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House Committee of the Legislative Council

**Minutes of the 30th meeting
held in the Legislative Council Chamber
at 2:30 pm on Friday, 9 July 2010**

Members present :

Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye, GBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, SBS, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, SBS, S.B.St.J., JP
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
Dr Hon David LI Kwok-po, GBM, GBS, JP
Dr Hon Margaret NG
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong
Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP
Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, GBS, JP
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, GBS
Hon WONG Yung-kan, SBS, JP
Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP
Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBM, GBS, JP
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, SBS, JP
Hon LI Fung-ying, SBS, JP
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, SBS, JP
Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, SBS, JP
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP
Hon Vincent FANG Kang, SBS, JP
Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH
Hon LEE Wing-tat
Dr Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long, SBS, JP
Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, SBS, JP
Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, GBS, JP
Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming, GBS, JP
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS, JP
Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC
Hon CHIM Pui-chung
Prof Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS, JP
Hon KAM Nai-wai, MH
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan

Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, JP
Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai, BBS, JP
Hon CHAN Hak-kan
Hon CHAN Kin-por, JP
Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun
Dr Hon LEUNG Ka-lau
Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che
Hon WONG Sing-chi
Hon WONG Kwok-kin, BBS
Hon IP Wai-ming, MH
Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yeet, GBS, JP
Dr Hon PAN Pey-chyou
Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun
Dr Hon Samson TAM Wai-ho, JP
Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
Hon Tanya CHAN
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
Hon WONG Yuk-man

Members absent :

Hon Albert HO Chun-yan
Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, GBS, JP
Hon Paul CHAN Mo-po, MH, JP

Clerk in attendance :

Mrs Vivian KAM Clerk to the House Committee

Staff in attendance :

Ms Pauline NG	Secretary General
Mr Arthur CHEUNG	Acting Legal Adviser
Mrs Constance LI	Assistant Secretary General 1
Mrs Justina LAM	Assistant Secretary General 3
Mrs Percy MA	Assistant Secretary General (Special Duties)
Ms Connie FUNG	Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 1
Mrs Sharon TONG	Principal Council Secretary (Complaints)
Mr Kelvin LI	Acting Chief Public Information Officer
Miss Odelia LEUNG	Chief Council Secretary (2)6
Mr Timothy TSO	Assistant Legal Adviser 2
Ms Amy YU	Senior Council Secretary (2)3
Ms Anna CHEUNG	Senior Legislative Assistant (2)3
Mr Arthur KAN	Legislative Assistant (2)8

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I. Confirmation of the minutes of the 29th meeting held on 2 July 2010
(*LC Paper No. CB(2) 2010/09-10*)

The minutes were confirmed.

II. Matters arising

Report by the Chairman on the meeting with the Chief Secretary for Administration ("CS")

Letter from CS dated 28 June 2010 concerning the meeting of the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene ("FSEH") on 21 June 2010

2. The Chairman said that she had conveyed to CS Members' view that Government officials were constitutionally accountable to the Legislature and should not leave a committee meeting on account of their dissatisfaction with the language used by individual Members. CS had responded that Government officials and Members should engage in discussion on the basis of mutual respect at meetings of the Council or its committees. The responsibility of public officers was to explain Government policies and to answer Members' questions. They should not be subject to language abuse and their request for a ruling should not be unheeded. CS had also reiterated the Administration's stance as stated in his letter dated 28 June 2010.

3. The Chairman further said that she had also relayed to CS that Members were aware of the limitation of powers of committee chairmen under the Rules of Procedure ("RoP") and had decided to refer the issues to the Committee on Rules of Procedure for consideration. She had stressed that the House Committee should not take on the role of an arbitrator, and had reiterated Members' view that Government officials should not leave a committee meeting.

