

Committee on Rules of Procedure

List of issues studied during the 2005-2006 Legislative Council Session

(as at 12 July 2006)

Item	Issue	Reference	Progress/Remarks
1	Procedure for debate on the next and future Policy Addresses	Rule 13 of Rules of Procedure (RoP)	Arrangements for the debate, which were proposed by the Committee on Rules of Procedure (CRoP) and endorsed by the House Committee (HC), were adopted for the debate on the Policy Address held from 26 to 28 October 2005. They will also be adopted for the debate on future Policy Addresses delivered in the remainder of the current term.
2	Procedure for dealing with motions concerning the amendments for the selection of the Chief Executive and for the formation of the Legislative Council	Annexes I and II to Basic Law; Rule 46(1) of RoP	CRoP's views on the issue and its proposed amendments to Rule 46(1) of RoP were endorsed by HC on 9 December 2005. The amendment to RoP was approved by the Council on 14 December 2005.
3	Asking oral questions at Council meetings	Rules 24(3) and 26(6) of RoP; Rules 7(b) and 11 of House Rules (HR)	At its meeting on 16 December 2005, HC agreed to revise CRoP's proposed amendments to RoP and HR. The revised amendments were approved by the Council on 11 January 2006.

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4	Review of Rule 2 of HR and procedure to facilitate debates on subsidiary legislation subject to negative vetting but to which no amendment has been proposed	Rule 2 of HR	CRoP decided that the subject should be shelved until members could come up with a better option that would be acceptable to members. The existing procedure for Members to debate or speak on such subsidiary legislation, as well as the requirement to provide to the President under Rule 2 of HR an advance copy of an intended address on subsidiary legislation to be made under Rule 21(5) of RoP will remain unchanged.
5	Formation of joint subcommittees by two or more Panels of the Council	Rule 77 of RoP; Rules 22, 23 and 26 of HR	The proposed amendments to RoP and HR were endorsed by HC on 8 July 2005. The amendments to RoP were approved by the Council on 19 October 2005.
6	Voting rights of chairmen of committees/ subcommittees	Rules 71(8), 72(7), 73(5), 73A(9), 74(5), 75(16), 76(8), 77(13) and 79(6) of RoP; Paragraph 45 of Finance Committee Procedure	The two sets of proposed amendments to RoP were endorsed by HC on 7 October and 11 November 2005 and approved by the Council on 19 October and 23 November 2005 respectively.
7	Handbook for chairmen of committees	—	The Handbook for Chairmen of Bills Committees was endorsed by HC on 25 November 2005. The Handbook for Chairmen of Subcommittees on subsidiary legislation/other Instruments will be circulated to all Members for comments. Members' comments will be considered by CRoP in the next session.

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8	Determination of the time and place of a committee meeting	Rules 71(6), 72(6), 73(3), 74(3), 75(14), 76(5), 77(11) and 79(2) of RoP	The proposed amendments to RoP were endorsed by HC on 7 July 2006. They will be presented to the Council for passage at the first regular Council meeting in the next session on 18 October 2006.

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