

立法會  
*Legislative Council*

LC Paper No. CB(2) 984/04-05

Ref : CB2/H/5/04

**House Committee of the Legislative Council**

**Minutes of the 17th meeting  
held in the Legislative Council Chamber  
at 4:35 pm on Friday, 25 February 2005**

**Members present :**

Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye, GBS, JP (Chairman)  
Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP (Deputy Chairman)  
Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, GBS, JP  
Hon Albert HO Chun-yan  
Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, S.B.St.J., JP  
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan  
Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming, SC, JP  
Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah, JP  
Hon Margaret NG  
Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye, GBS, JP  
Hon James TO Kun-sun  
Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong  
Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP  
Hon Bernard CHAN, JP  
Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, SBS, JP  
Hon SIN Chung-kai, JP  
Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, GBS  
Hon WONG Yung-kan, JP  
Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, GBS, JP  
Hon Howard YOUNG, SBS, JP  
Dr Hon YEUNG Sum  
Hon LAU Chin-shek, JP  
Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP  
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP  
Hon CHOY So-yuk  
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo  
Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP  
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, JP  
Hon LI Fung-ying, BBS, JP  
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP  
Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, JP



Mr Arthur CHEUNG	Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 2
Mrs Vivian KAM	Principal Council Secretary (Complaints)
Miss Kathleen LAU	Chief Public Information Officer
Mrs Constance LI	Chief Council Secretary (2)5
Mrs Betty LEUNG	Chief Council Secretary (3)1
Miss Lolita SHEK	Senior Council Secretary (2)7

---

Action

**I. Confirmation of the minutes of the 16th meeting held on 18 February 2005**  
(*LC Paper No. CB(2) 919/04-05*)

The minutes were confirmed.

**II. Matters arising**

**Report by the Chairman on her meeting with the Chief Secretary for Administration (CS)**

2. The Chairman said that there was nothing special to report.

**III. Business for the Council meeting of 9 March 2005**

(a) **Questions**  
(*LC Paper No. CB(3) 392/04-05*)

3. The Chairman said that 20 questions (six oral and 14 written) had been scheduled for the Council meeting of 9 March 2005.

(b) **Bills - First Reading and moving of Second Reading**

(i) **Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2005**

(ii) **Aviation Security (Amendment) Bill 2005**

4. The Chairman said that the Administration had given notice to introduce the above two Bills into the Council of 9 March 2005. The House Committee would consider the two Bills at its meeting on 11 March 2005.

(c) **Bills - resumption of debate on Second Reading, Committee Stage and Third Reading**

**Merchant Shipping (Limitation of Shipowners Liability) (Amendment) Bill 2005**

Action

5. The Chairman said that at the House Committee meeting on 4 February 2005, Members did not raise objection to the resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Bill.

(d) **Government motion**

6. The Chairman said that no notice had been received yet.

(e) **Members' motions**

(i) **Motion on “Seeking papers, books, records and documents regarding the Cyberport project”**

*(Wording of the motion issued vide LC Paper No. CB(3) 399/04-05 dated 24 February 2005.)*

7. The Chairman said that the above motion would be moved by Mr LEE Wing-tat and the wording of the motion had been issued to Members. The Chairman added that as the motion had legislative effect, the speaking time limit for each Member was 15 minutes.

(ii) **Motion on “Shortcomings of functional constituencies”**

*(Wording of the motion issued vide LC Paper No. CB(3) 396/04-05 dated 24 February 2005.)*

(iii) **Motion on “Defending sovereignty over the Diaoyutai Islands”**

*(Wording of the motion issued vide LC Paper No. CB(3) 397/04-05 dated 24 February 2005.)*

8. The Chairman said that the above motions would be moved by Mr Ronny TONG and Mr LEE Wing-tat respectively, and the wording of the motions had been issued to Members.

9. The Chairman reminded Members that the deadline for giving notice of amendments, if any, to the three motions was Wednesday, 2 March 2005.

10. The Chairman further said that as three motion debates would be held at the Council meeting of 9 March 2005, the President had decided that if she was of the opinion that it was unlikely that the business on the Agenda of the meeting could be finished by about midnight on 9 March 2005, she would suspend the meeting at about 10:00 pm and order that the meeting would resume on the following day at 9:00 am sharp for the continuation of business.

**IV. Position on Bills Committees/subcommittees**

*(LC Paper No. CB(2) 918/04-05)*

11. The Chairman said that there were seven Bills Committees and six subcommittees in action.

12. The Chairman further said that the Bills Committee on Trade Descriptions (Amendment) Bill 2004 would have to work beyond three months since its commencement.

13. Referring to her speaking note tabled at the meeting, Ms Margaret NG, Chairman of the Bills Committee, explained that the Administration had advised the Bills Committee that the timing for enacting the Bill would not affect the implementation of the post-2004 textiles control system to cater for the elimination of quota on textiles products from 1 January 2005 onwards. The Bills Committee was now awaiting the Administration's proposed Committee Stage amendments, and would need to work beyond three months from the date of its commencement.

14. Members did not raise objection to the extension of the scrutiny period of the Bill.

**V. Any other business**

15. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 4:44 pm.