Introduction of bills

4. The Chairman said that she had conveyed to CS Members' dissatisfaction with the bunching of bills by the Administration towards the end of the session, rendering it not possible for Members to form Bills Committees at an early opportunity to study the bills. Members were of the view that the Administration should review and improve its timetable for introduction of bills into the Council. She had also indicated that the Administration should avoid bunching of bills towards the end of the Legislative Council ("LegCo") term. CS had responded that the Administration would strive to introduce bills into the Council as early as practicable and would avoid bunching of bills at the end of the LegCo term.

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Motion for adjournment of the Council to be moved by Mrs Regina IP under RoP 16(4) at the Council meeting on 14 July 2010 for debate on issues relating to the incidents of collapse of trees

5. The Chairman said that she had relayed to CS Members' request for him to attend the adjournment debate and respond. CS had indicated that the Administration would field appropriate public officers to attend the debate.

6. Mr Albert CHAN considered CS's response disrespectful to LegCo as he was responsible for tree management and Members had specifically requested him to attend the adjournment debate. Mr CHAN opined that CS was only paying lip service in emphasizing the importance of mutual respect between the Executive Authority and the Legislature. Mr CHAN stressed that given the grave public concern about the tree collapse incidents, CS should not shirk his responsibility for attending the adjournment debate. He requested to put on record his grave dissatisfaction with and condemnation of CS for his disrespect to LegCo.

7. The Chairman said that while CS had indicated that the general policy was to field appropriate public officers to attend the relevant debates, he had not ruled out the possibility of his attending the adjournment debate.

8. Mr Albert CHAN reiterated his dissatisfaction with CS's response which, in his view, was evasive, perfunctory and disrespectful to LegCo.

III. Business arising from previous Council meetings

Legal Service Division report on subsidiary legislation gazetted on 2 July 2010 and tabled in Council on 7 July 2010

(LC Paper No. LS 85/09-10)

9. The Chairman said that three items of subsidiary legislation relating to arrangements for avoidance of double taxation were gazetted on 2 July 2010 and tabled in the Council on 7 July 2010. They were the Inland Revenue (Double Taxation Relief and Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income) (Brunei Darussalam) Order, Inland Revenue (Double Taxation Relief and Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income) (Kingdom of the Netherlands) Order and Inland Revenue (Double Taxation Relief and Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income) (Republic of Indonesia) Order.

10. Mr James TO said that during the scrutiny of the Principal Ordinance, Members had stressed the importance of adherence to the relevant principles in making subsidiary legislation to give effect to agreements for avoidance of double taxation. He requested the Legal Service Division to study the three Orders from that perspective to ascertain if they were in order. Should this

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be the case, it might not be necessary to form a subcommittee to study them. He enquired whether it would be viable for the House Committee to defer its decision on the subsidiary legislation to the next meeting pending further report from the Legal Service Division.

11. The Chairman said that there would be no House Committee meeting in the following week. The next House Committee meeting was scheduled for 8 October 2010.

12. Mr James TO said that in the circumstances, he proposed that a subcommittee be formed to study the three Orders in detail. Members agreed. The following Members agreed to join: Mr James TO and Ms Miriam LAU.

13. The Chairman said that the LegCo Secretariat would issue a circular to invite Members to join the subcommittee. Should less than three Members join the subcommittee by the deadline for signification of membership, the subcommittee would not be formed in accordance with the House Rules. Members noted the arrangement.

14. Mr James TO appealed to Members belonging to different political parties and groups to join the subcommittee.

15. The Chairman reminded Members that the deadline for amending the subsidiary legislation was 20 October 2010.

IV. Further business for the Council meeting on 14 July 2010

(a) Tabling of papers

**Report No. 17/09-10 of the House Committee on Consideration of
Subsidiary Legislation and Other Instruments**

*(LC Paper No. CB(2) 2012/09-10 issued vide LC Paper No. CB(3)
911/09-10 dated 8 July 2010)*

16. The Chairman said that the report covered only one item of subsidiary legislation, i.e. the Tate's Cairn Tunnel Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule) Notice 2010, the period for amendment of which would expire on 14 July 2010. As three Members including herself had notified an intention to speak on the Notice, she, as Chairman of the House Committee, would move a motion to take note of the report in relation to the Notice.

