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Panel on Environmental Affairs

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 12 October 2004, at 4:00 pm in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building

- Members present** : Hon CHOY So-yuk (Chairman)
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, S.B.St.J., JP
Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming, SC, JP
Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong
Hon WONG Yung-kan, JP
Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP
Hon LEE Wing-tat
Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, SBS, JP
Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki
Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS, JP
- Member absent** : Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye, GBS, JP
- Clerk in attendance** : Miss Becky YU
Chief Assistant Secretary (1)1
- Staff in attendance** : Mrs Mary TANG
Senior Council Secretary (1)2
- Ms Rosalind MA
Senior Council Secretary (1)7
- Ms Caris CHAN
Senior Legislative Assistant (1)1
- Miss Mandy POON
Legislative Assistant (1)4
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Election of Chairman

Ir Dr Raymond HO, the Member with the highest precedence among those who joined the Panel, presided over the election of Chairman of the Panel for the 2004-2005 session.

2. Ir Dr Raymond HO invited nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel. Miss CHOY So-yuk was nominated by Mr LAU Kong-wah and the nomination was seconded by Mr WONG Yung-kan. Miss CHOY So-yuk accepted the nomination.

3. There being no other nominations, Miss CHOY So-yuk was declared Chairman of the Panel.

Election of Deputy Chairman

4. Miss CHOY So-yuk took the chair and invited nominations for the deputy chairmanship. Ms Emily LAU was nominated by Mr LEE Wing-tat and the nomination was seconded by Mr LAU Kong-wah. Ms Emily LAU accepted the nomination. There being no other nominations, Ms Emily LAU was declared Deputy Chairman of the Panel.

Schedule of meetings for the 2004-2005 session

5. Members agreed that all meetings of the Panel would be held on the fourth Monday of each month at 2:30 pm except for the meetings in December 2004 and March 2005, which would be held on Tuesday, 21 December 2004, at 4:30 pm and Thursday, 24 March 2005, at 2:30 pm respectively.

Discussion items for the next meeting

6. Members discussed the list of issues suggested to be considered which was tabled at the meeting.

7. Mr Albert CHAN suggested to include the subject of "Aircraft noise" in the list. As the subject straddled the purviews of both the Panel on Environmental Affairs (EA Panel) and the Panel on Economic Services (ES Panel), a joint meeting might be required to discuss the subject in future. However, as the concerns of the two Panels might be quite different, Mr CHAN suggested that, instead of holding a joint meeting, consideration should be given to inviting members of ES Panel to attend a meeting of the EA Panel.

8. Mr LAU Sau-shing, Ms Audrey EU and Mr Jeffrey LAM considered it necessary to follow up on air pollution control. The Chairman advised that the EA Panel had all along been monitoring measures to control air pollution, including control on vehicle emissions, introduction of renewable energy and emissions trading etc. Given the extensive scope of the subject, the Chairman suggested and members agreed that the Administration should be requested to provide a progress report on air pollution control so that members could decide on the specific areas to be further examined. Ms Emily LAU informed members that she would raise an oral question on cross-boundary air pollution at the Council meeting on 20 October 2004.

(Post-meeting note: The list of issues suggested to be considered was subsequently circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1) 40/04-05(01) on 13 October 2004.)

9. Members agreed to discuss the following items at the next regular meeting to be held on Monday, 25 October 2004, at 2:30 pm –

- (a) Merger of the Environment Branch of the Environment, Transport and Works Bureau with the Environmental Protection Department; and
- (b) PWP Item 5166DR - Restoration of Tseung Kwan O Landfills - post-completion environmental monitoring work.

(Post-meeting note: On the advice of the Chairman, an additional item on “Strategies for Air Pollution Control” was subsequently included in the agenda..)

10. Noting that the consultation period for the Harbour Area Treatment Scheme (HATS) Stage 2 would end on 20 November 2004, members agreed to advance the regular meeting in November 2004 from 22 November 2004 to 18 November 2004 to discuss the subject. In view of the far-reaching implications of HATS on the society as a whole, it was agreed that interested parties should be invited to the meeting on 18 November, which would be advanced from 10:45 am to 9:00 am to allow sufficient time for discussion. An invitation for submission would be placed at the Legislative Council website.

11. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 4:40 pm.