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House Committee of the Legislative Council

**Minutes of the 6th meeting
held in the Legislative Council Chamber
at 2:30 pm on Friday, 25 November 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
Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, S.B.St.J., JP
Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah, SBS, JP
Hon Margaret NG
Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye, GBS, JP
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong
Hon Bernard CHAN, JP
Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, SBS, JP
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
Hon WONG Yung-kan, JP
Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, GBS, JP
Hon Howard YOUNG, SBS, JP
Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP
Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBM, GBS, JP
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
Hon CHOY So-yuk, JP
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, JP
Hon LI Fung-ying, BBS, JP
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP
Hon Vincent FANG Kang, JP
Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH
Hon LEE Wing-tat
Hon LI Kwok-ying, MH
Dr Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long
Hon Daniel LAM Wai-keung, BBS, JP
Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, SBS, JP
Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, SBS, JP
Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC

Mr LEE Yu-sung	Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 1
Mr Arthur CHEUNG	Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 2
Mrs Vivian KAM	Principal Council Secretary (Complaints)
Miss Kathleen LAU	Chief Public Information Officer
Mr Andy LAU	Chief Council Secretary (1)2
Mrs Constance LI	Chief Council Secretary (2)5
Mrs Betty LEUNG	Chief Council Secretary (3)1
Miss Kitty CHENG	Assistant Legal Adviser 5
Mr Simon WONG	Senior Public Information Officer 1
Miss Lolita SHEK	Senior Council Secretary (2)7

Action

I. Confirmation of the minutes of the 5th meeting held on 18 November 2005
(*LC Paper No. CB(2) 449/05-06*)

The minutes were confirmed.

II. Matters arising

Report by the Chairman on her meeting with the Chief Secretary for Administration

Chief Executive (CE)'s Question and Answer (Q & A) Session

2. The Chairman said that she had reiterated Members' request that the Q & A Sessions should be held once a month when the Council was in session, and urged CE to reconsider attending the Q & A Sessions more frequently.

III. Business arising from previous Council meetings

Legal Service Division report on subsidiary legislation gazetted on 18 November 2005 and tabled in Council on 23 November 2005

(*LC Paper No. LS 12/05-06*)

3. The Chairman said that five items of subsidiary legislation were gazetted on 18 November 2005 and tabled in Council on 23 November 2005.

4. Members did not raise any queries on these items of subsidiary legislation.

5. The Chairman reminded Members that the deadline for amending these five items of subsidiary legislation was 21 December 2005, or 11 January 2006 if extended by resolution.

IV. Business for the Council meeting on 7 December 2005

(a) **Questions**

(LC Paper No. CB(3) 158/05-06)

6. The Chairman said that 20 questions (six oral and 14 written) had been scheduled for the meeting.

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

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

(c) **Government motion**

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

(d) **Members' motions**

(i) **Motion on "Democratic political system"**

(Wording of the motion issued vide LC Paper No. CB(3) 168/05-06 dated 24 November 2005.)

9. The Chairman said that the above motion would be moved by Dr YEUNG Sum and the wording of the motion had been issued to Members.

(ii) **Motion to be moved by Hon James TIEN Pei-chun**

(Wording of the motion issued vide LC Paper No. CB(3) 169/05-06 dated 25 November 2005.)

10. The Chairman said that the subject of the motion to be moved by Mr James TIEN was "Endeavouring to improve air quality", and the wording of the motion had just been issued to Members.

11. The Chairman reminded Members that the deadline for giving notice of amendments, if any, to the motions was Wednesday, 30 November 2005.

V. Position on Bills Committees/subcommittees

(LC Paper No. CB(2) 450/05-06)

12. The Chairman said that there were 13 Bills Committees and seven subcommittees in action.

VI. Proposed visit to Pearl River Delta by the Panel on Transport
(*LC Paper No. CB(1) 358/05-06*)

13. Mr LAU Kong-wah, Chairman of the Panel, said that the paper sought the permission of the House Committee under rule 22(u) of the House Rules for the Panel to visit Pearl River Delta on 5 and 6 December 2005 on the invitation of the Finance and Economy Committee of the People's Congress of Guangdong Province. Mr LAU further said that the purpose of the visit was to observe the latest developments in cross-boundary transport infrastructure and exchange views with the Mainland authorities on traffic and transport matters of mutual concern.

14. The Chairman proposed that permission be given for the Panel to undertake the visit. Members agreed.

VII. Paper of the Committee on Rules of Procedure (CRoP)

Handbook for Chairmen of Bills Committees
(*LC Paper No. CROP 14/05-06*)

15. Mr Jasper TSANG, Chairman of CRoP, said that Members had been consulted on the draft Handbook. Amendments had been made to the draft Handbook in response to the comments and enquiries received during the consultation period. Mr TSANG added that the draft Handbook had also been revised to reflect the amendments to the Rules of Procedure relating to the voting rights of Chairmen of Bills Committees and their subcommittees which were approved by Members at the Council meetings on 19 October and 23 November 2005.

16. Members endorsed the Handbook for Chairmen of Bills Committees.

VIII. Any other business

17. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 2:35 pm.