(b) Questions

(LC Paper No. CB(3) 901/09-10)

17. The Chairman said that Mr LEE Wing-tat had replaced his oral question.

(c) **Bills - First Reading and moving of Second Reading**

Adaptation of Laws (Military References) Bill 2010

18. The Chairman said that the Administration had given notice to present the above Bill to the Council. The House Committee would consider the Bill at the House Committee meeting on 8 October 2010.

(d) **Bills – resumption of debate on Second Reading, Committee Stage and Third Reading**

(i) **Minimum Wage Bill**

19. The Chairman said that the relevant Bills Committee on the above Bill had reported to the House Committee at the last meeting, and Members did not raise objection to the resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Bill.

(ii) **Stamp Duty (Amendment) Bill 2010**

20. The Chairman said that the relevant Bills Committee on the above Bill had reported to the House Committee at the meeting on 25 June 2010, and Members did not raise objection to the resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Bill.

(e) **Members' motions**

Motion for adjournment of the Council to be moved by Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-ye for the purpose of debating the following issue: the repeated occurrence of tree-falling incidents, and how to prevent the recurrence of similar tragedies

(Wording of the motion issued vide LC Paper No. CB(3) 893/09-10 dated 6 July 2010.)

21. The Chairman said that at the last House Committee meeting, Members agreed to the moving by Mrs Regina IP of the above motion for adjournment of the Council. The President had determined that, if at the expiration of 75 minutes from the moving of the motion, there were still Members who wished to speak, he would extend the period of the debate to the time when all Members who wished to speak had spoken. The Chairman added that the speaking time limit for each Member was five minutes.

V. Position on Bills Committees and subcommittees

(LC Paper No. CB(2) 2011/09-10)

22. The Chairman said that there were 10 Bills Committees, five subcommittees under the House Committee (i.e. two subcommittees on subsidiary legislation and three subcommittees on policy issues) and eight subcommittees under Panels in action.

VI. Rescheduling of the duty visit to the United States and Canada by the Subcommittee on Harbourfront Planning under the Panel on Development

(LC Paper No. CB(1) 2468/09-10)

23. Prof Patrick LAU, Chairman of the Subcommittee, said that the Subcommittee was appointed by the Panel on Development in November 2008 to monitor and study the planning, land use and related issues in respect of the harbourfront areas on both sides of the Victoria Harbour. The House Committee endorsed at its meeting on 10 July 2009 the proposed overseas duty visit by the Subcommittee to Vancouver, New York, Boston and Baltimore, scheduled tentatively from 25 September to 3 October 2009.

24. Prof Patrick LAU further said that the Subcommittee noted in the planning of the duty visit the studies being undertaken by the Administration on the waterfront management and operation models in certain overseas places. The Subcommittee considered that it would be useful to make reference to the findings of the Administration's studies and decided to postpone the duty visit. At its meeting on 2 July 2010, the Subcommittee considered the relevant information provided by the Administration and decided to undertake the duty visit in late September 2010. The Subcommittee therefore sought the House Committee's support for rescheduling the duty visit.

25. Members agreed to give permission for the Subcommittee to reschedule its duty visit to late September 2010.

VII. Proposal from Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun for asking an urgent oral question under Rule 24(4) of the Rules of Procedure at the Council meeting of 14 July 2010 relating to the successive incidents of people being bitten and injured by rodents

(Letter dated 7 July 2010 from Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun to the Chairman of the House Committee (LC Paper No. CB(2)2028/09-10(01))

26. At the invitation of the Chairman, Dr Priscilla LEUNG said that issues relating to rodent prevention and control were discussed at the meeting of the FSEH Panel on 6 July 2010. Not only had members' concerns not been addressed at the meeting but also a new worry had been brought up as the Under Secretary for Food and Health ("USFH") indicated that the baits used by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in its anti-rodent work had caused rodents to bite people. Yet USFH had maintained that the existing anti-rodent method was most suitable for Hong Kong. She had written to the President earlier on to seek his permission for moving at the Council meeting of 7 July 2010 a motion for the adjournment of the Council to debate issues relating to the rodent problem, but the President had not granted permission to her request. She stressed that since the Administration had failed to address members' concerns at the FSEH Panel meeting and another incident had occurred where a person was bitten by rodents in his sleep, she had proposed to ask an urgent oral question on the relevant issues under RoP 24(4) at the

