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Finance Committee of the Legislative Council

**Minutes of the 2nd meeting
held at the Legislative Council Chamber
on Friday, 9 November 2001, at 2:30 pm**

Members present:

Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong (Chairman)
Hon NG Leung-sing, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou, JP
Dr Hon David CHU Yu-lin, JP
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan
Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, JP
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung, JP
Dr Hon David LI Kwok-po, GBS, JP
Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP
Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah, JP
Hon Margaret NG
Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye, JP
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong
Hon HUI Cheung-ching, JP
Hon CHAN Kwok-keung
Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP
Hon CHAN Kam-lam
Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, SBS, JP
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
Hon SIN Chung-kai
Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat, JP
Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, JP
Hon Howard YOUNG, JP
Dr Hon YEUNG Sum
Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung, BBS

Hon LAU Chin-shek, JP
Hon LAU Kong-wah
Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBS, JP
Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee, JP
Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen, GBS, JP
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
Hon CHOY So-yuk
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
Hon SZETO Wah
Hon LAW Chi-kwong, JP
Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong, JP
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, JP
Hon Henry WU King-cheong, BBS
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP
Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
Hon LEUNG Fu-wah, MH, JP
Hon WONG Sing-chi
Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee
Hon IP Kwok-him, JP
Hon LAU Ping-cheung
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP
Hon MA Fung-kwok

Members absent:

Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, GBS, JP
Hon Albert HO Chun-yan
Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming, SC, JP
Hon Bernard CHAN
Hon WONG Yung-kan
Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, SBS, JP
Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP
Hon LI Fung-ying, JP
Dr Hon LO Wing-lok

Public officers attending:

Miss Denise YUE, JP
Mr Stanley YING, JP
Mr K K LAM

Secretary for the Treasury
Deputy Secretary for the Treasury
Principal Executive Officer (General),
Finance Bureau

Mrs Jessie TING, JP Mr Angus MIU	Deputy Secretary for the Civil Service Acting Secretary General, Standing Commission on Civil Service Salaries and Conditions of Service
Mr LEE Lap-sun, JP	Secretary General, Standing Committee on Disciplined Services Salaries and Conditions of Service
Mr KWAN Wing-wah, JP Mr Herman CHO Chun-wah	Deputy Secretary for Home Affairs Principal Assistant Secretary for Home Affairs
Mr S H PAU, JP Mr Raymond YOUNG, JP	Director of Architectural Services Acting Secretary for Commerce and Industry
Mr Joseph LAI, JP	Acting Director-General of Trade and Industry
Mr Eugene FUNG	Assistant Director-General of Trade and Industry

Clerk in attendance:

Ms Pauline NG	Assistant Secretary General 1
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Staff in attendance:

Miss Polly YEUNG	Chief Assistant Secretary (1)3
Ms Mabel CHAN	Senior Assistant Secretary (1)4
Mrs Eleanor CHOW	Senior Assistant Secretary (1)SC2

Item No. 1 - FCR(2001-02)35

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT
SUBCOMMITTEE MADE ON 24 OCTOBER 2001**

At members' request to consider and vote on EC(2001-02)20 separately, the Chairman put FCR(2001-02)35, except EC(2001-02)20, to the vote. The Committee approved the proposal.

EC(2001-02)20 Proposed changes in establishment under Heads 174 and 175 for the establishment of the Joint Secretariat for the Advisory Bodies on Civil Service and Judicial Salaries and Conditions of Service; and increase in establishment ceiling of Head 174 in 2001-02 from \$8,258,000 by \$1,548,340 to \$9,806,340 with effect from 1 December 2001

2. Miss Margaret NG recapped her concerns raised at the meeting of the Establishment Subcommittee on 24 October 2001 about how the independence of the work of the Standing Committee on Judicial Salaries and Conditions of Service could be preserved in actual practice if the same Joint Secretariat was required to provide services to the four advisory bodies on civil service and judicial salaries and conditions of service. She informed members that after the aforesaid meeting, the Secretary for the Civil Service had provided her with further details of the actual operation of the proposed Joint Secretariat and reassured her that the independence of the four advisory bodies could be preserved. Nevertheless, she still sought the Administration's elaboration on the improvements brought about by the proposed Joint secretariat as compared against the existing arrangement.

