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Panel on Manpower

Minutes of meeting
held on Tuesday, 14 October 2008, at 10:00 am
in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building

Members present : Hon LI Fung-ying, BBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon WONG Kwok-kin, BBS (Deputy Chairman)
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, SBS, JP
Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH
Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC
Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai, BBS, JP
Hon CHAN Kin-por, JP
Hon WONG Sing-chi
Hon IP Wai-ming, MH
Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP
Dr Hon PAN Pey-chyou

Members absent : Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
Dr Hon LEUNG Ka-lau

Clerk in attendance : Mr Raymond LAM
Chief Council Secretary (2) 1

Staff in attendance : Mrs Vivian KAM
Assistant Secretary General 2

Miss Josephine SO
Senior Council Secretary (2) 1

Mrs Eleanor CHOW
Senior Council Secretary (2) 4

Miss Ivy LEONG
Council Secretary (2) 3

Miss Helen DIN
Legislative Assistant (2) 1

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I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman for the 2008-2009 session

Election of Chairman

Mr LEE Cheuk-yan, Member of the highest precedence in the Panel, presided over the election of Chairman of the Panel. Mr LEE called for nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel. Ms LI Fung-ying was nominated by Mr IP Kwok-him and the nomination was seconded by Mr WONG Kwok-kin. Ms LI Fung-ying accepted the nomination.

2. As there was no other nomination, Mr LEE Cheuk-yan declared Ms LI Fung-ying elected as the Chairman of the Panel for the 2008-2009 session. Ms LI then took the chair.

Election of Deputy Chairman

3. The Chairman called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship of the Panel. Mr WONG Kwok-kin was nominated by Mr WONG Kwok-hing and the nomination was seconded by Mr IP Kwok-him. Mr WONG Kwok-kin accepted the nomination.

4. As there was no other nomination, the Chairman declared Mr WONG Kwok-kin elected as Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2008-2009 session.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2008-2009 session

5. Members agreed that future regular meetings of the Panel would be held on the third Thursday of each month at 2:30 pm.

**III. Items for discussion at the next meeting
(LC Paper Nos. CB(2)62/08-09(01) and (02))**

6. Members agreed that the following items proposed by the Administration would be discussed at the regular meeting to be held on 20 November 2008 -

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- (a) Overall review of the Wage Protection Movement for cleaning workers and security guards, and progress report on preparatory work for introducing a bill on a statutory minimum wage; and
- (b) An overview on the promotional efforts of the Labour Department on labour-related matters.

7. Members agreed that one of the following items would be discussed at the regular meeting on 20 November 2008 -

- (a) Making non-compliance with Labour Tribunal awards a criminal offence;
- (b) Inclusion of general holidays as statutory holidays; and
- (c) Review of the Transport Support Scheme.

8. Members agreed that the Clerk should liaise with the Administration to ascertain the appropriate timing for discussion of the above items and consult the Chairman accordingly.

(Post-meeting note: At the request of the Administration and with the concurrence of the Chairman, the items "Creation of a Chief Labour Officer post for the introduction of the statutory minimum wage legislation" and "Enhancement of current surveys and introduction of new surveys for the purpose of implementing a statutory minimum wage" have been added to the agenda for the next meeting. The Chairman instructed that the items proposed by members in paragraph 7 above be scheduled for discussion at future meetings.)

Items for discussion at future meetings

9. Mr WONG Kwok-hing said that in their letter to the Chairman, LegCo Members affiliated with the Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions had proposed 11 items for discussion in the 2008-2009 legislative session. As some of the items were already on the "List of issues suggested to be considered", members agreed that the list of outstanding items for discussion should be updated to incorporate the items proposed in the letter, where appropriate.

(Post-meeting note: The letter to the Chairman was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)39/08-09 on 15 October 2008.)

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IV. Any other business

10. The Chairman reminded members that the briefings by the Secretary for Labour and Welfare and the Secretary for Education on the Chief Executive's 2008-2009 Policy Address had been scheduled for 23 October 2008 from 10:30 am to 11:30 am.

11. The meeting ended at 10:10 am.

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