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**Subcommittee on Package of Proposals for the
Methods for Selecting the Chief Executive
and for Forming the Legislative Council in 2012**

**Minutes of the second meeting
held on Monday, 3 May 2010, at 10:45 am
in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building**

Members present :

- Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP (Chairman)
- Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, SBS, JP (Deputy Chairman)
- Hon Albert HO Chun-yan
- Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, SBS, S.B.St.J., JP
- Dr Hon Margaret NG
- Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong
- Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, GBS, JP
- Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, GBS
- Hon WONG Yung-kan, SBS, JP
- Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP
- Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yeet, GBS, JP
- Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
- Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, SBS, JP
- Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP
- Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH
- Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, SBS, JP
- Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming, GBS, JP
- Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS, JP
- Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC
- Prof Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS, JP
- Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan
- Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai, BBS, JP
- Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun
- Hon WONG Kwok-kin, BBS
- Hon IP Wai-ming, MH
- Dr Hon PAN Pey-chyou
- Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun

- Members absent** : Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, GBS, JP
Hon LEE Wing-tat
Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-ye, GBS, JP
- Public Officers attending** : Mr Stephen LAM Sui-lung
Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs
- Ms Adeline WONG Ching-man
Under Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs
- Mr Arthur HO Kin-wah
Deputy Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs
- Ms Joyce HO Kwok-shan
Principal Assistant Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs
- Clerk in attendance** : Miss Flora TAI
Chief Council Secretary (2)3
- Staff in attendance** : Mr Arthur CHEUNG
Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 2
- Ms Clara TAM
Assistant Legal Adviser 9
- Ms Amy YU
Senior Council Secretary (2)3
- Mrs Fanny TSANG
Legislative Assistant (2)3

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I. Meeting with the Administration

[Package of Proposals for the Methods for Selecting the Chief Executive ("CE") and for Forming the Legislative Council ("LegCo") in 2012, LC Paper Nos. CB(2)1422/09-10 and CB(2)1430/09-10(01)]

The Subcommittee deliberated (index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

- Admin 2. The Administration was requested to provide a written response to clarify whether ex-officio District Council ("DC") members could participate in the elections to return representatives of DCs to the Election Committee and the Legislative Council.

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II. Any other business

3. Members agreed that the following five meetings be scheduled for May 2010 -
 - (a) Tuesday, 11 May 2010, from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm;
 - (b) Tuesday, 18 May 2010, from 8:30 am to 10:30 am;
 - (c) Saturday, 22 May 2010, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm;
 - (d) Tuesday, 25 May 2010, from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm; and
 - (e) Monday, 31 May 2010, from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm.
4. The meeting ended at 12:43 pm.

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Legislative Council Secretariat
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000300 – 000422	Chairman	Opening remarks	
000423 - 000540	Administration	Briefing by the Administration on its response to issues raised by members at the last meeting [LC Paper No. CB(2)1430/09-10(01)].	
Method for selecting the Chief Executive (CE) in 2012			
000541 - 001310	Chairman Ms Audrey EU Administration	<p>Ms Audrey EU's request for clarification on whether the 2012 Election Committee ("EC") as proposed by the Administration would be transformed into the nominating committee in 2017.</p> <p>The Administration's response that -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) according to the decision made by the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress ("NPCSC") on 29 December 2007 on issues relating to the methods for selecting the Chief Executive ("CE") and for forming the Legislative Council ("LegCo") in 2012 and on issues relating to universal suffrage ("the 2007 NPCSC Decision"), when universal suffrage for CE was implemented in 2017, the nominating committee might be formed with reference to the current provisions regarding EC in Annex I to the Basic Law ("BL"); (b) should the Administration's proposal for EC be endorsed by LegCo, the membership size of EC would be expanded to 1 200 in 2012 with the proportion of each of the existing four sectors being increased in an even manner, which would serve as the basis for the nominating committee to be formed in 2017; and (c) nevertheless, it was for the fourth-term HKSAR Government to introduce motion on the model for implementing universal suffrage for CE, including the composition of the nominating committee and the nominating procedures, at an appropriate time before 2017 for endorsement by two-thirds majority of all LegCo Members. <p>Ms EU's view that the present package was retrograde on the ground that under the Administration's proposals for the 2007/2008 elections put forth in 2005 ("2005 proposed package"), the membership size of EC would be increased</p>	

