discussed by the Panel. Mr IP Kwok-him agreed with Dr YEUNG and pointed out that the Administration's proposal of compensating the stallholders in Central Market by granting them an ex-gratia payment instead of building a new market to reprovision the affected stalls was a new policy. The Chairman also advised that the

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Administration had requested to brief the Panel on the matter. He suggested that the subject should be discussed in a wider policy context of closure of public markets and compensation to stallholders. Members agreed.

Regular meeting scheduled for 22 January 2001

11. Members agreed to discuss the Administration's consultation paper on inspection and categorisation of food establishments at the regular meeting on 22 January 2001. The Chairman advised that members could forward suggestions on other discussion items to the Clerk.

Clerk

12. Mr James TO suggested to obtain a progress report from the Administration on the reprovisioning of Yau Ma Tei Fruit Market. Members agreed.

13. The meeting ended at 9:50 am.

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