3. In reply, the Deputy Secretary for the Civil Service advised that under the existing arrangement, the Standing Committee on Judicial Salaries and Conditions of Service (Judicial Committee) was serviced by one of the Principal Assistant Secretaries for Civil Service on a part-time basis. The Secretariat support to the Judicial Committee would be enhanced following the establishment of the proposed Joint Secretariat, which would be headed by a dedicated senior directorate officer. The merger would also enable better coordination among the four advisory bodies in the handling of issues relating to pay and conditions of service, enhance flexibility in resource redeployment to cope with large-scale ad hoc assignments specific to individual advisory bodies. As regards the independence of the advisory bodies concerned, she stressed that the independence of the four advisory bodies, including the Standing Committee on Judicial Salaries and Conditions of Service, would not be affected by the restructuring proposal as each advisory body would continue to deal with and decide on matters relating to pay and conditions of service within their respective purview.

4. Regarding how the actual operation of the Joint Secretariat could be improved to enhance independence of the various advisory bodies, Miss Margaret NG said that she would pursue the matter through other channels.

5. The Committee approved the item.

Item No. 2 - FCR(2001-02)36

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS SUBCOMMITTEE
MADE ON 17 OCTOBER 2001**

6. At members' request to consider and vote on PWSC(2001-02)61 separately, the Chairman put FCR(2001-02)36, except PWSC(2001-02)61, to the vote. The Committee approved the proposal.

PWSC(2001-02)61 173SC Centre for Youth Development

7. Mr Albert CHAN said that Members of the Democratic Party (DP) had expressed grave concerns about the proposed Centre for Youth Development (CYD) at the earlier Public Works Subcommittee meeting and had indicated that they would not support the proposal. He stressed that Members of the DP were not opposed to providing a centre for youth development for the benefit of young people but had strong reservation on the high cost of the project, the proposed location of the CYD, the absence of any tendering procedure, and the future management of the CYD.

8. In reply to Mr Albert CHAN's concern about the high estimated construction unit cost for the CYD, the Director of Architectural Services (D Arch S) advised that the estimated construction unit cost of the superstructure, represented by building and building services costs, of the CYD was \$12,328 per square metre. Given that the CYD would provide facilities such as a youth convention centre, an information technology centre, a performing and visual arts centre, a youth hostel, offices/multi-function rooms, a cafeteria and shops, D Arch S confirmed that the estimated construction unit cost was reasonable and was comparable to that for other similar projects built by the Government.

9. As the proposed CYD was the very first centralized youth facility for the whole territory, Mr Albert CHAN was of the view that the location of the CYD at Chai Wan was far from desirable. Given that Chai Wan was an old district and was far from the New Territories and new towns where there was a large youth population, the proposed location was inconvenient and costly in terms of travelling expenses. He opined that the CYD should more appropriately be located in Kowloon, such as at West Kowloon Reclamation so that it would be more accessible.

10. In response, the Deputy Secretary for Home Affairs (DS(HA)) advised that the CYD was located in a prominent corner in the centre of Chai Wan and was connected by a footbridge to the Chai Wan MTR station. Given its proximity to the MTR station, the subject site was easily accessible for young people from other districts and access to the CYD by public transportation would not therefore be a problem. The continued expansion of the railway

network in Hong Kong would further enhance the accessibility of the CYD. DS(HA) pointed out that upon completion of the CYD by end 2005, the West Rail, Ma On Shan to Tai Wai Rail Link and the MTR Tseung Kwan O Extension would have commenced operation, thus rendering the CYD more easily accessible.

11. In reply to the Chairman's enquiry on whether similar facilities would be provided in other districts in future, the DS(HA) advised that if there were proven demands in the future, the Government would certainly consider the feasibility of building another youth development centre in other areas.