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		<p>to 1 600 and all elected District Council ("DC") members would be included, as compared to the present proposal of increasing its membership to 1 200 and allocating only 75 new seats to elected DC members.</p> <p>The Administration's response that the situation in 2005 was different from now. In 2005, Hong Kong had yet to have a clear timetable for attaining universal suffrage. The aim of the proposal then was to enhance the democratic elements of the election as far as possible to facilitate Hong Kong to move towards the ultimate aim of universal suffrage. In contrast, the 2007 NPCSC Decision had made clear the timetable for implementing universal suffrage for CE in 2017. The most democratic element in the election would lie in the election of CE by all registered voters by way of one-person-one-vote. To ensure that the CE elected would also have the broad support of different sectors of the community, the Administration considered it important to maintain the principle of balanced participation of the existing four sectors in the composition of EC.</p> <p>Ms EU failed to see how the retrogression in the EC proposal had anything to do with universal suffrage timetable. Given that the 2012 EC would be transformed into the nominating committee in 2017, Ms EU considered that the retrogressive proposal on EC was meant to make it more difficult for persons whose political views were different from those of the Administration to obtain sufficient nominations to field a candidate for the CE election.</p>	
001311 - 001939	Chairman Mr Ronny TONG Administration	<p>Mr Ronny TONG considered the Administration's proposal of allocating 117 seats in EC to elected DC members undemocratic for the following reasons -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the DC members elected to EC would have very low representativeness. As 405 elected DC members would return 117 representatives to EC, a DC member could get elected with only a few votes; and (b) the elected DC members could not be held accountable to their electors on how they vote in the election to return EC representatives. <p>The Administration's response that -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) according to the findings of the survey conducted by the One Country Two Systems Research Institute released on 2 May 2010, some 66.6 % of the respondents supported the Administration's proposal for increasing the number of EC members from 800 to 1200; (b) irrespective of the electoral method to be adopted for returning the 117 DC seats, the Administration's proposal would enhance the democratic elements of the CE election as elected DC members had a very 	

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		<p>broad electorate base of 3.3 million registered voters of Hong Kong; and</p> <p>(c) when the DC election was held in November 2011, voters would know then that the DC members they voted for could elect representatives into EC and LegCo, and candidates would have to make known to the voters how they intended to vote in the CE and LegCo elections in 2012.</p>	
001940 - 002532	Ms Miriam LAU Administration	<p>Ms Miriam LAU's enquiry on whether ex-officio DC members could participate in the elections to return representatives of DCs to EC and LegCo. Her view that it would be inconsistent with the Administration's objective of enhancing the representativeness of the two elections through the participation of elected DC members if ex-officio members could also participate in the elections.</p> <p>The Administration's response that -</p> <p>(a) under the existing system, ex-officio DC members could either stand for election in the District Council or Heung Yee Kuk subsector and functional constituency (FC). However, they could only register as voters and vote in the Heung Yee Kuk subsector and FC. If there were views that the existing arrangement should be retained, the Administration would consider such views;</p> <p>(b) even if ex-officio DC members were allowed to stand for elections in the District Council subsector and FC, only elected DC members could vote, and such arrangements would enhance the representativeness of the elections; and</p> <p>(c) such arrangements would be considered in the context of amendments to relevant local legislation.</p> <p>The Administration was requested to provide a written response on this issue.</p> <p>In response to Ms Miriam LAU's enquiry on the allocation of seats among the subsectors under the first, second and third sectors of EC (paragraph 4.05 of the package of proposals), the Administration's advice that apart from the proposals of splitting the existing subsectors and adding new subsectors, consideration would also be given to increasing proportionally the number of seats according to the existing distribution of seats among the subsectors.</p>	Admin (para 2 of minutes)
002533 - 003053	Mr WONG Kwok-hing Administration	Mr WONG Kwok-hing's expression of support for the Administration's proposal of allocating 75 new seats in the fourth sector to DC members to be returned by elected DC members from among themselves, as it would enhance the role of elected DC members and the representativeness of CE election.	

