

Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs

Appointment of Chairperson of the Equal Opportunities Commission

Purpose

This paper briefs Members on the appointment of the Chairperson of the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC).

Background

2. Under the Sex Discrimination Ordinance, the Chairperson of the EOC shall be appointed by the Chief Executive. The law also provides that the EOC Chairperson shall be appointed on a full-time basis, shall not be a public officer and the term of each office shall not exceed five years. As in all appointments to advisory and statutory bodies, our policy is to appoint the most suitable candidate.

The Appointment

3. The Chief Executive has appointed Mr Tang Yee-bong, Raymond as the Chairperson of the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) for five years with effect from 12 January 2005.

4. Mr Tang's strong legal background well qualifies him for overseeing the work of the EOC, i.e. to implement the Sex Discrimination Ordinance, the Disability Ordinance and the Family Status Discrimination Ordinance. In addition, he has been the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data since November 2001, a position of high standing in the community. We believe that, under the leadership of Mr Tang, the EOC will continue to uphold the principle of equal opportunities and work towards the elimination of discrimination.

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