

Committee on Rules of Procedure

List of issues studied in the 2007-2008 Legislative Council Session

(up to 9 July 2008)

Item	Issue	Reference	Progress/Remarks
1	Proposed procedural arrangements relating to the implementation of Article 73(9) of the Basic Law (BL) on impeachment of the Chief Executive	BL 73(9)	The Administration and all Legislative Council (LegCo) Members had been consulted on the proposed procedural arrangements. The Committee on Rules of Procedure (CRoP) had considered their views, and agreed that the matter should be followed up by CRoP in the new term.
2	Alternative arrangements for moving motions on topical issues at Council meetings	Rule 16 of Rules of Procedure (RoP); Rules 14, 14A and 18 of House Rules (HR)	The proposed amendments to RoP 16 and HR 14, 14A and 18 were endorsed by HC on 16 May 2008. The proposed amendments to RoP 16 were approved by the Council on 4 June 2008.
3	Short questions on statements made by designated public officers for elucidation	RoP 28(2)	The proposed amendments to RoP 28(2) were endorsed by HC on 25 January 2008 and approved by the Council on 20 February 2008.
4	Members making references to allegations made in published materials against other Members or members of the public	—	CRoP decided that it was unnecessary for RoP to be amended.

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5	Mode of debate on the Motion of Thanks	—	CRoP decided that it should be left to Members of the new term to decide whether the current mode of debate on the Motion of Thanks should be changed.
6	Distribution of work of LegCo Panels	—	The proposed changes to the terms of reference of the relevant Panels were endorsed by HC on 13 June 2008. The proposed resolution to give effect to such changes was approved by the Council at the meeting of 2 July 2008.
7	Proposing new motions during the 15-minute period of extension or continuation of meeting allowed by the chairman of a committee	HR 24A	The proposed amendments to HR 24A were endorsed by HC on 27 June 2008.
8	Unauthorized disclosure of information relating to the internal deliberations and draft reports of committees of the Council	RoP 80 and 81	CRoP was of the view that clearer and more stringent provisions on such unauthorized disclosure should be made in the Council's rules. It agreed that deliberation on the matter should continue in the new term.

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