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House Committee of the Legislative Council

**Minutes of the 9th meeting
held in the Legislative Council Chamber
at 2:30 pm on Friday, 15 December 2006**

Members present :

Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye, GBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, GBS, JP
Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, SBS, S.B.St.J., JP
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye, GBS, JP
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong
Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP
Hon Bernard CHAN, GBS, JP
Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP
Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, SBS, 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 Kong-wah, JP
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
Hon CHOY So-yuk, JP
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP
Hon LI Fung-ying, BBS, JP
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP
Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, SBS, JP
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP
Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH
Hon LEE Wing-tat
Hon LI Kwok-ying, MH, JP
Dr Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long, JP

Mrs Constance LI	Principal Council Secretary (Complaints)
Miss Kathleen LAU	Chief Public Information Officer
Miss Odelia LEUNG	Chief Council Secretary (2)6
Mr KAU Kin-wah	Assistant Legal Adviser 6
Ms Amy YU	Senior Council Secretary (2)3

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I. Confirmation of the minutes of the 8th meeting held on 8 December 2006
(LC Paper No. CB(2) 634/06-07)

The minutes were confirmed.

II. Matters arising

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

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

III. Business arising from previous Council meetings

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

Race Discrimination Bill

(LC Paper No. LS 18/06-07)

3. The Chairman said that the Bill sought to render discrimination, harassment and vilification on the ground of race unlawful. The Chairman further said that the Panel on Home Affairs was briefed on the main provisions of the Bill at its meeting on 10 February 2006.

4. Ms Emily LAU considered that a Bills Committee should be formed to study 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: Mr LEE Cheuk-yan, Mr Martin LEE (as advised by Dr YEUNG Sum), Mr James TO, Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong, Miss CHAN Yuen-han, Mr Bernard CHAN, Dr YEUNG Sum, Ms Emily LAU, Ms Audrey EU, Mr Daniel LAM, Mr Jeffrey LAM, Dr KWOK Ka-ki, Mr WONG Ting-kwong, and Miss TAM Heung-man.

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6. The Chairman said that as there were vacant slots, the Bills Committee could commence work immediately.

(b) **Legal Service Division report on subsidiary legislation gazetted on 8 December 2006 and tabled in Council on 13 December 2006**
(*LC Paper No. LS 21/06-07*)

7. The Chairman said that one item of subsidiary legislation, i.e. the Air Pollution Control (Emission Reduction Devices for Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulation 2006, was gazetted on 8 December 2006 and tabled in Council on 13 December 2006. The Chairman further said that the Panel on Environmental Affairs was consulted on the Amendment Regulation on 23 October 2006.

8. The Legal Adviser added that the Amendment Regulation would come into operation on 1 April 2007.

9. Members did not raise any query on the Amendment Regulation.

IV. Report of Bills Committees and subcommittees

Report of the Subcommittee on Fugitive Offenders (Germany) Order and Fugitive Offenders (Republic of Korea) Order

10. Mr James TO, Chairman of the Subcommittee, said that to allow sufficient time for scrutiny of the two Orders, the Subcommittee agreed that a motion should be moved by him in his capacity as the Subcommittee Chairman at the Council meeting on 20 December 2006 to extend the scrutiny period to 10 January 2007.

11. Mr TO further said that the deadline for giving notice of amendments to the Orders was 3 January 2007. He drew Members' attention to section 3(3) of the Fugitive Offenders Ordinance which restricted the power of the Legislative Council to only repeal the Orders. Mr TO added that the Subcommittee would provide its written report at the next House Committee meeting on 5 January 2007.

V. Position on Bills Committees and subcommittees

(*LC Paper No. CB(2) 633/06-07*)

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

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VI. Any other business

13. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 2:35 pm.

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