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Finance Committee of the Legislative Council

**Minutes of the 9th meeting
held at the Legislative Council Chamber
on Friday, 12 April 2002, at 2:30 pm**

Members present:

Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong (Chairman)
Dr Hon David CHU Yu-lin, JP
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 CHEUNG Man-kwong
Hon HUI Cheung-ching, JP
Hon CHAN Kwok-keung
Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP
Hon CHAN Kam-lam
Hon SIN Chung-kai
Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat, JP
Hon WONG Yung-kan
Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, JP
Hon Howard YOUNG, JP
Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung, BBS
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 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 LI Fung-ying, JP
Hon Henry WU King-cheong, BBS
Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung
Hon LEUNG Fu-wah, MH, JP
Dr Hon LO Wing-lok
Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee
Hon IP Kwok-him, JP
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP
Hon MA Fung-kwok

Members absent:

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
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 Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye, JP
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon Bernard CHAN
Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, SBS, JP
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
Dr Hon YEUNG Sum
Hon LAU Chin-shek, JP
Hon CHOY So-yuk
Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, SBS, JP
Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
Hon WONG Sing-chi
Hon LAU Ping-cheung

Public officers attending:

Miss Denise YUE, GBS, JP	Secretary for the Treasury
Mr Stanley YING, JP	Deputy Secretary for the Treasury
Mr K K LAM	Principal Executive Officer (General), Finance Bureau
Mr David K K LAU	Principal Assistant Secretary for the Environment and Food

Mr W H CHEUK	Deputy Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene
Mr HUNG Chi-pai	Assistant Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene
Miss Diane WONG	Principal Assistant Secretary for Health and Welfare
Mrs Carrie LAM, JP	Director of Social Welfare
Mr KOK Che-leung	Chief Social Work Officer of Social Welfare Department
Mr Alex MA	Assistant Director of Information Technology Services
Mr Jack CHAN	Principal Assistant Secretary for Works
Mr David CHAU Chi-wai	Assistant Director of Water Supplies
Mr Damien KU Chi-chung	Assistant Director of Water Supplies

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
Miss Yvonne YU	Senior Assistant Secretary (1)4

Item No. 1 - FCR(2002-03)1

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS SUBCOMMITTEE
MADE ON 27 FEBRUARY 2002**

The Committee approved the proposal.

Item No. 2 -FCR(2002-03)2

**GENERAL REVENUE ACCOUNT
HEAD 49 - FOOD AND ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE
DEPARTMENT**

◆ **Subhead 700 General other non-recurrent**
New item “Ex-gratia payment to stallholders affected by the redevelopment of Central Market site”

2. Members noted that the present proposal had been discussed by the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene on 25 February 2002.

3. Mr Fred LI expressed support for the present proposal which had been drawn up after considerable negotiation with all parties concerned. He sought the Administration's confirmation as to whether the currently proposed ex-gratia payment (EGP) would set a precedent when other markets owned by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) had to be recovered for redevelopment.

4. In response, the Deputy Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (DDFEH) pointed out that the case of the Central Market (CM) necessitated special arrangements because there were no reprovisioning arrangements for the affected stallholders to continue their business in other FEHD markets. DDFEH confirmed that the currently proposed package would not set a precedent as it was only specific to the case of the CM and each future case would have to be considered in its own light.

5. In reply to Ms Emily LAU's enquiry about the Administration's consultation with the Central and Western District Council (C&W DC), DDFEH clarified that when first consulted in January 2002, the Food and Environmental Hygiene and Works Committee of the C&W DC had requested for a higher level of EGP for affected stallholders. However, when the Administration held direct negotiations with the 101 eligible stallholders in February 2002, about 83% of them were agreeable to the proposed EGP equivalent to 24 months' rental. The remaining 17%, most of whom were pork stallholders, had asked for a higher level of EGP but said that they would go along with the majority view. DDFEH further confirmed that the Food and Environmental Hygiene and Works Committee of the C&W DC was aware of the decision of the stallholders and had indicated support for the present proposal.

6. The Committee approved the proposal.

Item No. 3 - FCR(2002-03) 3

CAPITAL WORKS RESERVE FUND HEAD 710 - COMPUTERISATION Social Welfare Department

◆ New Subhead "Implementation of Information Systems Strategy Phase II - Technical Infrastructure/Client Information System"

7. Members noted that the Panel on Welfare Services had been consulted on the present proposal on 4 February 2002.

8. Ms Emily LAU requested for further information on the benefits of the Social Welfare Department (SWD)'s Information Systems Strategy (ISS). In reply, the Director of Social Welfare (DSW) advised that implementation of Phase II of the ISS would bring about a series of service benefits as set out in

paragraph 9 of the paper, one notable example was a reduction by 60% of the amount of time SWD staff spent on checking client information. On cost savings, DSW confirmed that implementation of the present proposal would result in an annual realizable saving, being the full staff cost derived from the deletion of posts. She also recalled that savings resulting from the deletion of posts had been achieved following the implementation of Phase I of the ISS earlier on.

9. The Committee approved the proposal.

Item No. 4 - FCR(2002-03)4

CAPITAL WORKS RESERVE FUND

HEAD 710 - COMPUTERISATION

Water Supplies Department

♦ New Subhead “Implementation of the Maintenance Works and Laboratory Information Management Systems”

10. Members noted that a paper on the present proposal had been circulated to the Panel on Planning, Lands and Works.

11. The Committee approved the proposal.

12. The Committee was adjourned at 2:40 pm.

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