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House Committee of the Legislative Council

**Minutes of the 18th meeting
held in the Legislative Council Chamber
at 2:30 pm on Friday, 16 March 2007**

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
Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, SBS, S.B.St.J., JP
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
Dr Hon David LI Kwok-po, GBS, JP
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, GBS, JP
Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
Hon SIN Chung-kai, JP
Hon WONG Yung-kan, JP
Dr Hon YEUNG Sum
Hon LAU Chin-shek, JP
Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
Hon CHOY So-yuk, JP
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, GBS, JP
Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP
Hon LI Fung-ying, BBS, JP
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, SBS, JP
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP
Hon Vincent FANG Kang, JP
Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH

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| Mr Simon WONG | Chief Public Information Officer |
| Mr Andy LAU | Chief Council Secretary (1)2 |
| Miss Odelia LEUNG | Chief Council Secretary (2)6 |
| Mr Timothy TSO | Assistant Legal Adviser 2 |
| Miss Monna LAI | Assistant Legal Adviser 7 |
| Ms Amy YU | Senior Council Secretary (2)3 |

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I. Confirmation of the minutes of the 17th meeting held on 9 March 2007
(*LC Paper No. CB(2) 1309/06-07*)

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

Legal Service Division report on subsidiary legislation gazetted on 9 March 2007 and tabled in Council on 14 March 2007
(*LC Paper No. LS 47/06-07*)

3. The Chairman said that a total of three items of subsidiary legislation were gazetted on 9 March 2007 and tabled in Council on 14 March 2007.

4. Members did not raise any queries on these items of subsidiary legislation.

5. The Chairman reminded Members that the deadline for amending these items of subsidiary legislation was 28 March 2007.

IV. Business for the Council meeting of 28 and 29 March 2007

(a) **Questions**
(*LC Paper No. CB(3) 431/06-07*)

6. The Chairman said that 20 written questions had been scheduled for the meeting.

(b) **Bills - resumption of debate on Second Reading**

**Appropriation Bill 2007
(Members speak)**

7. The Chairman said that the Council meeting of 28 and 29 March 2007 would start at 11:00 am and 2:30 pm respectively.
8. The Chairman added that in accordance with Rule 36(5) of the Rules of Procedure, Members would each have a maximum speaking time of 15 minutes.

V. Report of Bills Committees and subcommittees

**Report of the Subcommittee on Road Traffic (Traffic Control)
(Amendment) Regulation 2007**
(LC Paper No. CB(1) 1123/06-07)

9. Mr WONG Kwok-hing, Chairman of the Subcommittee, said that the Amendment Regulation sought to empower the Commissioner for Transport to exempt any category of taxis from a closed road restriction in respect of such closed roads as he might specify.
10. Mr WONG further said that with the impending commissioning of the public transport interchanges (PTIs) at the Sheung Shui to Lok Ma Chau Spur Line Terminus and the Hong Kong side of the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Corridor, the Administration proposed to allow urban and New Territories (NT) taxis to operate at the PTIs. As the roads leading to the PTIs at the new control points were closed roads, it was necessary to amend the relevant Regulation to allow urban and NT taxis to access the PTIs.
11. Mr WONG added that the Subcommittee was in support of the Amendment Regulation but had requested the Administration to closely monitor the traffic impacts and security risks arising from the proposal.
12. The Chairman reminded Members that the deadline for giving notice of amendments, if any, was Wednesday, 21 March 2007.

VI. Position on Bills Committees and subcommittees
(LC Paper No. CB(2) 1310/06-07)

13. The Chairman said that there were 13 Bills Committees and five subcommittees under the House Committee in action.

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VII. Any other business

14. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 2:36 pm.

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