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		<p>Mr WONG's request for clarification on whether different electoral methods would be adopted for returning DC representatives to EC and LegCo.</p> <p>The Administration's explanation that -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) it had proposed to adopt the proportional representation system for returning the six DC functional constituency ("FC") seats as there had been much discussion on the issue during the consultation period. Under the proportional representation system, the seats could be allocated in a fair manner under which candidates from political parties/groups of different sizes and independent candidates would all have a chance to get elected; (b) on the other hand, there had been relatively little discussion on the electoral method for returning elected DC members to the 117 seats in EC; and (c) the Administration had an open mind on the electoral method for returning the 117 DC seats in EC, whether it be bloc voting or proportional representation. 	
003054 - 003558	Mr LAU Kong-wah Administration	<p>Mr LAU Kong-wah's citing of the findings of the opinion poll conducted by the One Country Two Systems Research Institute released on 2 May 2010, which showed that 55% of the respondents accepted the Administration's proposals for the 2012 elections, and nearly 60% considered that LegCo should endorse the proposals.</p> <p>The Administration's response that the findings of the opinion poll revealed clearly that the majority of Hong Kong people hoped that LegCo would endorse the Administration's proposals for 2012 to roll forward democratic developments in Hong Kong and pave the way for the implementation of universal suffrage in 2017/2020.</p> <p>On the recent remarks made by the President that he would resign from the Presidency should it be absolutely necessary for him to vote for the constitutional reform proposals in order to obtain the endorsement of the two-thirds majority of LegCo Members, Mr LAU's view that the President had not broken his election pledge of not voting while serving as President.</p> <p>Mr LAU sought clarification on whether the Alliance for Universal Suffrage would set up a working group with Government officials to further discuss the constitutional reform proposals.</p> <p>The Administration's response that it had yet to receive any formal proposal from the Alliance for Universal Suffrage on the setting up of a working group. The Administration would continue its dialogue with different political parties and groups within and outside LegCo on the constitutional reform proposals.</p>	

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003559 - 004234	Mr Albert HO Chairman Administration	<p>Mr Albert HO's view that the President had broken his election pledge of not commenting on controversial issues while in his presidency.</p> <p>Mr HO's view that the Administration's proposal on EC was clearly retrogressive as compared with the 2005 proposed package under which all elected DC members would be included in EC. He did not see any logic in the Administration's explanation that the difference was due to the attainment of a universal suffrage timetable. In his view, if the universal suffrage timetable had already been attained, the present proposal regarding the nomination arrangements should be made more progressive, rather than retrogressive. He was concerned that the electoral method for CE in 2017 would take a further step backward.</p> <p>The Administration's response as follows -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the clear democratic improvements in the proposed package for the 2012 elections included the following elements: a universal suffrage timetable had been secured, only elected DC members would return the six DC FC seats by proportional representation, and the Administration had undertaken to put forth proposals at local legislation level to address the issue of abolishing appointed DC seats after the 2012 package had been passed by LegCo; (b) the Administration had proposed to maintain the nomination threshold at one-eighth of the total membership of EC. Should the membership size of EC be expanded to 1 200 in 2012, the Administration believed that persons from different political backgrounds, including those from the pan-democratic camp, would be able to secure the required support from 150 EC members (i.e. one-eighth of 1 200 members); and (c) as the 2012 EC could be transformed into the nominating committee in 2017, the Administration considered it important to maintain the principle of balanced participation of the four existing sectors in the composition of EC to ensure that the candidates nominated for CE election by universal suffrage in 2017 would have the broad support of different sectors of society. 	
004235 - 004848	Dr Margaret NG Administration	<p>Dr Margaret NG queried the Administration's claim that there was mainstream support in the community for the 2012 proposals. Her elaboration that according to the survey conducted by the University of Hong Kong and Now TV, less than half of the respondents supported passage of the Administration's proposals by LegCo. The recent survey conducted by Ming Pao also revealed that less than half of the respondents supported the Administration's proposals.</p>	

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004849 - 010032	<p>Ms Emily LAU Administration Ms Cyd HO Chairman Mr Jeffrey LAM Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong</p>	<p>Noting from newspaper reports that the Administration had enquired with the President about his voting position in respect of the constitutional reform proposal, Ms Emily LAU's criticism on the Administration for interfering with the operation of LegCo and tarnishing the credibility of LegCo.</p> <p>Ms Cyd HO enquired which Government official had spoken to the President on the matter.</p> <p>The Administration's response that -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) it respected the decisions made by the President in fulfilling his constitutional role; and (b) the Administration would continue to strive for the support of Members belonging to different political parties as well as independent Members for the proposed 2012 package. 	
010033 - 010550	<p>Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong Chairman Administration</p>	<p>Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong's view that the Administration should resolve the disputes on constitutional reform through communication with a view to forging a consensus, rather than resorting to political ploys.</p> <p>The Administration's reiteration that it was making its best endeavour to forge a wide consensus on the 2012 package both within and outside LegCo.</p>	
010551 - 010907	<p>Mr WONG Ting-kwong Administration</p>	<p>Mr WONG Ting-kwong's view that the President's possible resignation was hypothetical and it was not appropriate to further discuss the matter at the meeting.</p>	

