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Panel on Public Service

**Minutes of meeting held on
Tuesday, 14 October 2008, at 2:40 pm
in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building**

- Members present** : Hon LEE Cheuk-yan (Chairman)
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-ye, GBS, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Dr Hon Margaret NG
Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong
Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP
Hon LI Fung-ying, BBS, JP
Hon IP Wai-ming, MH
Dr Hon PAN Pey-chyou
- Members absent** : Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
Hon WONG Sing-chi
- Clerk in attendance** : Ms Rosalind MA
Chief Council Secretary (1)2
- Staff in attendance** : Mrs Constance LI
Assistant Secretary General 1
- Mrs Mary TANG
Senior Council Secretary (1)2
- Ms Sarah YUEN
Senior Council Secretary (1)6
- Ms Angel SHEK
Council Secretary (1)2

Miss Queenie LAM
Senior Legislative Assistant (1)2

Miss Winnie CHENG
Legislative Assistant (1)5

Action

I Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

Mr LEE Cheuk-yan, the member who had the highest precedence among members of the Panel on Public Service, chaired the election of the Chairman. He invited nominations for the chairmanship. He was nominated by Ms LI Fung-ying and the nomination was seconded by Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong. As Mr LEE was nominated for the chairmanship, Dr Margaret NG, the member who had the second highest precedence among members of the Panel, presided over the election of Chairman. Mr LEE accepted the nomination.

2. There being no other nomination, Dr Margaret NG declared that Mr LEE Cheuk-yan was elected Chairman of the Panel for the 2008-2009 session.

3. Mr LEE Cheuk-yan took over the chair and called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship. Dr PAN Pey-chyou nominated Mrs Regina IP and the nomination was seconded by Ms LI Fung-ying and Mr IP Wai-ming. Mrs IP accepted the nomination.

4. There being no other nomination, the Chairman declared that Mrs Regina IP was elected Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2008-2009 session.

II Schedule of meetings for the 2008-2009 session

5. Members agreed that except the regular meeting for October 2008, all regular Panel meetings in the 2008-2009 legislative session would be held on the third Monday of each month at 10:45 am.

(Post-meeting note: The meeting schedule was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)22/08-09 on 15 October 2008.)

III Discussion items for next meeting

6. Members noted the "List of issues suggested to be considered" (the List) prepared by the Secretariat and tabled at the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: The List was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)42/08-09 on 15 October 2008.)

The October regular meeting

7. Members noted that at the October regular meeting scheduled for 20 October 2008 from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm, the Administration would brief the Panel on the policy initiatives of the Civil Service Bureau featuring in the Chief Executive's 2008-2009 Policy Address. Members subsequently agreed to add the following item proposed by the Administration to the agenda for the meeting –

"Disciplinary framework for civil servants whose retirement benefits are provided under the Civil Service Provident Fund Scheme and other related proposals"

8. To allow sufficient time for discussion of all items on the agenda, members also agreed that the meeting would be extended to 4:30 pm (i.e. 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm).

Special meeting on 27 October 2008

9. As proposed by Dr Margaret NG, members agreed to hold a special meeting on Monday, 27 October 2008, at 4:30 pm to discuss the "Policy on post-service employment of former directorate civil servants". The Administration would be invited to brief the Panel on the policy governing post-service employment of former directorate civil servants as well as the processing and approval of the application from the former Permanent Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands and Director of Housing, Mr LEUNG Chin-man, to take up post-retirement employment with New World China Land Limited.

The November regular meeting

10. Members noted that the following items had been suggested by the Administration for discussion at the November regular meeting –

- (a) Delegation of Chief Executive's power under section 20 of Public Service (Administration) Order; and
- (b) Progress update on grade structure reviews.

Ms LI Fung-ying proposed that the item on "Review of salaries and conditions of service for the disciplined services grades" should also be discussed at the November meeting.

11. The Chairman proposed and members agreed to discuss at the October regular meeting the items to be discussed at the November meeting.

Future meetings

12. Dr Margaret NG referred to item 5 of the List on Civil Service Code, and expressed concern that in view of the further expansion of the political appointment system, the Code should be issued without delay. Members agreed to request the Administration to brief the Panel on the progress of the preparation of the Code as soon as possible and by the end of 2008.

13. Members also agreed to add to the List the following items –

- (a) Employment of Non-civil Service Contract (NCSC) Staff;
- (b) New entry system for the civil service;
- (c) Policy on government outsourcing; and
- (d) Medical and dental benefits for civil servants.

14. The Chairman reminded members that if they would like to propose further discussion items for the meetings to be held from December 2008 to June 2009, they should inform the Secretariat in writing by 27 October 2008.

IV Any other business

15. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 2:50 pm.