

**Extract from the draft minutes of the House Committee meeting
on 10 February 2006**

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III. Business arising from previous Council meetings

(b) Legal Service Division report on subsidiary legislation gazetted on 3 and 8 February 2006 and tabled in Council on 8 February 2006
(LC Paper No. LS 30/05-06)

6. Acting Legal Adviser said that one item of subsidiary legislation, i.e., the Road Traffic (Traffic Control) (Amendment) Regulation 2005 (Commencement Notice), was gazetted on 3 February 2006, and the following two items of subsidiary legislation to ban backyard poultry keeping were gazetted on 8 February 2006 –

- (a) Waste Disposal Ordinance (Amendment of Fourth Schedule) Notice 2006; and
- (b) Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Licensing of Livestock Keeping) (Amendment) Regulation 2006.

7. Acting Legal Adviser added that the three items of subsidiary legislation had been tabled in Council on 8 February 2006.

8. Acting Legal Adviser informed Members that the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene had been briefed on the legislative proposal to ban backyard poultry keeping at its meeting on 7 February 2006, and the Panel had expressed support for the proposal.

9. Acting Legal Adviser further informed Members that the two items of subsidiary legislation would come into operation on 13 February 2006. The Legal Service Division had raised some questions about the two items of subsidiary legislation with the Administration, and the Administration's response was annexed to the report.

10. Mr Fred LI said that the Administration had not fully answered the questions raised by the Legal Service Division. A subcommittee should be formed to examine the two items of subsidiary legislation in detail. Mr WONG Yung-kan and Ms Emily LAU expressed support.

Action

11. The Chairman proposed that a subcommittee should be formed to study the Waste Disposal Ordinance (Amendment of Fourth Schedule) Notice 2006 and the Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Licensing of Livestock Keeping) (Amendment) Regulation 2006. Members agreed. The following Members agreed to join: Mr Fred LI, Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong, Mr WONG Yung-kan, Ms Emily LAU, Mr Andrew CHENG, Mr Tommy CHEUNG, Mr Vincent FANG, Mr Daniel LAM, Mr Alan LEONG, Mr CHEUNG Hok-ming and Mr Albert CHENG.

12. The Chairman reminded Members that the deadline for amending these three items of subsidiary legislation was 8 March 2006, or 29 March 2006 if extended by resolution.

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