12. Mr Albert CHAN pointed out that according to the normal practice, the Administration should conduct tendering exercises for new youth services to ensure open and fair competition among eligible service providers and to ensure cost-effectiveness. He questioned why the proposed arrangements for the CYD had deviated from this practice. In response, the DS(HA) clarified that the present proposal was not concerned with the provision of social services but was a capital works project. As such, the project would be implemented in accordance with the normal procedures required under the public works programme. Tenders would be invited for the detailed design and construction works of the project in accordance with the existing requirements. Mr Albert CHAN maintained his query about not putting up the present project for tender.

13. Mr Albert CHAN questioned why for a large-scale project at an estimated cost of \$550.9 million, the Administration had only provided meager information on the future management of the CYD for members' consideration. He and Mr LAW Chi-kwong considered that the Administration should have provided members with a detailed business plan of the CYD.

14. In response, the DS(HA) advised that after consultation with youth groups and other concerned bodies, the Administration planned to set up a limited company, with its board of directors appointed by the Government, to assume responsibility for the management and operation of the CYD. The board of directors would comprise government officials, representatives from concerned groups, and people who had a stake or interest in youth development. In this way, the Administration believed that the centre would be managed and operated to cater for the needs of young people. He advised that the Home Affairs Panel had been briefed on the above arrangement. Noting members' concerns about the future management of the CYD, DS(HA) confirmed that the Administration would arrange to brief the Home Affairs Panel in due course.

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15. As the CYD would be run on a self-financing basis, Mr Albert CHAN queried how the Administration would ensure that the services provided by the CYD would be charged at levels affordable by young people. He also sought

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assurance as to how the CYD would be able to operate successfully on a self-financing basis. Mr LAW Chi-kwong was also concerned that if the present proposal was approved, it would have committed the Finance Committee to also approve future funding for the CYD. Mr SIN Chung-kai sought clarification on the source of funds for the CYD during its initial operation period and enquired when the CYD would be able to break even.

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16. In response, the DS(HA) advised that the Administration planned to set up a contingency fund to safeguard against the unstable level of income for the CYD during the initial operation period. The Administration was still examining whether the fund should be in the form of a loan or a subsidy, and would revert to Members when a view was taken in this regard. He also pointed out that according to a preliminary financial viability study commissioned by the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB), the CYD should be able to remain financially viable throughout the initial 10-year period after its commencement of operation. Since the capital costs of the CYD would be borne by the Government and recurrent expenditure would unlikely be great, the Administration was of the view that the CYD would be able to provide services at affordable fees and could accumulate some savings for future maintenance after 10 years of operation.

17. In view of the concerns raised above, Mr Albert CHAN urged members to seriously re-consider whether the present proposal should be supported or not.

18. Mr Eric LI declared an interest that he was the former Chairman of the Commission on Youth (CoY) and a member of the relevant Steering Committee. In view of his role in the Steering Committee, he said that he would abstain from voting on this item.

19. For members' information, Mr Eric LI said that the CoY was tasked by the Chief Executive to carry out a study on how young people could take up a more active role in building up the community and in voluntary services. In the light of the study, the Administration had accepted the thrust of the CoY's recommendations and proposed to construct a centre in Chai Wan to provide facilities to promote youth development. Regarding the location of the CYD, concern groups, including some self-organized non-subvented youth groups, agreed that Chai Wan might not be the best choice. However, given the current shortage of suitable sites and in order that the construction of the centre would not be delayed, they had accepted the proposed site of the CYD at Chai Wan.

20. On concerns about the financial viability of the CYD, Mr Eric LI referred to the operational experience of the Arts Centre and considered that since the capital costs of the CYD would be borne by Government, the future recurrent cost of the CYD would be relatively low and it should be able to

remain financially viable and provide services at reasonable charges. Mr LI appealed to members for their support of the present proposal so that construction work could commence early.

21. Mr Abraham SHEK expressed support for the proposal. He agreed that the construction unit cost for the project was not on the high side in view of the range of facilities available.

