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Panel on Manpower

Minutes of meeting
held on Thursday, 11 October 2007, at 9:30 am
in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building

- Members present** : Hon LAU Chin-shek, JP (Chairman)
Hon KWONG Chi-kin (Deputy Chairman)
Hon CHAN Yuen-han, SBS, JP
Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, GBS, JP
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
Hon LI Fung-ying, BBS, JP
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, SBS, JP
Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, SBS, JP
Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH
Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, SBS, JP
Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC
- Members absent** : Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
- Clerk in attendance** : Mrs Sharon TONG
Chief Council Secretary (2)1
- Staff in attendance** : Mr Raymond LAM
Senior Council Secretary (2) 5
- Ms Janet SHUM
Senior Council Secretary (2) 8
- Miss Josephine SO
Council Secretary (2) 1

Ms Camy YOONG
Clerical Assistant (2) 1

Action

I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman for the 2007-2008 session

Election of Chairman

Mr LAU Chin-shek, the Chairman, called for nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel. Mr LAU Chin-shek was nominated by Mr Andrew LEUNG and the nomination was seconded by Mr WONG Kwok-hing. Mr LAU Chin-shek accepted the nomination.

2. Mr KWONG Chi-kin, the Deputy Chairman, took over from Mr LAU Chin-shek to preside over the election. As there was no other nomination, Mr KWONG Chi-kin declared Mr LAU Chin-shek elected as Chairman of the Panel for the 2007-2008 session. Mr LAU Chin-shek then took the chair.

Election of Deputy Chairman

3. The Chairman called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship of the Panel. Mr KWONG Chi-kin was nominated by Mr WONG Kwok-hing and the nomination was seconded by Ms LI Fung-ying. Mr KWONG Chi-kin accepted the nomination.

4. As there was no other nomination, the Chairman declared Mr KWONG Chi-kin elected as Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2007-2008 session.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2007-2008 session

5. Members agreed that regular meetings of the Panel would be held on the third Thursday of each month at 2:30 pm. Members also agreed that the regular meeting in April 2008 would be rescheduled from 17 April to 24 April 2008 at 2:30 pm to avoid a clash with the Second Budget meeting scheduled for 17 April 2008.

III. Items for discussion at the next meeting

6. The Chairman reminded members that the briefings by the Secretary for Labour and Welfare and the Secretary for Education on the Chief Executive's 2007-2008 Policy Address had been scheduled for 18 October 2007 from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm.

Action

7. Members agreed that the following items proposed by the Administration would be discussed at the regular meeting to be held on 15 November 2007 at 2:30 pm -

- (a) Mid-term review of the Wage Protection Movement for employees in the cleansing workers and security guards; and
- (b) The proposal to make mesothelioma a compensable disease under the Pneumoconiosis (Compensation) Ordinance.

8. The Chairman suggested that pursuant to the briefing by the Administration on the mid-term review of the Wage Protection Movement, the Panel would decide whether the "progress of Wage Protection Movement and the proposal for introduction of legislation for a minimum wage and related preparatory work" should continue to be a standing item for discussion by the Panel, and whether one hour should continue to be allocated for discussion of the item. Members agreed.

9. The meeting ended at 9:36 am.

(Post-meeting note: At the request of the Administration and with the concurrence of the Chairman, the item "Proposal to revise the rate of business registration certificate levy for the Protection of Wages on Insolvency Fund" will be included for discussion at the meeting to be held on 15 November 2007 at 2:30 pm. Members has been informed of the arrangement on 17 October 2007 vide LC Paper No. CB(2)108/07-08.)

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