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Panel on Environmental Affairs

Subcommittee on Improving Air Quality

Minutes of meeting
held on Wednesday, 10 December 2008, at 10:30 am
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building

- Members present** : Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP (Chairman)
Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee, GBS, JP
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, SBS, JP
Hon KAM Nai-wai, MH
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan
Hon CHAN Hak-kan
Hon CHAN Kin-por, JP
- Members absent** : Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, SBS, S.B.St.J., JP
Hon LEE Wing-tat
- Clerk in attendance** : Miss Becky YU
Chief Council Secretary (1)1
- Staff in attendance** : Mrs Mary TANG
Senior Council Secretary (1)2
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I. Election of Chairman

Ms Miriam LAU, the member who had the highest precedence among those who joined the Subcommittee, presided at the election of Chairman of the Subcommittee. Ms LAU invited nominations for the chairmanship of the Subcommittee.

2. Mr CHAN Hak-kan nominated Ms Audrey EU, and the nomination was seconded by Mr CHAN Kin-bor. Ms Audrey EU accepted the nomination.

3. There being no other nominations, Ms Audrey EU was declared Chairman of the Subcommittee.

4. The Subcommittee accepted the late application for membership from Mr Andrew CHENG.

II. Schedule of meetings in the 2008-2009 session

5. Members agreed to hold regular meetings on a bimonthly basis and special meetings could be held when necessary. It was also agreed that the next meeting would be held on 13 January 2009 to draw up a work plan for the 2008-2009 session.

6. To facilitate members in drawing up the work plan, the Administration was requested to provide an overview of the major issues relating to the following three areas of work which the Subcommittee intended to discuss -

- (a) Government efforts in addressing climate change;
- (b) Progress of measures to achieve the emission reduction targets under the Pearl River Delta Regional Air Quality Management Plan beyond 2010; and
- (c) Progress of review of Hong Kong's Air Quality Objectives.

III. Any other business

7. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 10:50 am.

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Time marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action required
<i>Agenda Item I – Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman</i>			
000001 - 000303	Ms Miriam LAU Mr CHAN Kin-por Ms Audrey EU	Election of Chairman Ms Audrey EU was elected Chairman of the Subcommittee The Subcommittee accepted Mr Andrew CHENG's late application for membership.	
<i>Agenda Item II – Schedule of meetings for the 2008-2009 session</i>			
000304 - 000926	Chairman Mr Jeffrey LAM Mr CHAN Hak-kan Mr KAM Nai-wai Ms Miriam LAU	Discussion on whether monthly or bimonthly meetings should be held Mr Jeffrey LAM, Mr CHAN Hak-kan and Ms Miriam LAU's support for meetings to be held on a bi-monthly basis with special meetings to be held in between on a need basis; and Mr KAM Nai-wai's support for holding of monthly meetings to relieve the workload of the Panel	
000927 - 001148	Chairman Ms Miriam LAU	The Chairman's remark that special meetings might need to be held to invite deputations' views, particularly when the review of Air Quality Objectives was discussed	
001149 - 001722	Ms Cyd HO Mr KAM Nai-wai Chairman Mr Jeffrey LAM Ms Miriam LAU	Ms Miriam LAU's view that the Subcommittee should focus its discussion on specific issues so that it would not become a quasi Panel Ms Cyd HO's view that the Subcommittee should adopt a proactive approach in taking up issues with the Administration, and conduct studies of its own as and when necessary	

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		Mr KAM Nai-wai's suggestion to hold the next meeting in January 2009 to draw up a work plan for the Subcommittee	
001723 - 001751	Chairman	Chairman's explanation that the terms of reference and areas of work of the Subcommittee was already endorsed at the Panel meeting on 27 October 2008	
001752 - 001918	Mr KAM Nai-wai Chairman	Mr KAM Nai-wai's reiteration on his preference for holding monthly meetings, but would not object to members' decision of holding bi-monthly meetings with special meetings to be held on a need basis	
001919 - 002100	Ms Cyd HO Chairman	Ms Cyd HO's support for drawing up an outline of the areas of study and a work plan for the Subcommittee, which was expected to report to the Panel and the Council upon completion of its work	
002101 - 002139	Chairman	Members' agreement that - (a) Subcommittee meetings would be held on a bi-monthly basis with the next meeting to be held on 13 January 2009 to discuss the work plan for the 2008-2009 session; and (b) the Administration should be requested to provide an overview of the major issues relating to the areas of study to facilitate members in drawing up the work plan	