22. The Chairman put the item to vote. 29 members voted for the item, 13 members voted against and 2 abstained -

For:

Mr Kenneth TING Woo-shou	Dr David CHU Yu-lin
Dr Raymond HO Chung-tai	Dr LUI Ming-wah
Mr NG Leung-sing	Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee
Mr HUI Cheung-ching	Mr CHAN Kwok-keung
Miss CHAN Yuen-han	Mr CHAN Kam-lam
Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun	Mr Andrew WONG Wang-fat
Mr Jasper TSANG Yok-sing	Mr Howard YOUNG
Mr YEUNG Yiu-chung	Mr LAU Kong-wah
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Mr Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen	Miss CHOY So-yuk
Dr TANG Siu-tong	Mr Abraham SHEK Lai-him
Mr Henry WU King-cheong	Mr Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan
Mr LEUNG Fu-wah	Mr Frederick FUNG Kin-kee
Mr IP Kwok-him	Mr LAU Ping-cheung
Mr MA Fung kwok	
(29 members)	

Against:

Mr LEE Cheuk-yan	Dr David LI Kwok-po
Mr Fred LI Wah-ming	Miss Margaret NG
Mr James TO Kun-sun	Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong
Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung	Mr SIN Chung-kai
Dr YEUNG Sum	Mr SZETO Wah
Mr LAW Chi-kwong	Mr Michael MAK Kwok-fung
Mr Albert CHAN Wai-yip	
(13 members)	

Abstention:

Mr Eric LI Ka-cheung
Ms Audrey EU Yuet-mee
(2 members)

23. The Committee approved the item.

Item No. 3 - FCR(2001-02)37

HEAD 174 - STANDING COMMISSION ON CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICEHEAD

HEAD 175 - STANDING COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINED SERVICES SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

24. Members noted that the Administration had briefed the Panel on Public Service on the present proposal on 21 May 2001 and that an information paper had been issued to the Panel before its meeting on 11 October 2001.

25. The Committee approved the proposal.

Item No. 4 - FCR(2001-02)38

HEAD 181 - TRADE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT

♦ Subhead 700 - General other non-recurrent

New Item "SME Business Installations and Equipment Loan Guarantee Scheme"

New Item "SME Training Fund"

New Item "SME Export Marketing Fund"

New Item "SME Development Fund"

26. Members noted that the present proposal had been discussed at the Panel on Commerce and Industry on 22 October 2001.

27. Mr LEE Cheuk-yan agreed that assistance should be provided to small and medium enterprises (SMEs), but referred to the SME Business and Installations and Equipment Loan Guarantee Scheme (BIG) under which the installations and equipment acquired by loans obtained under the BIG might be located outside Hong Kong. Mr LEE pointed out that under the existing definition of "SME", an enterprise employing a small number of employees in Hong Kong but employing a large workforce in the Mainland was within the meaning of SME and could therefore benefit from loans under the BIG to purchase the necessary equipment for use in the Mainland. To prevent abuse, Mr LEE opined that the equipment to be purchased with the assistance from the BIG should be required to be located in Hong Kong.

28. In response, the Acting Secretary for Commerce and Industry (SCI) and the Acting Director-General of Trade and Industry (DG of TI) advised that the ultimate decision in granting loans rested with the participating lending institutions (PLIs) which would exercise their professional judgement in assessing the credit worthiness of the applicants. Normally, a well-established

and sizable enterprise which had business both in Hong Kong and in China should be able to obtain loans from banks without great difficulties and would unlikely apply for assistance under the BIG. The Government's guarantee under the BIG would benefit relatively smaller or less well-established enterprises in strengthening their credit worthiness.

29. Regarding the location of the equipment, SCI and DG of TI referred to the business opportunities in the Mainland following China's accession to the World Trade Organization and highlighted the need to allow local SMEs certain flexibility under the BIG in setting up their installations and equipment in the Mainland. They urged members to consider the benefits of the BIG on a macro level in that where an enterprise could improve its business in the Mainland, its local business and Hong Kong's economy could also benefit as a result.

30. Miss Cyd HO opined that the proposed funding schemes should not merely aim at boosting economic growth, but also at improving the employment opportunities of the local workforce. She queried that the proposed arrangements might in fact reduce the job opportunities that would otherwise be created in Hong Kong. In this connection, members noted that "places outside Hong Kong" were not confined to Mainland China.

