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House Committee of the Legislative Council

**Minutes of the 31st meeting
held in the Legislative Council Chamber
at 4:03 pm on Friday, 10 June 2005**

Members present :

Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye, GBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Hon Albert HO Chun-yan
Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, S.B.St.J., JP
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
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 CHAN Kam-lam, JP
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, GBS
Hon WONG Yung-kan, JP
Hon Howard YOUNG, SBS, JP
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 Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, GBS, JP
Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, JP
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP
Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH
Hon LEE Wing-tat

Mr Ray CHAN	Assistant Secretary General 3
Mr LEE Yu-sung	Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 1
Mrs Vivian KAM	Principal Council Secretary (Complaints)
Miss Kathleen LAU	Chief Public Information Officer
Miss Salumi CHAN	Chief Council Secretary (1)5
Mrs Constance LI	Chief Council Secretary (2)5
Mrs Betty LEUNG	Chief Council Secretary (3)1
Miss Kitty CHENG	Assistant Legal Adviser 5
Miss Monna LAI	Assistant Legal Adviser 7
Miss Lolita SHEK	Senior Council Secretary (2)7

Action

I. Confirmation of the minutes of the 30th meeting held on 3 June 2005
(LC Paper No. CB(2) 1848/04-05)

The minutes were confirmed.

II. Matters arising

(a) Report by the Chairman on her meeting with the Acting Chief Secretary for Administration

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

(b) Civil Aviation (Amendment) Bill 2005

(Paragraphs 5 to 7 of the minutes of the 30th House Committee meeting on 3 June 2005)

[Previous paper:

LC Paper No. LS 72/04-05 issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2) 1770/04-05 dated 2 June 2005]

3. The Chairman said that at the last meeting, Members agreed to defer a decision on the Bill to this meeting. The Chairman further said that to address Mr Ronny TONG's concern, the Administration was considering whether to move a Committee Stage amendment (CSA) to the Bill. A reply was awaited.

4. On behalf of Mr Ronny TONG, Ms Margaret NG suggested that a decision on the Bill be further deferred pending the Administration's reply.

5. The Chairman proposed that a decision on the Bill be deferred to the next meeting on 17 June 2005. Members agreed.

III. Business arising from previous Council meetings

(a) **Legal Service Division report on bills referred to the House Committee in accordance with Rule 54(4)**

Supplementary Appropriation (2004-2005) Bill
(LC Paper No. LS 79/04-05)

6. The Chairman said that the Bill sought to provide for supplementary appropriation totalling \$969 million for the services of the Government in the financial year which ended on 31 March 2005. The amount of supplementary provision had been approved by the Finance Committee or under the powers delegated by it during the financial year in respect of particular heads of expenditure.

7. Members did not raise objection to the resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Bill.

(b) **Legal Service Division report on subsidiary legislation gazetted on 3 June 2005 and tabled in Council on 8 June 2005**
(LC Paper No. LS 77/04-05)

8. The Chairman said that six items of subsidiary legislation, and the Technical Memorandum for Supervision Plans 2005 made under the Buildings Ordinance (Cap. 123), were gazetted on 3 June 2005.

9. Members did not raise any queries on the six items of subsidiary legislation and the Technical Memorandum.

10. The Chairman reminded Members that the deadline for amending these items of subsidiary legislation and the Technical Memorandum was 6 July 2005.

IV. Further business for the Council meeting on 15 June 2005

Questions

(LC Paper No. CB(3) 673/04-05)

11. The Chairman said that Miss CHAN Yuen-han had replaced her previous oral question.

V. Business for the Council meeting on 22 June 2005

(a) **Questions**

(LC Paper No. CB(3) 674/04-05)

12. The Chairman said that 20 questions (six oral and 14 written) had been scheduled for the meeting of the Legislative Council (LegCo) on 22 June 2005.

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

Carriage by Air (Amendment) Bill 2005

13. The Chairman said that the Administration would present the Bill to LegCo on 22 June 2005. The House Committee would consider the Bill at its meeting on 24 June 2005.

(c) **Government motion**

14. The Chairman said that no notice had been received.

(d) **Members' motions**

(i) **Motion on “Enhancing the quality of early childhood education”**

(Wording of the motion issued vide LC Paper No. CB(3) 686/04-05 dated 8 June 2005.)

(ii) **Motion on “Expectations for the new Chief Executive”**

(Wording of the motion issued vide LC Paper No. CB(3) 685/04-05 dated 8 June 2005.)

15. The Chairman said that the above motions would be moved by Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong and Mr Martin LEE respectively, and the wording of the motions had been issued to Members.

16. The Chairman reminded Members that the deadline for giving notice of amendments, if any, to the motions was Wednesday, 15 June 2005.

VI. Reports of Bills Committees and subcommittees

(a) **Report of the Bills Committee on Companies (Amendment) Bill 2004**

(LC Paper No. CB(1) 1737/04-05)

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17. Ms Audrey EU, Chairman of the Bills Committee, said that the Bills Committee had completed its scrutiny work. Ms EU added that the Bills Committee had examined the Bill in detail, in particular the impact of the Bill on the requirements on companies to prepare group accounts and development of the asset-securitization market in Hong Kong.

18. The Chairman said that the Bills Committee supported the resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Bill on 29 June 2005.

19. The Chairman reminded Members that the deadline for giving notice of CSAs was Monday, 20 June 2005.

(b) Report of the Bills Committee on Transfer of Sentenced Persons (Amendment) (Macau) Bill

(LC Paper No. CB(2) 1849/04-05)

20. The Chairman said that the Bills Committee had provided a report for Members' reference. The Bills Committee supported the resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Bill on 29 June 2005.

21. The Chairman reminded Members that the deadline for giving notice of CSAs was Monday, 20 June 2005.

(c) Report of the Bills Committee on Aviation Security (Amendment) Bill 2005

(LC Paper No. CB(2) 1850/04-05)

22. The Chairman said that the Bills Committee had provided a report for Members' reference. The Bills Committee supported the resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Bill on 29 June 2005.

23. The Chairman reminded Members that the deadline for giving notice of CSAs was Monday, 20 June 2005.

(d) Report of the Subcommittee on Subsidiary Legislation Relating to Consular Matters

(LC Paper No. CB(2) 1851/04-05)

24. The Chairman said that Ms Margaret NG, Chairman of the Subcommittee, had given a verbal report at the last meeting, and a written report was now provided for Members' reference.

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VII. Position on Bills Committees/subcommittees

(LC Paper No. CB(2) 1847/04-05)

25. The Chairman said that there were 12 Bills Committees and nine subcommittees in action.

26. The Chairman further said that as there were three vacant slots, the following Bills Committees could commence work –

- (a) Bills Committee on Waste Disposal (Amendment) Bill 2005;
- (b) Bills Committee on Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Bill; and
- (c) Bills Committee on Marriage (Introduction of Civil Celebrants of Marriages and General Amendments) Bill.

VIII. Any other business

27. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 4:12 pm.

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