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### **Paper for the House Committee Meeting on 6 July 2007**

### **Review of arrangements for House Committee meetings**

#### **Purpose**

This paper invites Members to review the arrangements for House Committee (HC) meetings implemented with effect from the 2006-2007 session and to endorse their continuation.

#### **Background**

2. At the HC meeting on 6 October 2006, Members agreed that with effect from the 2006-2007 session, HC meetings should start at 2:30 pm. When a Finance Committee (FC) meeting is scheduled to be held in the same afternoon, the HC meeting will be suspended at 3:00 pm and resumed after the FC meeting to deal with the unfinished business on the agenda. Rule 20(e) of the House Rules was amended to reflect the new meeting arrangements. Members also agreed that the arrangements should be reviewed at the end of the 2006-2007 session in the light of experience.

#### **Review of meeting arrangements**

3. Since the implementation of the new meeting arrangements and up to the end of June 2007, HC held 31 meetings of which 12 were held on the same day when there were FC meetings. Of the 31 meetings, 23 (74.2%) were concluded within half an hour, four (12.9%) between half an hour to one hour, and four (12.9%) between one to two hours. Only on one occasion was the HC meeting suspended at 3:00 pm and resumed after the FC meeting to deal with the unfinished business on the agenda. The duration of the 31 HC meetings is summarized in the **Appendix**.

4. The new meeting arrangements have been working smoothly since their implementation. The Secretariat has sounded out the views of the FC Chairman and the Administration, who consider that the arrangements are in order.

**Advice sought**

5. Members are invited to endorse the continuation of the existing arrangements for HC meetings.

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## Appendix

### Duration of House Committee meetings in the 2006-2007 session (up to 29 June 2007)

Duration	2006-2007	
	No. of meetings	Percentage
<i>(a) 30 minutes and below</i>		
15 minutes or less	17	54.8 %
16 minutes to 30 minutes	6	19.4 %
<b>Sub-total:</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>74.2%</b>
<i>(b) above 30 minutes</i>		
31 minutes to 45 minutes	3	9.7 %
46 minutes to 60 minutes	1	3.2 %
61 minutes to 75 minutes	2	6.5 %
76 minutes to 90 minutes	-	-
91 minutes to 105 minutes	1	3.2 %
106 minutes to 120 minutes	1	3.2 %
<b>Sub-total:</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>25.8 %</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>100 %</b>