31. Referring to the existing definition of "SME" adopted by the Government, Miss Margaret NG queried why it had expressly excluded the number of employees employed by a local enterprise outside Hong Kong. In response, SCI pointed out that the existing definition had been agreed with the Small and Medium Enterprises Committee (SMEC) and had all along been used for purposes such as conducting census. Under Hong Kong's present circumstances, if local enterprises employing a few employees locally but with a large workforce outside Hong Kong were to be excluded from the scope of "SMEs", then, a substantial number of corporations would fall outside the scope of SMEs, hence affecting the current statistics relating to SMEs.

32. Miss Margaret NG considered that the proposed arrangements would in effect encourage enterprises to relocate their business out of Hong Kong. As such, Miss NG said that she would have hesitation in supporting the present proposal although previously, she was inclined to support it.

33. Mr Andrew WONG commented that concerns about the definition of "SME" might be addressed by a requirement that if a SME would like to locate its equipment purchased through the BIG outside Hong Kong, its workforce in the overseas place should also be fewer than 100 or 50, depending on the nature of the SME, as in the case of Hong Kong.

34. In this regard, the Assistant Director-General of Trade and Industry pointed out that it was not easy to devise a definition for "SMEs" acceptable to

all parties. While Hong Kong used the number of employees as a yardstick, other criteria such as business turnover and assets were used in other jurisdictions. He reiterated that the BIG aimed at helping SMEs improve their business operation, either locally or outside Hong Kong.

35. Mr LEE Cheuk-yan was unconvinced that there were adequate safeguards against abuse and reiterated his view that resources should be provided to local SMEs genuinely in need of assistance. He considered the existing definition of "SME" problematic and should be suitably revised to take into account the global employment size of an enterprise rather than the number of employees in Hong Kong only.

36. In reply, DG of TI confirmed that the current definition had been considered and accepted by the SMEC. In preparing its report on SME support measures, the SMEC had consulted the business sector including SMEs and they agreed that the proposed arrangements for the BIG could meet their needs.

37. Mr Andrew WONG concurred with Mr LEE Cheuk-yan's concerns. Both he and Mr LEE were of the view that unless the Administration would suitably revise the eligibility of SMEs for the BIG, they would request that the present proposal be split and a separate vote be taken on the proposed commitment of \$6.6 billion for the BIG.

38. Mr HUI Cheung-ching declared his interest as a member of SMEC. He reported that the SMEC had held a number of meetings and consulted SMEs extensively in coming up with the proposed four funding schemes. Mr HUI urged members to support the present proposal in order that SMEs could benefit from its early implementation.

39. On the concerns expressed by members, Mr HUI said that there was practical difficulty in ascertaining the number of employees employed by an enterprise in the Mainland. On the rationale for allowing the equipment purchased to be located outside Hong Kong, such as in the Mainland, Mr HUI informed members that in Hong Kong, ownership of the equipment purchased on credit rested with the lending institution. However, if the equipment was located in the Mainland, it was sometimes regarded as a form of investment and the lending institution would not necessarily have ownership of the equipment. Hence, many local lending institutions were reluctant to grant loans to SMEs for acquiring equipment for use in the Mainland and the proposed BIG could help meet SMEs' needs in this regard.

40. Mr Kenneth TING expressed support for the present proposal and urged for its early implementation. He was concerned about the interest to be charged by the PLIs under the BIG and asked whether concessionary interest rates would be available for SMEs.

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41. In response, SCI confirmed that the Government would not intervene in the PLIs' commercial decision on the interest on the loans. Nevertheless, it would ask the institutions to take into account the Government's guarantee when deciding on the interest rates to be charged. Moreover, competition and the transparency of the lending markets should enable SMEs to obtain loans at reasonable interest rates.

42. Mr CHAN Kam-lam supported the present proposal. Noting that application for the SME Development Fund would normally be invited twice a year, he asked whether the number of times could be increased twofold.

