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**Establishment Subcommittee of the Finance Committee**

**Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting**  
**held in Conference Room A of Legislative Council Building**  
**on Wednesday, 29 April 2009, at 9:00 am**

**Members present:**

Dr Hon Margaret NG (Deputy Chairman)  
Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, SBS, S.B.St.J., JP  
Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP  
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS  
Prof Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS, JP  
Hon WONG Sing-chi  
Hon IP Wai-ming, MH  
Dr Hon PAN Pey-chyou

**Member attending:**

Dr Hon Samson TAM Wai-ho, JP

**Members absent:**

Hon WONG Yung-kan, SBS, JP (Chairman)  
Dr Hon David LI Kwok-po, GBM, GBS, JP  
Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong  
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, SBS, JP  
Hon LI Fung-ying, BBS, JP  
Hon WONG Yuk-man  
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee, GBS, JP

**Public Officers attending:**

Ms Bernadette LINN, JP	Deputy Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury)
Mrs Ingrid YEUNG, JP	Deputy Secretary for the Civil Service
Mr Alan SIU Yu-bun, JP	Deputy Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development (Communications and Technology)
Ms Ida LEE Bik-sai	Principal Assistant Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development (Communications and Technology)
Ms Ava CHIU Wai-fan	Deputy Government Chief Information Officer (Policy and Customer Service)
Mr Andrew LAI Chi-wah	Deputy Commissioner for Innovation and Technology
Mr TSE Chun-cheong	Head of Standards and Calibration Laboratory, Innovation and Technology Commission
Mr Joshua LAW, JP	Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs
Mr Howard CHAN	Deputy Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs
Mr Victor NG	Expo Coordinator, Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

**Clerk in attendance:**

Ms Rosalind MA	Chief Council Secretary (1)5
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**Staff in attendance:**

Mr Noel SUNG	Senior Council Secretary (1)4
Ms Alice CHEUNG	Senior Legislative Assistant (1)1
Mr Frankie WOO	Legislative Assistant (1)2

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Dr Margaret NG, the Deputy Chairman, chaired the meeting in the absence of Mr WONG Yung-kan, Subcommittee Chairman, who was unable to attend.

2. The Deputy Chairman drew members' attention to an information paper (ECI(2009-10)1) provided by the Administration, which set out the latest changes in the directorate establishment approved since 2002.

**EC(2009-10)1**

**Proposed creation of a new grade and rank of Head of Create Hong Kong (D3); creation of one permanent post of Head of Create Hong Kong (D3) in the Communication and Technology Branch of Government Secretariat: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau to be offset by the deletion of one permanent post of Administrative Officer Staff Grade C (D2) in the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO) to establish a dedicated agency within the Government to lead, champion and drive the development of a creative economy in Hong Kong; revision and redistribution of duties among some directorate posts in OGCIO; and adjustment of the establishment ceilings in 2009-10 under Head 47, Head 55, Head 155 and Head 180**

3. The Deputy Chairman informed members that the Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting (ITB Panel) was consulted on the staffing proposal on 9 February 2009. Panel members supported the staffing proposal in principle, and welcomed the Administration's plan to identify the suitable candidate for the post through open recruitment. Some members expressed concern whether the ranking of the proposed post would be appropriate to ensure effective formulation of policies and strategies for the development of a creative economy in Hong Kong, as well as the needed authority to co-ordinate efforts of departments and bureaux in the work.

4. The item was voted on and endorsed.

**EC(2009-10)2**

**Proposed rationalisation of the directorate structure of Innovation and Technology Commission of Government Secretariat with effect from 1 June 2009 following the setting up of the office of Create Hong Kong under the Communications and Technology Branch of the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau; and conversion of one permanent post from Chief Electronics Engineer (D1) to a bi-disciplinary post of Chief Electronics Engineer/Chief Electrical and Mechanical Engineer (D1) to open up the post in the Standards and Calibration Laboratory to the relevant professional grades staff**

5. The Deputy Chairman informed members that the ITB Panel and the Panel on Commerce and Industry (CI Panel) had been consulted on the staffing proposal on 9 February and 17 March 2009 respectively. Mr WONG Ting-kwong, Deputy Chairman of the CI Panel, advised that members of the ITB Panel supported in principle the proposed redeployment and redistribution of duties in the Innovation and Technology Commission. Members of the CI Panel supported the proposal to convert the Head of Standards and Calibration Laboratory (HL) post from a

single-disciplinary post to a bi-disciplinary post, as this would not incur additional cost and would be conducive to staff morale. Some Panel members suggested the Administration consider the option of open recruitment for the HL post to draw on the external pool of expertise and provide a level playing field for eligible candidates in the private sector.

