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LC Paper No. CB(2)776/06-07

(These minutes have been cleared with the Chairman)

Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 12 December 2006, at 2:30 pm in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building

Members : present:	Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP (Chairman) Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP (Deputy Chairman) Hon WONG Yung-kan, JP Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki
Member : Absent	Hon Vincent FANG Kang, JP Dr Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long, JP Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC
Clerk in : attendance	Miss Flora TAI Chief Council Secretary (2)2
Staff in : attendance	Ms Alice LEUNG Senior Council Secretary (2)1 Ms Anna CHEUNG Legislative Assistant (2)2
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Action

I. Confirmation of minutes

[LC Paper No. CB(2)468/06-07 & CB(2)593/06-07]

The minutes of the meetings held on 13 October 2006 and 14 November 2006 were confirmed.

II. Information paper(s) issued since last meeting

[LC Paper No. CB(2)413/06-07(01)]

2. <u>Members</u> noted that an information paper provided by the Administration on the internal monitoring mechanism over staff performance adopted by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department had been issued to members since the last meeting.

III. Items for discussion at the next meeting

[Appendices I and II of LC Paper No. CB(2)586/06-07]

3. <u>Members</u> agreed that, as proposed by the Administration, the Panel should discuss the following items at the next regular meeting on 9 January 2007 -

- (a) Development of crematorium and columbarium facilities; and
- (b) Streamlining measures for food business licence (New composite licence for ready-to-eat food).

4. On the agenda item referred to in paragraph 3(a), <u>the Chairman</u> advised members that Mr WONG Kwok-hing requested the Panel to discuss a number of issues in regard to the recent incident occurred at Kwai Chung Crematorium, as listed out in his letter to the Panel Chairman dated 4 December 2006, which was tabled at the meeting for members' reference. In the light of this, <u>the Chairman</u> suggested to request the Administration to address the issues raised by Mr WONG in the discussion paper to be provided for the agenda item. <u>Members</u> agreed.

IV. Any other business

5. <u>The Chairman</u> reminded members that the joint meeting with the Panel on Health Services would be held immediately after this meeting to discuss the Administration's preparations for the peak season of avian influenza outbreak.

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

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