

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES

No. 24

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 20 April 2005 at 11:00 am
and Thursday 21 April 2005 at 2:30 pm

Members present:

President

The Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai, GBS, JP

The Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, GBS, JP

The Hon Albert HO Chun-yan

Ir Dr the Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, S.B.St.J., JP (absent on 21.4.2005)

The Hon LEE Cheuk-yan

The Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming, SC, JP

Dr the Hon David LI Kwok-po, GBS, JP (absent on 21.4.2005)

The Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP (absent on 21.4.2005)

Dr the Hon LUI Ming-wah, 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 CHAN Yuen-han, JP

The Hon Bernard CHAN, JP

The Hon CHAN Kam-lam, JP (absent on 21.4.2005)

The Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, SBS, JP

The Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung

The Hon SIN Chung-kai, JP (absent on 21.4.2005)

Dr the Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, GBS (absent on 21.4.2005)

The Hon WONG Yung-kan, JP (absent on 21.4.2005)

The Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, GBS, JP

The Hon Howard YOUNG, SBS, JP

Dr the Hon YEUNG Sum

The Hon LAU Chin-shek, JP (absent on 21.4.2005)

The Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP

The Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBS, JP (absent on 21.4.2005)

The Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee, GBS, JP

The Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP

The Hon CHOY So-yuk (absent on 20.4.2005)

The Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo

The Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, GBS, JP (absent on 21.4.2005)

The Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP (absent on 21.4.2005)

The Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, JP

The Hon LI Fung-ying, BBS, JP

The Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP

The Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip

The Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, JP (absent on 21.4.2005)

The Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP

The Hon Vincent FANG Kang, JP (absent on 21.4.2005)

The Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH (absent on 21.4.2005)

The Hon LEE Wing-tat

The Hon LI Kwok-ying, MH

Dr the Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long (absent on 21.4.2005)

The Daniel LAM Wai-keung, BBS, JP

The Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, SBS, JP

The Hon MA Lik, JP

The Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, SBS, JP (absent on 20.4.2005)

The Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC (absent on 21.4.2005)

The Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung

Dr the Hon KWOK Ka-ki (absent on 21.4.2005)

Dr the Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (absent on 21.4.2005)

The Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming, SBS, JP

The Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS (absent on 21.4.2005)

The Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC

The Hon CHIM Pui-chung

The Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS, JP (absent on 21.4.2005)

The Hon Albert Jinghan CHENG

The Hon KWONG Chi-kin

The Hon TAM Heung-man (absent on 21.4.2005)

Public officers attending:

On 20.4.2005 and 21.4.2005

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

On 20.4.2005

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

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

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

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

The Hon John TSANG Chun-wah, JP
Secretary for Commerce, Industry and Technology

Prof LAU Siu-kai, JP
Head, Central Policy Unit

On 21.4.2005

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

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

Dr the Hon York CHOW Yat-ngok, SBS, JP
Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

Clerks in attendance:

On 20.4.2005 and 21.4.2005

Mr Ricky FUNG Choi-cheung, JP, Secretary General

On 20.4.2005

Mrs Justina LAM CHENG Bo-ling, Assistant Secretary General (2)

Mr Ray CHAN Yum-mou, Assistant Secretary General (3)

On 21.4.2005

Ms Pauline NG Man-wah, Assistant Secretary General (1)

Tabling of Papers

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

<u>Subsidiary Legislation / Instruments</u>	<u>L.N. No.</u>
1. Entertainment Special Effects (Fees) (Amendment) Regulation 2005 (gazetted on 15.4.2005)	46/2005
2. Country Parks and Special Areas (Amendment) (Fees Adjustment) Regulation 2005 (gazetted on 15.4.2005)	47/2005
3. Marine Parks and Marine Reserves (Amendment) (Fees Adjustment) Regulation 2005 (gazetted on 15.4.2005)	48/2005
4. Telecommunications (Telecommunications Apparatus) (Exemption from Licensing) (Amendment) Order 2005 (Commencement) Notice (gazetted on 15.4.2005)	49/2005
5. Town Planning (Amendment) Ordinance 2004 (Commencement) Notice (gazetted on 15.4.2005)	50/2005

Other Papers

- No.81 - Report No. 44 of the Director of Audit on the results of value for money audits - March 2005 (published on 20.4.2005)
- No.82 - Investment in Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport by the Airport Authority Hong Kong (published on 15.4.2005)

Questions

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

Noting the absence of a quorum, the President directed the Clerk to summon Members to the meeting. A quorum was then present.

Bill

Second Reading

Appropriation Bill 2005

The debate on the Second Reading which had been moved on 16 March 2005 resumed, in accordance with Rule 67(2) of the Rules of Procedure.

Six Members and Hon CHAN Yuen-han spoke on the motion.

While Hon CHAN Yuen-han was speaking, the President left the chair at 12:20 pm temporarily and the President's Deputy, Hon Miriam LAU, took the chair.

Another three Members and Hon Howard YOUNG spoke on the motion.

At 1:07 pm, while Hon Howard YOUNG was speaking, the President resumed the chair.

29 more Members spoke on the motion.

The President suspended the meeting at 7:04 pm.

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The Council resumed at 2:30 pm on 21 April 2005 and continued to debate the Second Reading of the Appropriation Bill 2005.

13 Members and Hon CHOY So-yuk spoke on the motion.

While Hon CHOY So-yuk was speaking, the President left the chair at 5:45 pm temporarily and the President's Deputy, Hon Miriam LAU, took the chair.

Another two Members and Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung spoke on the motion.

At 6:24 pm, while Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung was speaking, the President resumed the chair.

Two more Members spoke on the motion.

Hon Miriam LAU moved that the debate on the motion be adjourned to the meeting to be held on 27.4.2005.

Question on the motion proposed, put and agreed to.

Next meeting

The President declared that the next meeting of the Council would be held on 27 April 2005 at 11:00 am.

The Council was adjourned at 7:02 pm on 21 April 2004.

(Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai)
President

Council Chamber
Hong Kong