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Council meeting of 14 July 2010. The focus of her oral question was whether the Administration would consider using other types of baits so that its anti-rodent work would not become the cause of people being bitten by rodents. She invited Members to give views on her proposal.

27. The Chairman said that as Mr Paul TSE had also sought the House Committee's support for raising an urgent oral question under RoP 24(4) at the same Council meeting relating to successive incidents of Mainland tourists being coerced to make purchases, she suggested that the two agenda items be discussed jointly to facilitate Members' consideration of the two proposals. Members agreed.

28. At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr Paul TSE said that RoP 24(4) provided that a Member might seek the permission of the President to ask an urgent question on the ground that it was of an urgent character and related to a matter of public importance. He pointed out that incidents of Mainland tourists being coerced to make purchases had been widely reported in the media recently. Such incidents had a negative impact on Hong Kong's image in the international community and its tourism industry. As the summer months were the peak season for inbound and outbound travel and the golden week starting from 1 October was imminent, discussion on the issue could not be deferred until the next session. He therefore proposed the raising of an urgent oral question. In his view, raising an urgent oral question would press the Administration to take measures to tackle the problem. While noting the long agenda for the Council meeting of 14 July 2010, he pointed out that the time spent on an urgent oral question would be about 20 minutes and shorter as compared with an adjournment debate moved under RoP 16(2) for discussing an issue of urgent public importance.

29. Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong said that Members belonging to the Democratic Party did not agree that the mechanism for raising urgent questions should be invoked lightly for asking questions on topical issues; otherwise numerous urgent questions would be raised on issues reported in the media, thus defeating the purpose of the queuing mechanism for the allocation of questions at Council meetings. In his view, Dr Priscilla LEUNG and Mr Paul TSE should raise their oral questions through the queuing system for the allocation of questions.

30. Mr Ronny TONG shared Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong's view. He said that while it was understandable for an urgent question to be raised on the fatal tree-falling incidents, he was concerned about the tendency towards asking urgent questions, instead of observing the queuing system for the allocation of question slots, to follow up issues which were considered by individual Members as a matter of urgent public importance. Should this be the trend, the House Committee would need to consider frequently proposals for raising urgent questions. He expressed strong reservation at the proposals made by Dr Priscilla LEUNG and Mr Paul TSE.

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31. Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung said that issues concerning hygiene like rodent infestation should have been discussed by the two dissolved municipal councils and not LegCo. He considered that the problem of rodent infestation raised by Dr Priscilla LEUNG might affect a large number of people, and the issue should be discussed in an adjournment debate. In his view, the attendance or otherwise of Members at an adjournment debate would be indicative of whether an issue under debate was of public importance.

32. Mr WONG Kwok-kin said that of the two subjects raised for urgent oral questions, he considered the one raised by Mr Paul TSE having territory-wide significance. The successive incidents of Mainland tourists being coerced to make purchases had serious impact on Hong Kong's image and its tourism industry. It also showed that the Administration had failed to take effective measures to prevent the recurrence of similar incidents. He considered it appropriate for an urgent oral question to be asked on the subject raised by Mr Paul TSE.

33. Mr Vincent FANG said that the subjects raised by Dr Priscilla LEUNG and Mr Paul TSE had both been discussed by the relevant Panels. The issue of rodent prevention and control was discussed at the FSEH Panel meeting on 6 July 2010, albeit Dr LEUNG's dissatisfaction with the Administration's response. Issues relating to the incidents of Mainland tourists being coerced to make purchases were discussed at the meeting of the Panel on Economic Development on 28 June 2010, and were being followed up actively by the Travel Industry Council of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Tourism Board. He pointed out that there were already many items of business on the Agenda of the Council meeting of 14 July. He shared the views of Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong and did not consider it necessary to raise the proposed urgent oral questions.

