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**Subcommittee on Six Items of Subsidiary Legislation Relating
to the Relocation of Juveniles to the Tuen Mun Children and Juvenile Home**

**Minutes of the second meeting
held on Thursday, 30 November 2006, at 8:30 am
in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building**

Members present : Hon Albert HO Chun-yan (Chairman)
Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung

Member absent : Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming, SBS, JP

Public Officers attending : Mr Freely CHENG
Principal Assistant Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food
(Family)

Ms Wendy CHEUNG
Assistant Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food (Family) 3

Mr CHENG Suen-lok, Desmond
Assistant Secretary for Security

Mr CHEUNG Hing-wah
Assistant Director of Social Welfare
(Youth and Corrections)

Mr NGAN Man-por
Chief Social Work Officer (Corrections)
Social Welfare Department

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Ms Phyllis POON
Government Counsel
Department of Justice

Clerk in attendance : Miss Betty MA
Chief Council Secretary (2) 4

Staff in attendance : Miss Kitty CHENG
Assistant Legal Adviser 5

Mr Chris LAI
Senior Council Secretary (2) 7

I. Meeting with the Administration

[LC Paper Nos. CB(2)387/06-07(02), CB(2)492/06-07(01), File Ref : HWF/W/27/3 VI and LC Paper No. LS6/06-07]

The Administration briefed the Subcommittee on its responses to areas of concern raised by members at the last meeting about the management and operation of the new Tuen Mun Children and Juvenile Home (the new Home), as detailed in its paper [LC Paper No. CB(2)492/06-07(01)]. The Administration stressed that through the provision of adequate space, enhanced design and facilities of the new Home, proper segregation of different groups of juveniles could be achieved and the needs of residents could be better taken care of.

2. The Subcommittee deliberated (Index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

3. In response to Dr Fernando CHEUNG's concern about the segregation arrangements in the new Home, the Administration explained that different juvenile groups, notably offenders and non-offenders of both sexes as well as local residents and illegal immigrants, would be housed in segregated blocks/floors. Through appropriate scheduling of activities and programmes, different groups of children and juveniles would not interact unnecessarily. Separate accommodation for temporary care to residents pending admission would be provided if necessary. Education and vocational training would be provided to different groups of children and juveniles having regard to their learning and rehabilitation needs.

4. Dr Fernando CHEUNG said that some frontline social work staff of the six existing homes expressed concern about the arrangements for the removal exercise and the facilities of the new Home. According to these frontline staff, staff consultation on the re-location project was insufficient. Although the first phase of the relocation exercise would take place in two months' time, the frontline staff were not informed of the latest development of the removal exercise, not to mention the

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future staff deployment.

5. The Administration responded that it attached great importance to staff's concern and views and those as related by Dr Fernando CHEUNG had been addressed or were being considered by the management. A total of 14 staff consultation forums had so far been held to explain and address the questions on the relocation exercise. January/February 2007 was only a tentative time frame, but not the deadline to commence the three-phase removal exercise ending December 2007. Details of the removal exercise and the operational arrangements in the new Home would be carefully deliberated and announced once finalised.

6. The Chairman said that the Subcommittee had completed scrutiny of the six items of subsidiary legislation, and would submit a report to the House Committee on 8 December 2006.

II. Any other business

7. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 10:00 am.

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000000 - 000929	Chairman Admin	Administration's responses to members' concern raised at the last meeting about the management and operation of the new Tuen Mun Children and Juvenile Home (the new Home)	
000930 - 002502	Chairman Dr Fernando CHEUNG Admin	Need for segregation in the new Home between residents who were admitted under different ordinances, notably juveniles of both sexes, offenders and non-offenders, as well as from local and overseas	
002503 - 005023	Chairman Dr Fernando CHEUNG Admin	Segregation arrangements effected by the design of the complex and scheduling of programmes and activities in the new Home	
005024 - 011022	Chairman Dr Fernando CHEUNG Admin	<p>Concern raised by the frontline social work staff of the six existing homes about –</p> <p>(a) improvements to be made to the facilities in the new Home; and</p> <p>(b) inadequate information about the timeframe and logistic arrangements for removing the existing homes</p> <p>The Administration responded as follows –</p> <p>(a) staff consultation at different levels had been conducted through various channels, including staff consultative forums and written correspondence with staff associations;</p> <p>(b) working groups comprising heads of the six existing homes had been formed to advise on the design and building of the new Home and to consult the frontline staff;</p> <p>(c) orientation visits had been arranged for the existing staff to</p>	

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		<p>familiarise them with the facilities in the new Home; and</p> <p>(d) to ensure the smooth operation of the new Home, the removal of the six existing homes would take place by phases</p>	
011023 - 012611	<p>Chairman Dr Fernando CHEUNG Admin</p>	<p>Concern raised by the frontline staff and the Administration's responses in respect of the following arrangements and facilities in the new Home -</p> <p>(a) fitting of glass windows along corridors;</p> <p>(b) installation of central air-conditioning system;</p> <p>(c) inadequate provision of toilets in temporary accommodation for residents pending admission;</p> <p>(d) provision of catering services, especially during mid-night;</p> <p>(e) use of smart cards by staff during patrol;</p> <p>(f) location of TV panels inside control suite; and</p> <p>(g) lack of proper accommodation facilities for staff on night shift</p>	
012612 - 013049	<p>Dr Fernando CHEUNG Chairman Admin</p>	<p>(a) whether the new Home would be a closed home and open to visits by parents of residents; and</p> <p>(b) the schooling arrangements for residents on the care or protection order in the new Home</p>	
013050 - 013120	<p>Chairman</p>	<p>Reporting to House Committee 8 December 2006</p>	