

## Committee on Rules of Procedure

### List of issues studied during the 2001-2002 Legislative Council Session

Item	Issue	Reference	Progress/Remarks
1	To review new arrangements for the debate on the Policy Address, which were tried out in the 2001-02 LegCo session	Rule 13 of Rules of Procedure	The Committee considers that last year's arrangements should continue, subject to some adjustments being made to a few areas and will submit its proposals to the House Committee after consultation with the Administration.
2	Timing for provision of discussion papers by the Administration for meetings of Panels and Bills Committees	House Rules 21 and 22	The House Committee endorsed the Committee's recommendations on the provision of discussion papers by the Administration for meetings of Panels and of Bills Committees, which were implemented with effect from 1 March 2002.
3	To try out and review new arrangements for the preparation of minutes of proceedings of committees	House Rule 25	The House Committee endorsed the adjusted arrangements proposed by the Committee, which will be implemented with effect from the 2002-2003 Legislative Council session.
4	To consider the need to amend Rule 54(1) and 54(2) in relation to the requirement for designated public officer to signify Chief Executive's written consent to the introduction of a Member's bill which relates to Government policies at Council meeting	Article 74 of the Basic Law, Rules 51(4), 54(1) and 54(2) of Rules of Procedure	The Committee decided to deliberate the matter further.

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5	To set out clearly the tenure of office of the Chairman and deputy Chairman of the House Committee and Finance Committee in the Rules of Procedure	Rule 71(2), 75(2), proposed new Rule 71(2A) and 75(2A) of Rules of Procedure, Rule 20 of and Appendix IV to House Rules	<p>The House Committee endorsed the proposed amendments to Rule 71(2) and 75(2) and the proposed new Rule 71(2A) and 75(2A) of Rules of Procedure, as well as Rule 20 of and Appendix IV to House Rules.</p> <p>The motion to amend the Rules of Procedure was approved by the Council meeting on 3 July 2002.</p>
6	Textual amendments to Rule 84 proposed by the Committee on Members' Interests (CMI)	Rule 84 of Rules of Procedure	<p>The CMI's proposal was supported by the Committee on Rules of Procedure and the House Committee.</p> <p>The motion to amend the Rules of Procedure was approved by the Council meeting on 3 July 2002.</p>
7	To review the provisions relating to the presentation of petitions	Rule 20 of Rules of Procedure	The Committee decided that the existing provisions should remain unchanged.

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