34. Mr IP Kwok-him said that Members belonging to the Democratic Alliance for the Betterment and Progress of Hong Kong ("DAB") had discussed the proposals and considered it necessary for Members to reach a consensus on the criteria for determining the urgency of an issue which warranted the asking of urgent questions. He stressed that there was a rationale behind the existing arrangement of no more than six oral questions being asked at a Council meeting. Noting that both issues had yet to be resolved after their discussion by the relevant Panels, he queried how the issues could be resolved within the short duration of an oral question. He further said that Members belonging to DAB did not consider it appropriate to raise urgent questions on the subjects proposed. In their view, an adjournment debate would be more appropriate should it be considered necessary to follow up the relevant issues.

35. Mr Abraham SHEK opined that the successive incidents of rodents biting people not only in grassroot districts and also in Central pointed to the severity of the rodent problem. He considered that the subject was important and should be discussed. Moreover, given that the Council meeting of 14

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July was the last one in the current session, he supported Dr Priscilla LEUNG's proposal.

36. The Chairman reminded Members that the matter under consideration was the proposals of Dr Priscilla LEUNG and Mr Paul TSE for raising urgent oral questions, and not for moving adjournment debates. She drew Members' attention to the relevant rule of RoP under which permission had to be sought from the President for asking an urgent question. She said that rule 10 of the House Rules provided that to assist the President in considering requests for asking urgent questions without the required notice, the Member concerned should, where practicable, first seek the agreement of the House Committee before submitting an urgent question to the Clerk to LegCo. The Chairman pointed out that individual Members had the right to seek directly the President's permission for raising an urgent question, irrespective of whether their proposal was supported by the House Committee.

37. Mr Paul TSE said that he failed to see why Members supported the proposal put forth by Mrs Regina IP for raising an urgent oral question in relation to the subject of tree-falling incidents, but not his proposal. In his view, Members' concern about opening up the floodgate for raising urgent questions should apply equally in both cases.

38. The Chairman said that Mrs Regina IP's request for asking an urgent question was submitted directly to the President. She reiterated that Mr Paul TSE had the right to seek the permission of the President for asking an urgent question, irrespective of whether his proposal was supported by the House Committee.

39. Mr Paul TSE said that as the President had given permission to Mrs Regina IP for moving a motion for an adjournment debate on the tree collapse incidents, he considered that the President should apply the same principles in considering his request for asking an urgent question. He pointed out that as in the case of the tree collapse incidents, the incidents of tourists being coerced to make purchases also involved the death of a tourist. He reiterated that the time spent on an urgent oral question would be shorter as compared with an adjournment debate. He appealed to Members to support his proposal.

40. Dr Priscilla LEUNG reiterated that her application for moving a motion for an adjournment debate had not been granted by the President. She considered it necessary to raise an urgent oral question as the Council meeting of 14 July was the last one in the current session, and she hoped to use the opportunity to press the Administration to undertake to change its existing rodent control method and stop using the baits which had caused rodents to bite people. She stressed that the issue was urgent, given that the summer holiday was approaching and members of the public were worried about being bitten by rodents. She hoped that Members would adopt the same criteria in considering proposals made by each and every Member.

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41. The Chairman put to vote the proposal of Dr Priscilla LEUNG for asking an urgent oral question under RoP 24(4) at the Council meeting of 14 July 2010 relating to the successive incidents of people being bitten and injured by rodents. Dr Priscilla LEUNG requested to claim a division.

The following Members voted in favour of the proposal -

Ir Dr Raymond HO, Mr Abraham SHEK, Ms LI Fung-ying, Prof Patrick LAU, Dr Priscilla LEUNG, Dr LEUNG Ka-lau, Mr Paul TSE, Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung, Mr Albert CHAN and Mr WONG Yuk-man.

