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Finance Committee of the Legislative Council

**Minutes of the 3rd meeting
held at the Legislative Council Chamber
on Friday, 23 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
Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, GBS, JP
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan
Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, JP
Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung, 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 CHEUNG Man-kwong
Hon HUI Cheung-ching, JP
Hon CHAN Kwok-keung
Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP
Hon Bernard CHAN
Hon CHAN Kam-lam
Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, SBS, JP
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat, JP
Hon WONG Yung-kan
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-ye, JP
Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen, GBS, JP
Hon CHOY So-yuk
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
Hon SZETO Wah
Hon LAW Chi-kwong, JP
Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP
Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong, JP
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, JP
Hon LI Fung-ying, JP
Hon Henry WU King-cheong, BBS
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP
Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
Dr Hon LO Wing-lok
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:

Dr Hon David CHU Yu-lin, JP
Hon Albert HO Chun-yan
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming, SC, JP
Dr Hon David LI Kwok-po, GBS, JP
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon SIN Chung-kai
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, SBS, JP
Hon LEUNG Fu-wah, MH, JP
Hon WONG Sing-chi

Public officers attending:

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

Mr Daniel CHENG

Secretary for the Treasury
Deputy Secretary for the Treasury
Principal Executive Officer (General),
Finance Bureau
Principal Assistant Secretary
for Planning and Lands

Mr H K WONG, JP

Director of Territory Development

Clerk in attendance:

Ms Pauline NG

Assistant Secretary General 1

Staff in attendance:

Miss Polly YEUNG

Chief Assistant Secretary (1)3

Ms Mabel CHAN

Senior Assistant Secretary (1)4

Item No. 1 - FCR(2001-02)39

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS
SUBCOMMITTEE MADE ON 31 OCTOBER 2001**

At members' request to consider and vote on PWSC(2001-02)64 separately, the Chairman put FCR(2001-02)39, except PWSC(2001-02)64, to the vote. The Committee approved the proposal.

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PWSC(2001-02)64 469CL South East Kowloon development at Kai Tak Airport - early development package

2. Noting that the Draft Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) for the South East Kowloon Development (SEKD) had been gazetted and objections to the Draft OZP were still under consideration by the Town Planning Board (TPB), Mr LAW Chi-kwong had strong reservation on carrying out the detailed design of the north apron area of Kai Tak Airport (NAKTA) at this stage as amendments to the Draft OZP might be made in the course of considering the objections. He opined that any subsequent changes made to the Draft OZP might render the expenses in carrying out the detailed design work for the NAKTA abortive. In response, the Principal Assistant Secretary for Planning and Lands (PAS(PL)) advised that the public consultation exercise for the Draft OZP of SEKD had been completed and the objections received mainly related to other proposed developments in the southern part of the SEKD. The Administration believed that changes, if any, made by the TPB to the remainder of the SEKD project should not affect the current proposal.

3. Mr LAW Chi-kwong remained unconvinced and urged the Administration not to proceed with the current proposal until the objections received had been dealt with. In reply, the Director of Territory Development (DTD) advised that it

might take TPB as long as nine months to deal with the objections under the relevant statutory procedures. If the SEKD was not implemented in a timely manner, the development of the proposed public housing and school projects in SEKD would be affected. He reiterated that as the objections received were not in conflict with the preparatory work under the present proposal, the detailed design works of the SEKD should not be deferred.

4. Mr LAW Chi-kwong stressed that the brief of this project to be prepared by the consultant for bidders at the tendering stage should be based on the future approved OZP. Mr Albert CHAN shared Mr LAW's concern and pointed out that additional cost might be incurred if the brief had to be amended to cater for changes approved by TPB. In response, DTD assured members that the brief of the current proposal would be prepared in such a way that it could accommodate certain changes without necessitating additional expenses.

5. In this connection, Dr Raymond HO enquired whether it was feasible to split the present proposal into two parts in the tendering documents whereby the first part covered only the site investigation works of the NAKTA and other works that would not be affected by changes to the OZP while the remainder of the project would be put under the second part which would be subject to the instruction of the Government before commencement of works. In reply, the DTD confirmed that the Administration had already taken this factor into consideration and arranged the current proposal to be implemented in stages.

6. Mr Albert CHAN recapped his view expressed at the meeting of the Public Works Subcommittee on 31 October 2001 and said that while he supported part of the proposed works under the SEKD, he and Members of the Democratic Party (DP) had grave concerns about the planned provision of a stadium in SEKD. Mr CHAN considered that the available space should be better utilized for other purposes such as residential development. He said that if the SEKD would be implemented according to the current plan, it would be a planning blunder and Members of DP found it difficult to support the present proposal.

7. In response, the PAS(PL) advised that prior to the gazettal of the Draft OZP for SEKD, Legislative Council Members, relevant District Councils, professional bodies and the general public had been consulted on the SEKD scheme and their views had been duly taken into account in drawing up the current SEKD layout plan. None of the objections received by the TPB were about the current proposal or the proposed stadium. In fact, during the public consultation conducted in the past few years, there was a strong opinion from the community that the SEKD scheme should be an integrated development area with housing developments and the provision of cultural, recreational, tourism, education and other community facilities.

8. Mr Albert CHAN reiterated his strong reservation over the proposed provision of a stadium in SEKD. He considered that concerns raised by some members over the SEKD at the Planning, Lands and Works Panel on 4 December 2000 had not been fully addressed by the Administration. Referring to the experience in other places, Mr CHAN pointed out that major stadia were usually located away from residential areas to facilitate crowd management and control. He also sought clarification on whether consideration had been given to providing adequate security measures for the planned stadium to safeguard public safety and crowd control.

9. In reply to Mr Albert CHAN's concern, PAS(PL) advised that the detailed design of the stadium had not yet be finalized at this stage. However, the Administration would incorporate the necessary interface arrangements in the detailed design of the transport infrastructure for SEKD to cater for the traffic flow generated by the stadium development. There would be open space in the vicinity to facilitate dissipation of large crowds and connectivity to public transport. He added that the design concept for SEKD was to promote the effective use of public transport via the future Sha Tin Central Link and the existing MTR Kwun Tong Line.

10. Mr CHAN Kam-lam expressed support for the proposal. He pointed out that the proposed stadium had been discussed and supported by the relevant District Councils (namely Wong Tai Sin, Kwun Tong and Kowloon City District Councils) which even called for the provision of more large-scale venues for cultural and recreational activities. Although the present SEKD scheme could not meet the demand in full, the community in South East Kowloon considered it necessary to provide for a stadium. On the proposed location, Mr CHAN Kam-lam said that he disagreed with the suggestion to locate the stadium in a remote area because this would affect its accessibility by the general public.

11. Miss CHAN Yuen-han echoed Mr CHAN Kam-lam's views and expressed support for the project although it still fell short of her expectation. She appreciated that over the years, the Administration had taken heed of the views of various concern groups, local representatives, and relevant District Councils in drawing up the present scheme. On the issue of noise impact, she enquired whether the Administration had any measures to minimize the noise impact of the proposed stadium on the neighbouring areas.

12. In reply, the DTD advised that based on their findings during a visit to similar facilities in Fukuoka, Japan, the Environmental Protection Department, the Territory Development Department and the consultants concerned had recommended that a retractable roof should be provided for the proposed stadium to minimize the noise impact.

13. Notwithstanding his remarks on the current proposal, Mr Albert CHAN requested to put on record that Members of DP would abstain from voting on this

item, the reason being that the development package included housing and school projects which they supported.

14. The Committee approved the item.
15. The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 pm.

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