6. In response to Prof Patrick LAU's enquiry on the effect of the proposed conversion, the Deputy Commissioner for Innovation and Technology advised that the HL post was currently a Chief Electronics Engineer post. The proposed conversion would open the post to officers of the Electrical and Mechanical Engineers Grade, which would widen the choice of candidates for consideration of promotion to the HL post.

7. The item was voted on and endorsed.

**EC(2009-10)3                      Proposed creation of one supernumerary post of Administrative Officer Staff Grade C (D2) in Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau for a period of 20 months from 1 June 2009 to 31 January 2011 to co-ordinate the planning and implementation of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region's participation in the World Exposition 2010 Shanghai China**

8. The Deputy Chairman informed members that the CI Panel was consulted on the staffing proposal on 17 February 2009. Mr WONG Ting-kwong, Deputy Chairman of the CI Panel, advised that members supported in principle the staffing proposal.

9. Prof Patrick LAU expressed concern that the proposed creation of the supernumerary Administrative Officer Staff Grade C (AOSGC) post at this stage might be a bit late for the preparatory and publicity work for the opening of the World Exposition 2010 Shanghai China (Shanghai Expo) in May 2010. He also asked how the post would be filled, given that the post was of a short tenure of 20 months.

10. In response, the Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (PSCMA) said that the work for preliminary planning and preparation for the Shanghai Expo had started in 2008, and this had been undertaken by an existing AOSGC in the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau (CMAB), in addition to his own duties. With increasing workload for detailed planning and co-ordination of logistics as the opening of the Shanghai Expo drew near, the part-time arrangement had proved no longer viable. A six-month supernumerary AOSGC post was therefore created under delegated authority in CMAB in December 2008 to take up the Expo-related duties. As the supernumerary post would expire on 1 June 2009 and having regard to the need for a dedicated AOSGC post to take forward the co-ordination and implementation of the Expo-related work, the current proposal for

the creation of a supernumerary post for 20 months from 1 June 2009 was therefore proposed. Responding to Prof Patrick LAU's enquiry on the filling of the proposed supernumerary post, PSCMA advised that the post would be filled by a serving officer through normal posting arrangement within the civil service.

11. Prof Patrick LAU asked whether arrangement would be made to retain the structure of the Hong Kong Pavilion (HK Pavilion) and the exhibits therein for future exhibition in Hong Kong after the closing of the Shanghai Expo. Prof LAU also asked whether the incumbent of the post would undertake the follow-up work after the conclusion of the Shanghai Expo.

12. PSCMA advised that the proposed supernumerary AOSGC post, to be designated Expo Coordinator, would be responsible for overseeing the disposition of the HK Pavilion and the exhibits after the conclusion of the Shanghai Expo. While under normal rules the HK Pavilion would have to be demolished after the Expo, the Expo Coordinator would negotiate with the Bureau of Shanghai World Expo Co-ordination for its possible preservation. That apart, consideration would also be given to reprovisioning the HK Pavilion in Hong Kong, in whole or in part, including, for example, displaying the exhibits in the premises managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department. In response to the Deputy Chairman's further enquiry, PSCMA said that the relevant Legislative Council Panel would be consulted regarding the arrangements for final disposition of the HK Pavilion and the exhibits after conclusion of the Expo.

13. Citing the examples of the Equestrian Events of the 2008 Beijing Olympics and the East Asian Games, Mr WONG Ting-kwong opined that publicity of the Shanghai Expo should be enhanced so as to promote business opportunities and generate more economic benefits from Hong Kong's participation in the Shanghai Expo.

14. PSCMA noted Mr WONG Ting-kwong's view and advised that the Administration would take heed of the advice to step up publicity for the Shanghai Expo. He added that during and after the Shanghai Expo, the public would be able to obtain a virtual experience of the exhibitions at the HK Pavilion and the Urban Best Practice Area through the Expo Online which will be established on the Internet.

15. The item was voted on and endorsed.

16. The Subcommittee meeting was adjourned at 9:23 am.