(10 Members)

The following Members voted against the proposal -

Mr LEE Cheuk-yan, Dr David LI, Mr Fred LI, Dr Margaret NG, Mr James TO, Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong, Mr CHAN Kam-lam, Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung, Dr Philip WONG, Mr WONG Yung-kan, Mr LAU Kong-wah, Ms Emily LAU, Mr Andrew CHENG, Mr TAM Yiu-chung, Mr Tommy CHEUNG, Mr Frederick FUNG, Ms Audrey EU, Mr Vincent FANG, Mr LEE Wing-tat, Dr Joseph LEE, Mr Jeffrey LAM, Mr Andrew LEUNG, Mr CHEUNG Hok-ming, Mr WONG Ting-kwong, Mr Ronny TONG, Mr KAM Nai-wai, Ms Cyd HO, Ms Starry LEE, Mr CHAN Hak-kan, Mr CHEUNG Kwok-che, Mr WONG Sing-chi, Mr IP Kwok-him, Mrs Regina IP, Mr Alan LEONG and Miss Tanya CHAN.

(35 Members)

The following Members abstained -

Mr LAU Wong-fat, Mr CHIM Pui-chung, Dr LAM Tai-fai, Mr CHAN Kin-por and Dr Samson TAM.

(5 Members)

42. The Chairman declared that 10 Members voted for and 35 Members voted against the proposal, and five Members abstained. Dr Priscilla LEUNG's proposal was not supported.

43. The Chairman then put to vote the proposal of Mr Paul TSE for asking an urgent oral question under RoP 24(4) at the Council meeting of 14 July 2010 relating to the successive incidents of Mainland tourists being coerced to make purchases. Mr Paul TSE requested to claim a division.

The following Members voted in favour of the proposal -

Ir Dr Raymond HO, Mr Abraham SHEK, Ms LI Fung-ying, Prof Patrick LAU, Dr Priscilla LEUNG, Dr LEUNG Ka-lau, Mr WONG Kwok-kin, Mr Paul TSE, Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung, Mr Albert CHAN and Mr WONG Yuk-man.

(11 Members)

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The following Members voted against the proposal -

Mr LEE Cheuk-yan, Dr David LI, Mr Fred LI, Dr Margaret NG, Mr James TO, Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong, Mr CHAN Kam-lam, Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung, Dr Philip WONG, Mr WONG Yung-kan, Mr LAU Kong-wah, Ms Emily LAU, Mr Andrew CHENG, Mr TAM Yiu-chung, Mr Tommy CHEUNG, Mr Frederick FUNG, Ms Audrey EU, Mr Vincent FANG, Mr LEE Wing-tat, Dr Joseph LEE, Mr Jeffrey LAM, Mr Andrew LEUNG, Mr CHEUNG Hok-ming, Mr WONG Ting-kwong, Mr Ronny TONG, Mr KAM Nai-wai, Ms Cyd HO, Ms Starry LEE, Mr CHAN Hak-kan, Mr CHEUNG Kwok-che, Mr WONG Sing-chi, Mr IP Kwok-him, Mrs Regina IP, Mr Alan LEONG and Miss Tanya CHAN.

(35 Members)

The following Members abstained -

Mr LAU Wong-fat, Mr CHIM Pui-chung, Dr LAM Tai-fai, Mr CHAN Kin-por and Dr Samson TAM.

(5 Members)

44. The Chairman declared that 11 Members voted for and 35 Members voted against the proposal, and five Members abstained. Mr Paul TSE's proposal was not supported.

VIII. Proposal from Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun for asking an urgent oral question under Rule 24(4) of the Rules of Procedure at the Council meeting of 14 July 2010 relating to the successive incidents of Mainland tourists being coerced to make purchases

(Letter dated 8 July 2010 from Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun to the Chairman of the House Committee (LC Paper No. CB(2)2037/09-10(01))

45. The item was discussed jointly with item VII above.

46. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 3:03 pm.