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House Committee of the Legislative Council

**Minutes of the 16th meeting
held in the Legislative Council Chamber
at 3:35 pm on Friday, 3 March 2006**

Members present :

Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee, GBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, S.B.St.J., JP
Hon Margaret NG
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong
Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP
Hon Bernard CHAN, JP
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
Hon SIN Chung-kai, JP
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, JP
Hon LI Fung-ying, BBS, JP
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, JP
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP
Hon Vincent FANG Kang, JP
Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH
Hon LEE Wing-tat
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
Mrs Vivian KAM	Principal Council Secretary (Complaints)
Miss Kathleen LAU	Chief Public Information Officer
Miss Odelia LEUNG	Chief Council Secretary (2)6
Mr Stephen LAM	Assistant Legal Adviser 4
Miss Kitty CHENG	Assistant Legal Adviser 5
Miss Lolita SHEK	Senior Council Secretary (2)7

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I. Confirmation of the minutes of the 15th meeting held on 24 February 2006

(LC Paper No. CB(2) 1267/05-06)

The minutes were confirmed.

II. Matters arising

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

Number of Bills Committee slots

2. The Chairman said that she had informed CS that there were currently five vacant Bills Committee slots. CS had indicated that bills concerning copyright and interception of communications and covert surveillance would be introduced into the Council shortly. The Chairman added that the Interception of Communications and Surveillance Bill would be introduced into the Council on 8 March 2006.

(b) Extension of the scrutiny period of the Fugitive Offenders (Finland) Order tabled in Council on 22 February 2006

(Paragraphs 3 to 8 of the minutes of the 15th House Committee meeting on 24 February 2006)

3. The Chairman said that a subcommittee was formed at the last House Committee meeting to study the Order. The deadline for amending the Order was 22 March 2006, or 26 April 2006 if extended by resolution. The Chairman proposed that as there was no Council meeting on 15 March 2006, and the Council meeting on 22 March 2006 was the second Budget meeting, she would move a motion to extend the scrutiny period of the Order at the Council meeting on 8 March 2006, to allow the subcommittee more time for scrutiny. Members agreed.

III. Business arising from previous Council meetings

Legal Service Division report on subsidiary legislation gazetted on 24 February 2006 and tabled in Council on 1 March 2006

(LC Paper No. LS 41/05-06)

4. The Chairman said that six items of subsidiary legislation were gazetted on 24 February 2006 and tabled in Council on 1 March 2006.

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

6. The Chairman reminded Members that the deadline for amending these six items of subsidiary legislation was 29 March 2006, or 26 April 2006 if extended by resolution.

IV. Further business for the Council meeting on 8 March 2006

(a) Questions

(LC Paper No. CB(3) 392/05-06)

7. The Chairman said that Mr Fred LI had replaced his previous oral question.

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

(i) **Chief Executive Election and Legislative Council Election (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2006**

(ii) **Interception of Communications and Surveillance Bill**

8. The Chairman said that the Administration had given notice to present the above two Bills to the Council on 8 March 2006. The House Committee would consider these two Bills at its meeting on 10 March 2006.

V. Report of Bills Committees and subcommittees

Report of the Bills Committee on Public Health and Municipal Services (Amendment) Bill 2005

(LC Paper No. CB(2) 1273/05-06)

9. Mr Fred LI, Chairman of the Bills Committee, said that the Bill was to enhance the effectiveness of anti-mosquito actions and to enable the recovery

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of associated costs. To address members' various concerns, the Administration had agreed to move Committee Stage amendments (CSAs) to the Bill to maintain the current arrangement that only the appointed contractor of a building site would be held responsible for any mosquito breeding problem on the site.

10. Mr LI further said that the Bills Committee supported the Bill and the Administration's CSAs. The Bills Committee also supported the resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Bill at a future Council meeting.

VI. Position on Bills Committees and subcommittees

(LC Paper No. CB(2) 1268/05-06)

11. The Chairman said that there were nine Bills Committees and nine subcommittees under the House Committee in action.

VII. Any other business

12. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 3:40 pm.

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