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Establishment Subcommittee of the Finance Committee

**Minutes of the 1st meeting
held in Conference Room A
on Thursday, 11 October 2007, at 2:15 pm**

Members present:

Hon LI Fung-ying, BBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH (Deputy Chairman)
Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, GBS, JP
Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, SBS, S.B.St.J., JP
Hon Margaret NG
Hon WONG Yung-kan, SBS, JP
Hon Howard YOUNG, SBS, JP
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, SBS, JP
Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS
Prof Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS, JP
Hon KWONG Chi-kin

Members absent:

Dr Hon David LI Kwok-po, GBM, GBS, JP
Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong
Hon SIN Chung-kai, SBS, JP
Dr Hon YEUNG Sum, JP

Clerk in attendance:

Ms Debbie YAU

Senior Council Secretary (1)1

Staff in attendance:

Ms Pauline NG	Assistant Secretary General 1
Ms Guy YIP	Council Secretary (1)1
Ms Alice CHEUNG	Senior Legislative Assistant (1)1
Mr Frankie WOO	Legislative Assistant (1)2

Action

Ms LI Fung-ying, Chairman of the Establishment Subcommittee (ESC) in office, chaired the meeting. She informed members that the purpose of the meeting was to elect the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the ESC for the 2007-2008 session.

Election of Chairman

2. Ms LI Fung-ying invited nominations for the chairmanship.
3. Mr Howard YOUNG nominated Ms LI Fung-ying. The nomination was seconded by Ir Dr Raymond HO and accepted by Ms LI. As Ms LI was nominated, the chair was taken over by Mr WONG Kwok-hing, Deputy Chairman of the ESC in office. Mr WONG invited other nominations for the chairmanship.
4. There being no other nomination, Ms LI Fung-ying was declared Chairman of the ESC for the 2007-2008 session.

Election of Deputy Chairman

5. Ms LI Fung-ying took the chair and invited nominations for the deputy chairmanship. Mr WONG Yung-kan nominated Mr WONG Kwok-hing and the nomination was seconded by Mr James TIEN. Mr WONG Kwok-hing accepted the nomination.
6. There being no other nomination, Mr WONG Kwok-hing was declared Deputy Chairman of the ESC for the 2007-2008 session.

Any other business

Schedule of meetings for the 2007-2008 session

7. The Chairman advised that the tentative schedule of meetings for the 2007-2008 session had been drawn up for her consideration and it would be issued to members shortly afterwards. She advised members that as agreed, the ESC meetings normally started at 9:00 am.

8. In this respect, Mr James TIEN suggested that the starting time could be further deferred to 9:30 am or 10:00 am if the staffing proposals were very few and straight-forward, so that members' time could be gainfully used on Wednesday mornings when Council meetings started at 11:00 am. Ms Margaret NG remarked that to allow members to have time to discuss proposals thoroughly, ESC meetings should not start as late as 10:00 am. Ms Emily LAU echoed that members should be given sufficient time to exchange views on the proposals, otherwise, any items scheduled for discussion but could not be deliberated thoroughly at a ESC meeting would have to be carried over to the next meeting.

9. Summing up, the Chairman said that she would exercise flexibility in fixing the starting time of ESC meetings held on Wednesday mornings at 8:30 am, 9:00 am or 9:30 am having regard to the number and complexity of the discussions items on the agenda.

(Post-meeting note: The schedule of meetings for the 2007-2008 session was issued to members vide ESC3/07-08 dated 12 October 2007.)

10. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm.

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