

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

## MINUTES

No. 21

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Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 10 March 2004 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

Dr the Hon David CHU Yu-lin, 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

Dr the Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung, GBS, 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, GBS, JP

The Hon James TO Kun-sun

The Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong

The Hon HUI Cheung-ching, JP  
The Hon CHAN Kwok-keung, JP  
The Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP  
The Hon CHAN Kam-lam, JP  
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, GBS  
The Hon WONG Yung-kan  
The Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, GBS, JP  
The Hon Howard YOUNG, SBS, JP  
Dr the Hon YEUNG Sum  
The Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung, BBS  
The Hon LAU Chin-shek, JP  
The Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP  
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  
Dr 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, JP  
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, JP  
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

**Members absent:**

The Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming, SC, JP  
The Hon Bernard CHAN, JP  
The Hon MA Fung-kwok, JP

**Public officers attending:**

The Hon Donald TSANG Yam-kuen, GBM, JP  
The Chief Secretary for Administration  
  
The Hon Henry TANG Ying-yen, GBS, JP  
The Financial Secretary  
  
The Hon Elsie LEUNG Oi-sie, GBM, JP  
The Secretary for Justice  
  
The Hon Michael SUEN Ming-yeung, GBS, JP  
Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands  
  
Prof the Hon Arthur LI Kwok-cheung, GBS, JP  
Secretary for Education and Manpower

Dr the Hon YEOH Eng-kiong, JP  
Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

The Hon Joseph WONG Wing-ping, GBS, JP  
Secretary for the Civil Service

Dr the Hon Patrick HO Chi-ping, JP  
Secretary for Home Affairs

The Hon Stephen IP Shu-kwan, GBS, JP  
Secretary for Economic Development and Labour, and  
Secretary for Commerce, Industry and Technology

Dr the Hon Sarah LIAO Sau-tung, JP  
Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works

The Hon Frederick MA Si-hang, JP  
Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

The Hon Stephen LAM Sui-lung, JP  
Secretary for Constitutional Affairs

The Hon Ambrose LEE Siu-kwong, IDSM, JP  
Secretary for Security

**Clerk in attendance:**

Mr Ricky FUNG Choi-cheung, JP, Secretary General

### **Tabling of Papers**

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

<b><u>Subsidiary Legislation / Instruments</u></b>	<b><u>L.N. No.</u></b>
1. Specification of Arrangements (Government of the Republic of Croatia Concerning Air Services) (Avoidance of Double Taxation) Order (gazetted on 5.3.2004)	32/2004
2. Telecommunications (Amendment) Regulation 2004 (gazetted on 5.3.2004)	33/2004
3. Telecommunications (Carrier Licences) (Amendment) Regulation 2004 (gazetted on 5.3.2004)	34/2004
4. Securities and Futures (Contracts Limits and Reportable Positions) (Amendment) Rules 2004 (gazetted on 5.3.2004)	35/2004
5. Air Transport (Licensing of Air Services) (Amendment) Regulation 2004 (L.N. 4 of 2004) (Commencement) Notice 2004 (gazetted on 5.3.2004)	36/2004

### **Other Papers**

No.68	-	Hong Kong Council for Academic Accreditation Annual Report 2002-2003 (published on 3.3.2004)
No.69	-	Estimates for the year ending 31 March 2005 Volume IA - General Revenue Account Volume IB - General Revenue Account (published on 10.3.2004)
No.70	-	Estimates for the year ending 31 March 2005 Volume II - Fund Accounts (published on 10.3.2004)

### **Questions**

Written replies to Questions 1 to 20 were tabled for Members' information.

## **Bills**

### **First Reading**

#### **Appropriation Bill 2004**

The Bill was read the first time and ordered to be set down for Second Reading pursuant to Rule 53(3) of the Rules of Procedure.

### **Second Reading**

#### **Appropriation Bill 2004**

The Financial Secretary moved the Second Reading and addressed the Council.

Question on the Second Reading proposed. The President stated that in accordance with Rules 67 and 71 of the Rules of Procedure, the debate on the second reading of the Bill was adjourned and the Estimates were referred to the Finance Committee for examination before the debate on the Bill resumed.

### **Next Meeting**

The President declared that the next meeting of the Council would be held on 17 March 2004 at 2:30 pm.

The Council was adjourned at 3:55 pm.

(Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai)  
President

Council Chamber  
Hong Kong