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Panel on Welfare Services

**Minutes of meeting
held on Thursday, 13 October 2005 at 9:10 am
in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building**

Members present : Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Chairman)
Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, GBS, JP
Hon Albert HO Chun-yan
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, SBS, JP
Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP
Hon LI Fung-ying, BBS, JP
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip

Members absent : Hon Bernard CHAN, JP
Dr Hon YEUNG Sum
Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, JP
Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung

Clerk in attendance : Ms Doris CHAN
Chief Council Secretary (2) 4

Staff in attendance : Mrs Justina LAM
Assistant Secretary General 2

Miss Mary SO
Senior Council Secretary (2) 8

Ms Maisie LAM
Council Secretary (2) 2

Miss Maggie CHIU
Legislative Assistant (2) 4

I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

Miss CHAN Yuen-han invited nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel for the 2005-2006 session in accordance with the election procedures set out in Appendix IV of the House Rules.

Election of Chairman

2. Mr LEE Cheuk-yan nominated Dr Fernando CHEUNG and Mr Albert CHAN seconded the nomination. Dr CHEUNG accepted the nomination. There being no other nominations, Miss CHAN declared Dr CHEUNG elected as Chairman of the Panel.

3. The Chairman took the chair and called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship of the Panel.

Election of Deputy Chairman

4. Mr LEE Cheuk-yan nominated Miss CHAN Yuen-han and Mr TAM Yiu-chung seconded the nomination. Miss CHAN accepted the nomination. There being no other nominations, the Chairman declared Miss CHAN elected as Deputy Chairman of the Panel.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2005-2006 session

5. Members agreed to hold regular meetings on the second Monday of each month at 10:45 am. As the meeting on 13 March 2006 clashed with the special Finance Committee meeting, members agreed to hold the March meeting on 21 March 2006 at 10:45 am.

III. Discussion items for next meeting

6. Members agreed to hold the next regular meeting on 14 November 2005 to discuss the following items -

- (a) rate adjustment of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance/Social Security Allowance; and
- (b) review of the Disability Allowance under the Social Security Allowance Scheme (proposed by the Chairman).

7. Mr LEE Cheuk-yan proposed to hold a special meeting in end October/early November 2005 to listen to the views of non-governmental organisations currently receiving tide-over grant on the Special One-off Grant scheme. Members agreed.

8. Mrs Sophie LEUNG proposed and members agreed to include the issue of developing strategy and measures to promote a self/mutual help culture in the community in the list of items for discussion by the Panel at future meeting(s).

IV. Proposed setting up of a subcommittee to study long term care services for the elderly

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9. Miss CHAN Yuen-han explained the need for setting up a subcommittee under the Panel to study long term care services for the elderly as set out in the above letter issued to members. As two subcommittees, viz: the Subcommittee on Review of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme and the Subcommittee on Strategy and Measures to Tackle Family Violence, had already been formed under the Panel, members agreed to defer a decision on setting up the subcommittee proposed by Miss CHAN, after one of the aforesaid Subcommittees had completed its work.

10. Mr James TIEN said that as not all members were members of the Subcommittees formed under the Panel, it would be useful if reports on the progress of work of the Subcommittees could be made to the Panel periodically.

11. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 9:39 am.