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**Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services**

**Minutes of meeting  
held on Thursday, 11 October 2007, at 11:50 am  
in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building**

**Members present** : Hon Margaret NG (Chairman)  
Hon James TO Kun-sun  
Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, GBS, JP  
Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye, GBS, JP  
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP  
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP  
Hon LI Kwok-ying, MH, JP

**Members absent** : Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming, SC, JP  
Hon CHOY So-yuk, JP

**Clerk in attendance** : Mrs Percy MA  
Chief Council Secretary (2)3

**Staff in attendance** : Mrs Eleanor CHOW  
Senior Council Secretary (2)4

Miss Vivien POON  
Council Secretary (2)3

Mrs Fanny TSANG  
Legislative Assistant (2)3

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Action

**I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman**  
(Appendix V to LC Paper No. CB(2)5/07-08 – Terms of reference of the Panel

Appendix VI to LC Paper No. CB(2)5/07-08 – List of Government advisory bodies relevant to the Panel)

Action

Opening remark

Ms Margaret NG, Chairman of the Panel, paid respect to the late Deputy Chairman, Mr MA Lik, on behalf of the Panel.

Election of Chairman

2. Ms Margaret NG called for nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel. Ms Margaret NG was nominated by Ms Emily LAU and the nomination was seconded by Mr LI Kwok-ying. Ms Margaret NG accepted the nomination.

3. Mr James TO, Member who had the highest precedence, presided over the election of Chairman. As there was no other nomination, Mr James TO declared Ms Margaret NG elected as the Chairman of the Panel for the 2007-2008 session.

Election of Deputy Chairman

4. The Chairman suggested that the election of Deputy Chairman should be held at the next meeting, given that some of the members had already been elected as chairmen and deputy chairmen of other Panels and some members were not present at the meeting. Members agreed.

**II. Schedule of meetings for the 2007-2008 session**

5. Members agreed that future regular meetings of the Panel would be held on the fourth Monday of each month at 4:30 pm. As the fourth Monday of December 2007 and that of March 2008 were Christmas Eve and a public holiday respectively, members agreed that the two regular meetings would be rescheduled for Thursday, 13 December 2007 and Wednesday, 19 March 2008 respectively.

**III. Discussion items for next meeting**

(Appendix II to LC Paper No. CB(2)5/07-08 – List of outstanding items for discussion

Appendix III to LC Paper No. CB(2)5/07-08 – List of follow-up actions)

6. The Chairman said that the next meeting would be held on Monday, 22 October 2007. The Panel would be briefed on the Chief Executive's 2007-2008 Policy Address. Secretary for Justice, Secretary for Home Affairs and Director of Administration had been invited to brief the Panel on the relevant policy initiatives.

#### **IV. Any other business**

##### Meeting with the Law Draftsman

7. Ms Emily LAU said that the Department of Justice (DoJ) had announced the appointment of the Law Draftsman. She suggested that the Law Draftsman be invited to brief the Panel on his work at an appropriate time. Members agreed. Ms LAU requested the Secretariat to prepare a background brief on the concerns previously raised by members on law drafting.

*(Post-meeting note : On 9 October 2007, the DoJ announced the appointment of Mr Eamonn Patrick Aquinas MORAN, PSM QC, as the Law Draftsman, the head of the Law Drafting Division of the DoJ. Mr MORAN will assume duty in January 2008.)*

##### Work plan of the Panel

8. In response to Ms Emily LAU on the proposed timing for discussing the outstanding items, the Chairman said that she would arrange a meeting with representatives of the Administration to discuss the tentative work plan of the Panel. The List of outstanding items for discussion would be updated in due course.

9. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 12:00 noon.