43. In response, DG of TI advised that unlike the other three schemes which would provide direct assistance to individual SMEs, the SME Development Fund aimed at subsidizing projects which would enhance the competitiveness of SMEs in general or in specific sectors. A Vetting Committee would be set up to assess project proposals. To allow adequate time for careful assessment, it was therefore proposed that, initially, applications would be called for twice a year. DG of TI nevertheless assured members that this arrangement would be examined in the context of the comprehensive review of the four funding schemes 12 months after implementation.

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44. Noting that eligible support organizations and research institutes could apply for funding under the SME Development Fund, Mrs Selina CHOW enquired about measures to safeguard against double subsidy being provided to these bodies, most of which were already publicly funded. She also urged the Administration to simplify its application procedures in order that SMEs could apply for funding on their own without having to partner with certain statutory or public bodies.

45. In response, SCI advised that in approving funding, the Vetting Committee would screen every project proposal. The Government was well aware of the scope of responsibilities of publicly funded bodies and their resources earmarked for different areas of work. Hence, the question of duplication of resources would not arise. DG of TI concurred with the need to simplify application procedures and assured members that the Administration had accepted the SMEC's recommendation that simple application procedures should be devised for the four funding schemes.

46. As to why each applicant would be allowed to submit a maximum of four applications in each tranche, DG of TI said that this had taken into account the staffing support normally available in an eligible support organisation, and the undesirable scenario of having a few organisations taking up most of the funds.

47. In response to Mr SIN Chung-kai's enquiry about the monitoring mechanism, DG of TI advised that monitoring of the four funding schemes

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would be administered and monitored by Trade and Industry Department. Apart from existing staff, the Department would create four time-limited non-directorate civil service posts and employ a number of non-civil service contract staff. The SMEC would also assist in monitoring the schemes. DG of TI confirmed that the Administration would submit a progress report to the Panel on Commerce and Industry four months after the four funding schemes had come into operation. SCI added that as projects under the SME Development Fund usually required considerable funding and took time to complete, close monitoring of their progress would be needed.

48. While supporting the present proposal in principle, Mrs Selina CHOW enquired on measures to motivate the interest of SMEs in the Training Fund which would be granted on a dollar-to-dollar matching basis.

49. In response, DG of TI stressed that manpower training was primarily a responsibility of employers as they were the ultimate beneficiaries. The Training Fund was intended to be an incentive measure to encourage enterprises to provide more and better training for owners and staff. Hence, a dollar-to-dollar matching approach was adopted. If the present proposal was approved, the Administration would step up its publicity effort and organize more workshops. DG of TI added said that in anticipation of the Training Fund, various training bodies had been preparing for training courses to cater for SMEs' needs.

50. On some members' earlier suggestion to vote on the proposed commitment of \$6.6 billion for setting up the BIG (Item (a) in the discussion paper FCR(2001-02)38) separately from the other proposed commitments, the Chairman asked whether the Administration would object to the suggestion.

51. In reply, the Secretary for the Treasury (S for Tsy) stressed that the usual practice was for a financial proposal to be voted on in its entirety. At her request to consider the matter further with SCI and DG of TI, the Chairman suspended the meeting for two minutes.

52. When the meeting resumed, S for Tsy confirmed that as advised by SCI and DG of TI, the four proposed commitments under Head 181 were inter-related and could not be split for the purpose of voting. As such, the Chairman put the proposal as stated in FCR(2001-02)38 to vote. 39 members voted for the proposal, 6 members voted against and 1 member abstained:

For:

Mr Kenneth TING Woo-shou
Dr Raymond HO Chung-tai
Mr Fred LI Wah-ming
Mr NG Leung-sing
Mr James TO Kun-sun

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Against:

Miss Cyd HO Sau-lan
Mr LEE Cheuk-yan
Mr Andrew WONG Wang-fat
Miss Emily LAU Wai-hing
Mr Michael MAK Kwok-fung
Mr Frederick FUNG Kin-kee
(6 members)

Absention:

Miss Margaret NG
(1 member)

53. The Committee approved the proposal.

54. The Committee was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.