

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

## MINUTES

No. 24

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Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 8 May 2002 at 2:30 pm

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### Members present:

President

The Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai, GBS, JP

The Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou, JP

The Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, GBS, JP

The Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan

The Hon Albert HO Chun-yan

Ir Dr the Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, JP

The Hon LEE Cheuk-yan

The Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming, SC, JP

The Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung, JP

Dr the Hon David LI Kwok-po, GBS, JP

The Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP

Dr the Hon LUI Ming-wah, JP

The Hon NG Leung-sing, JP

The Hon Margaret NG

The Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee, JP

The Hon James TO Kun-sun

The Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong

The Hon HUI Cheung-ching, JP  
The Hon CHAN Kwok-keung  
The Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP  
The Hon Bernard CHAN  
The Hon CHAN Kam-lam  
The Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, SBS, JP  
The Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung  
The Hon SIN Chung-kai  
The Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat, JP  
Dr the Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong  
The Hon WONG Yung-kan  
The Hon Howard YOUNG, JP  
Dr the Hon YEUNG Sum  
The Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung, BBS  
The Hon LAU Chin-shek, JP  
The Hon LAU Kong-wah  
The Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBS, JP  
The Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee, JP  
The Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen, GBS, JP  
The Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP  
The Hon CHOY So-yuk  
The Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo  
The Hon SZETO Wah  
The Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, SBS, JP  
The Hon LAW Chi-kwong, JP  
The Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP  
Dr the Hon TANG Siu-tong, JP

The Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, JP

The Hon LI Fung-ying, JP

The Hon Henry WU King-cheong, BBS

The Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP

The Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung

The Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip

The Hon LEUNG Fu-wah, MH, JP

Dr the Hon LO Wing-lok

The Hon WONG Sing-chi

The Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee

The Hon IP Kwok-him, JP

The Hon LAU Ping-cheung

The Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP

The Hon MA Fung-kwok

**Members absent:**

Dr the Hon David CHU Yu-lin, JP

The Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, JP

**Public officers attending:**

The Honourable Donald TSANG Yam-kuen, JP  
The Chief Secretary for Administration

The Honourable Antony LEUNG Kam-chung, GBS, JP  
The Financial Secretary

The Honourable Elsie LEUNG Oi-sie, JP  
The Secretary for Justice

Miss Denise YUE Chung-yee, GBS, JP  
Secretary for the Treasury

Mr LAM Woon-kwong, GBS, JP  
Secretary for Home Affairs

Ms Elaine CHUNG Lai-kwok, JP  
Secretary for Housing

Mr Paul TANG Kwok-wai, JP  
Secretary for Transport

Ms Miranda CHIU Shung-kwok, JP  
Secretary for Economic Services

**Clerks in attendance:**

Mr Ricky FUNG Choi-cheung, JP, Secretary General

Mr LAW Kam-sang, JP, Deputy Secretary General

Mr Ray CHAN Yum-mou, Assistant Secretary General (3)

### Tabling of Papers

The following papers were laid on the table pursuant to Rule 21(2) of the Rules of Procedure:

<u>Subsidiary Legislation / Instruments</u>	<u>L.N. No.</u>
1. Civil Aviation (Aircraft Noise) Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule) Notice 2002 (gazetted on 3.5.2002)	60/2002
2. Statutes of the University of Hong Kong (Amendment) Statute 2002 (gazetted on 3.5.2002)	61/2002
3. Tax Reserve Certificates (Rate of Interest) (No. 5) Notice 2002 (gazetted on 3.5.2002)	62/2002

### Other Papers

- No.80 - Report of changes to the approved Estimates of Expenditure approved during the third quarter of 2001-02 (Public Finance Ordinance : Section 8) (published on 29.4.2002)
- No.81 - Audited Statement of Accounts of the Language Fund, together with the Director of Audit's Report, for the year ended 31 August 2000 (published on 3.5.2002)
- No.82 - Audited Statement of Accounts of the Language Fund, together with the Director of Audit's Report, for the year ended 31 August 2001 (published on 3.5.2002)

### Questions

1. Hon Tommy CHEUNG asked Question 1.

The Secretary for Housing replied.

Eight Members asked supplementaries and the Secretary for Housing replied.

2. Hon Miriam LAU asked Question 2.

The Secretary for Transport replied.

Eight Members asked supplementaries and the Secretary for Transport replied.

3. Hon Fred LI asked Question 3.

The Secretary for Economic Services replied.

Seven Members asked supplementaries and the Secretary for Economic Services replied.

4. Hon LEE Cheuk-yan asked Question 4.

The Secretary for the Treasury replied.

Five Members asked supplementaries and the Secretary for the Treasury replied.

5. Hon Ambrose LAU asked Question 5.

The Secretary for Home Affairs replied.

Nine Members asked supplementaries and the Secretary for Home Affairs replied.

6. Hon LAU Ping-cheung asked Question 6.

The Secretary for Housing replied.

Seven Members asked supplementaries and the Secretary for Housing replied.

Written replies to Questions 7 to 20 were tabled for Members' information.

### **Members' Motions**

#### **Developing eco-tourism**

Hon WONG Yung-kan moved the following motion and addressed the Council:

That, as this is the United Nations International Year of Eco-tourism, this Council urges the Government to allocate additional resources to expedite the development of eco-tourism, thereby creating more job opportunities and fostering the development of the local community economy, and to enhance publicity and education of the public and raise Hong Kong people's awareness of the local ecological environment and the need for ecological protection so that, in the course of appreciating the natural ecology and the cultural heritage of

mankind, the public will enrich its knowledge of nature and enhance its understanding of environmental conservation.

Question on the motion proposed.

Hon Mrs Selina CHOW declared her interest as the Chairman of Hong Kong Tourism Board and spoke on the motion.

Another 15 Members and the Secretary for Economic Services spoke on the motion.

Hon WONG Yung-kan replied.

Question on the motion put and agreed to.

### **Civil Justice Reform**

Hon Margaret NG moved the following motion and addressed the Council:

That this Council takes note of the Civil Justice Reform Interim Report.

While Hon Margaret NG was addressing the Council, the President left the chair at 6:32 pm temporarily and the President's Deputy, Hon Fred LI, took the chair.

Question on the motion proposed.

Nine Members and the Secretary for Justice spoke on the motion.

At 7:39 pm, while the Secretary for Justice was speaking, the President resumed the chair.

Hon Margaret NG replied.

Question on the motion put and agreed to.

### **Next Meeting**

The President declared that the next meeting of the Council would be held on 15 May 2002 at 2:30 pm.

The Council was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

(Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai)

President

Council Chamber  
Hong Kong