

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES

No. 23

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 16 April 2008 at 11:00 am
and Thursday 17 April 2008 at 9:00 am

Members present:

President

The Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai, GBM, GBS, JP

The Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, GBS, JP

The Hon Albert HO Chun-yan

Ir Dr the Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, SBS, S.B.St.J., JP
(absent on 17.4.2008)

The Hon LEE Cheuk-yan

The Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming, SC, JP

Dr the Hon David LI Kwok-po, GBM, GBS, JP (absent on 17.4.2008)

The Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP

Dr the Hon LUI Ming-wah, SBS, JP

The Hon Margaret NG

The Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye, GBS, JP

The Hon James TO Kun-sun

The Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong

The Hon CHAN Yuen-han, SBS, JP

The Hon Bernard CHAN, GBS, JP

The Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP

The Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, GBS, JP
(absent on 17.4.2008)

The Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung

The Hon SIN Chung-kai, SBS, JP (absent on 17.4.2008)

Dr the Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, GBS (absent on 17.4.2008)

The Hon WONG Yung-kan, SBS, JP (absent on 17.4.2008)

The Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, GBS, JP

The Hon Howard YOUNG, SBS, JP

Dr the Hon YEUNG Sum, JP

The Hon LAU Chin-shek, JP (absent on 17.4.2008)

The Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP

The Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBM, GBS, JP

The Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee, GBS, JP

The Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP

The Hon CHOY So-yuk, JP (absent on 16.4.2008)

The Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo

The Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, GBS, JP (absent on 17.4.2008)

The Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP

The Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, SBS, JP

The Hon LI Fung-ying, BBS, JP

The Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, SBS, JP

The Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip (absent on 17.4.2008)

The Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, SBS, JP (absent on 17.4.2008)

The Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP

The Hon Vincent FANG Kang, JP

The Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH

The Hon LEE Wing-tat

The Hon LI Kwok-ying, MH, JP

Dr the Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long, JP

The Hon Daniel LAM Wai-keung, SBS, JP

The Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, SBS, JP (absent on 17.4.2008)

The Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, SBS, JP

The Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC

The Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (absent on 17.4.2008)

Dr the Hon KWOK Ka-ki

Dr the Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung

The Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming, SBS, JP

The Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS

The Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC

The Hon CHIM Pui-chung

Prof the Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS, JP

The Hon Albert Jinghan CHENG, JP (absent on 16.4.2008)

The Hon KWONG Chi-kin

The Hon TAM Heung-man

The Hon Mrs Anson CHAN, GBM, JP

Public officers attending:

On 16.4.2008 and 17.4.2008

The Hon John TSANG Chun-wah, JP
The Financial Secretary

The Hon Matthew CHEUNG Kin-chung, GBS, JP
Secretary for Labour and Welfare

The Hon Mrs Carrie LAM CHENG Yuet-ngor, JP
Secretary for Development

On 16.4.2008

The Hon Henry TANG Ying-yen, GBS, JP
The Chief Secretary for Administration

The Hon WONG Yan-lung, SC, JP
The Secretary for Justice

The Hon Michael SUEN Ming-yeung, GBS, JP
Secretary for Education

Dr the Hon York CHOW Yat-ngok, SBS, JP
Secretary for Food and Health

The Hon Denise YUE Chung-yee, GBS, JP
Secretary for the Civil Service

The Hon TSANG Tak-sing, JP
Secretary for Home Affairs

Prof the Hon K C CHAN, SBS, JP
Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

The Hon Edward YAU Tang-wah, JP
Secretary for the Environment

On 17.4.2008

The Hon Frederick MA Si-hang, JP
Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development

The Hon Stephen LAM Sui-lung, JP
Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

The Hon Ambrose LEE Siu-kwong, IDSM, JP
Secretary for Security

Prof LAU Siu-kai, JP
Head, Central Policy Unit

Clerks in attendance:

On 16.4.2008

Mr Ricky FUNG Choi-cheung, JP, Secretary General

Mrs Constance LI TSOI Yeuk-lin, Assistant Secretary General (1)

Mrs Vivian KAM NG Lai-man, Assistant Secretary General (2)

On 17.4.2008

Ms Pauline NG Man-wah, Assistant Secretary General (SD)

Tabling of Papers

The following papers were laid on the table pursuant to Rule 21(2) of the Rules of Procedure:

<u>Subsidiary Legislation / Instruments</u>	<u>L.N. No.</u>
1. Airport Authority Ordinance (Map of Restricted Area) Order (gazetted on 11.4.2008)	73/2008
2. Securities and Futures (Contracts Limits and Reportable Positions) (Amendment) Rules 2008 (gazetted on 11.4.2008)	74/2008

Other Papers

- No.85 - Annual Report of The Standing Committee on Legal Education and Training for the period from 1 September 2006 to 31 August 2007 (published on 10.4.2008)
- No.86 - Approved Estimates of Income and Expenditure for the financial year 2008-2009, Securities and Futures Commission (published on 10.4.2008)

Questions

Written replies to Questions 1 to 20 were tabled for Members' information.

Bill

Second Reading

Appropriation Bill 2008

The debate on the motion for the Second Reading which had been moved on 27 February 2008 resumed, in accordance with Rule 67(2) of the Rules of Procedure.

Nine Members and Dr Hon YEUNG Sum spoke on the motion.

While Dr Hon YEUNG Sum was speaking, the President left the chair at 1:03 pm temporarily and the President's Deputy, Hon Miriam LAU, took the chair.

Eight other Members and Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG spoke on the motion.

At 2:55 pm, while Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG was speaking, the President resumed the chair.

Sixteen more Members and Hon Frederick FUNG spoke on the motion.

While Hon Frederick FUNG was speaking, the President left the chair at 6:30 pm temporarily and the President's Deputy, Hon Miriam LAU, took the chair.

Another three Members spoke on the motion.

The President's Deputy suspended the meeting at 7:12 pm.

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The Council resumed at 9:00 am on 17 April 2008 and continued to debate the motion for the Second Reading of the Appropriation Bill 2008.

Noting the absence of a quorum, the President directed the Clerk to summon Members to the meeting. A quorum was then present.

Eight Members and Hon Vincent FANG Kang spoke on the motion.

While Hon Vincent FANG Kang was speaking, the President left the chair at 11:05 am temporarily and the President's Deputy, Hon Miriam LAU, took the chair.

Three other Members and Hon CHOY So-yuk spoke on the motion.

At 12:00 noon, while Hon CHOY So-yuk was speaking, the President resumed the chair.

Three more Members spoke on the motion.

Hon Miriam LAU moved that the debate on the motion be adjourned to the meeting to be held on 23 April 2008.

Question on the motion proposed, put and agreed to.

Next meeting

The President declared that the next meeting of the Council would be held on 23 April 2008 at 11:00 am.

The Council was adjourned at 12:55 pm on 17 April 2008.

(Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai)
President

Council Chamber
Hong Kong