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House Committee of the Legislative Council

**Minutes of the 22nd meeting
held in the Legislative Council Chamber
at 4:25 pm on Friday, 28 April 2006**

Members present :

Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee, GBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, GBS, JP
Hon Albert HO Chun-yan
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah, SBS, JP
Hon Margaret NG
Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee, GBS, JP
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong
Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP
Hon Bernard CHAN, JP
Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, 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
Dr Hon YEUNG Sum
Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP
Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBM, GBS, JP
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
Hon CHOY So-yuk, JP
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, 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

Mr Arthur CHEUNG	Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 2
Miss Kathleen LAU	Chief Public Information Officer
Miss Odelia LEUNG	Chief Council Secretary (2)6
Ms Bernice WONG	Assistant Legal Adviser 1
Miss Anita HO	Assistant Legal Adviser 2
Ms Connie FUNG	Assistant Legal Adviser 3
Mr Stephen LAM	Assistant Legal Adviser 4
Miss Lolita SHEK	Senior Council Secretary (2)7

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I. Confirmation of the minutes of the 21st meeting held on 21 April 2006
(*LC Paper No. CB(2) 1832/05-06*)

The minutes were confirmed.

II. Matters arising

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

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

III. Business arising from previous Council meetings

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

(i) Betting Duty (Amendment) Bill 2006
(*LC Paper No. LS 58/05-06*)

3. The Chairman said that the purpose of the Bill was to reform the betting duty system for betting on horse races, and to rationalise the regulatory regime for the conduct of betting on horse races. The Panel on Home Affairs had discussed the proposed reforms at its meetings on 13 May and 16 June 2005. Members had raised various concerns about the proposed reforms.

4. The Acting Legal Adviser said that the Legal Service Division was still scrutinising the content of the Bill.

5. The Chairman proposed that a Bills Committee be formed to study the Bill in detail. Members agreed. The following Members agreed to join: Mrs Selina CHOW, Mr SIN Chung-kai (as advised by Dr YEUNG Sum),

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Miss CHOY So-yuk, Mr Andrew CHENG, Mr Abraham SHEK, Mr Tommy CHEUNG, Mr Albert CHAN, Mr LAM Wai-keung, Mr Jeffrey LAM, Dr Fernando CHEUNG, Mr CHIM Pui-chung, Dr Patrick LAU, Mr Albert CHENG and Miss TAM Heung-man.

(ii) Freight Containers (Safety) (Amendment) Bill 2006
(LC Paper No. LS 55/05-06)

6. The Chairman said that the purpose of the Bill was to implement the International Convention for Safe Containers in Hong Kong to enhance safety in the handling and transportation of containers. The Panel on Economic Services had been consulted on the proposed amendments at its meeting on 27 February 2006. The Panel generally supported the proposed amendments.

7. The Chairman added that the Legal Service Division was seeking clarification from the Administration on certain technical issues.

8. The Chairman proposed that a decision on the Bill be deferred pending the Division's further report. Members agreed.

(iii) Revenue Bill 2006
(LC Paper No. LS 57/05-06)

9. The Chairman said that the purpose of the Bill was to give effect to the salaries tax proposals announced by the Financial Secretary in his 2006-07 Budget Speech. The policy aspects of the Bill had not been referred to any Panel for discussion.

10. The Acting Legal Adviser said that no difficulties in relation to the legal and drafting aspects of the Bill had been identified.

11. 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 21 April 2006 and tabled in Council on 26 April 2006
(LC Paper No. LS 60/05-06)

12. The Chairman said that only one item of subsidiary legislation, i.e. the Employees Retraining Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 2) Notice 2006, was gazetted on 21 April 2006 and tabled in Council on 26 April 2006. The Notice amended the list of training bodies which could conduct training courses for the purposes of the Ordinance.

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13. Members did not raise any queries on this item of subsidiary legislation.
14. The Chairman reminded Members that the deadline for amending this item of subsidiary legislation was 24 May 2006, or 14 June 2006 if extended by resolution.

IV. Further business for the Council meeting on 3 May 2006

Questions

(LC Paper No. CB(3) 500/05-06)

15. The Chairman said that Ms Audrey EU and Miss CHAN Yuen-han had replaced their previous oral questions.

V. Business for the Council meeting on 10 May 2006

(a) Questions

(LC Paper No. CB(3) 501/05-06)

16. 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

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

(c) Bills - resumption of debate on Second Reading, Committee Stage and Third Reading

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

18. The Chairman said that the Bills Committee on the Bill had presented its report to the House Committee at the last meeting, and Members did not raise objection to the resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Bill.

(d) Government motion

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

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(e) **Members' motions**

(i) **Motion on “Perfecting the framework of advisory and statutory bodies”**

(Wording of the motion issued vide LC Paper No. CB(3) 506/05-06 dated 26 April 2006.)

(ii) **Motion on “Strengthening the development of post-secondary education and upgrading the quality of sub-degree courses”**

(Wording of the motion issued vide LC Paper No. CB(3) 507/05-06 dated 26 April 2006.)

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

21. The Chairman reminded Members that the deadline for giving notice of amendments, if any, to the motions was Tuesday, 2 May 2006.

VI. Report of Bills Committees and subcommittees

Report of the Bills Committee on Dentists Registration (Amendment) Bill 2005

(LC Paper No. CB(2) 1831/05-06)

22. Dr KWOK Ka-ki, Chairman of the Bills Committee, referred Members to the report of the Bills Committee.

23. The Chairman said that the Bills Committee supported the Administration's Committee Stage amendments (CSAs) and the resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Bill on 17 May 2006.

24. The Chairman reminded Members that the deadline for giving notice of CSAs, if any, was Monday, 8 May 2006.

VII. Position on Bills Committees and subcommittees

(LC Paper No. CB(2) 1833/05-06)

25. The Chairman said that there were 10 Bills Committees, including the Bills Committee on Betting Duty (Amendment) Bill 2006 formed under agenda item III(a)(i) above, and six subcommittees under the House Committee in action.

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VIII. Any other business

26. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 4:30 pm.

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