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010908 - 011338	Chairman Mr Ronny TONG Administration	<p>Mr Ronny TONG's reiteration of his view that the Administration's proposal regarding the composition of EC was undemocratic and unacceptable and that consideration should be given to including all elected DC members in EC instead.</p> <p>The Administration's response as follows -</p> <p>(a) In working out the practical arrangements for returning DC representatives to EC, consideration could be given to having larger constituencies to widen the electorate base of the election and ensure that candidates had cross-district support. For instance, all DCs could be grouped into two constituencies, i.e. the Hong Kong/Kowloon constituency and the New Territories constituency, with each constituency comprising about 200 elected DC members and returning 50 to 60 representatives to EC; and</p> <p>(b) the Administration's proposal would help maintain the principle of balanced participation of the four existing sectors in EC and would facilitate the 2012 EC being used as the basis for transforming into the nominating committee when universal suffrage for CE was implemented in 2017.</p>	
011339 - 011735	Mr Albert HO Administration	<p>Mr Albert HO's reiteration of his view that the Administration's proposal regarding EC was retrogressive as compared with the 2005 proposed package and his concern that such retrogressive proposal was aimed at screening out certain CE candidates in the nomination procedure when universal suffrage for CE was implemented.</p> <p>The Administration's response as follows -</p> <p>(a) it had proposed to maintain the current nomination threshold, i.e. at the ratio of one-eighth of the total membership of EC;</p> <p>(b) the Administration's proposal for EC was aimed at ensuring that the CE elected would have the broad support of the general public as well as different sectors and strata of the community; and</p> <p>(c) the procedures for nominating CE candidates for universal suffrage had yet to be worked out. The CE elected in 2012 would deal with the issue and put forth proposals for endorsement by LegCo before 2017.</p>	
011736 - 012008	Mr LAU Kong-wah Chairman	Mr LAU Kong-wah's reiteration of his view on the recent remarks made by the President about resigning from his presidency.	

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012009 - 012404	Ms Audrey EU Chairman Administration	<p>Ms Audrey EU's view that the Administration's proposal of increasing the membership size of EC to 1 200 rather than 1 600 as in the case of the 2005 proposed package, would make it more difficult for pan-democrats to secure sufficient nominations for a CE candidate.</p> <p>The Administration's response that -</p> <p>(a) in formulating its proposal on the number of members and composition of EC in 2012, the Administration had taken into account the need to allow sufficient competition in the CE election; and</p> <p>(b) the Administration believed that the pan-democrats would be able to secure the required 150 nominations in EC to put forward a CE candidate in the 2012 CE election.</p>	
012405 - 013317	Chairman Mrs Sophie LEUNG Ms Cyd HO Administration	<p>Mrs Sophie LEUNG's view that a DC member would not get elected into EC with only a few votes.</p> <p>Ms Cyd HO's view that the Administration should make clear its proposal on the electoral method to be adopted for returning the 117 DC seats in EC as soon as practicable before the motions for amending the two electoral methods were submitted to LegCo for endorsement.</p> <p>The Administration's response as follows -</p> <p>(a) the Administration was open-minded on the electoral method for returning the 117 DC seats in EC (i.e. whether it should be a bloc vote system or a proportional representation system); and</p> <p>(b) detailed arrangements for electing the 117 seats would be specified in the context of the relevant amendments to local legislation after the 2012 proposals had been passed. In the meantime, the Administration welcomed Members and the public to give views in this regard.</p>	
Methods for forming LegCo in 2012			
013318 - 013757	Chairman Mr LAU Kong-wah Administration	<p>Mr LAU Kong-wah's enquiry on the Administration's views on the proposals made by the Democratic Party ("DP") and the Civic Party on the electorate base of functional constituencies ("FCs") as stated in paragraph 3.41(h) and (i) of the Package of Proposals.</p> <p>Noting from the findings of some opinion polls that some 50% to 60% of the respondents had indicated support for expanding the electorate base of FCs, Mr LAU further enquired why the Administration had not proposed to expand the electorate base of the existing traditional FCs in its current proposals.</p>	

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		<p>The Administration's response as follows -</p> <p>(a) DP's proposal of having all DC FC seats nominated by DC members and elected by all registered voters of Hong Kong might not be consistent with the 2007 NPCSC Decision which stipulated that the half-and-half ratio between Members returned by FCs and Members returned by geographical constituencies ("GCs") through direct elections should remain unchanged. Should DP's proposal be adopted, close to 60% of the seats in LegCo might be regarded as being returned by GCs through direct elections; and</p> <p>(b) the Administration had also considered carefully the Civic Party's proposal that FCs of similar natures and with relatively small electorates be combined and the proposal put forth by some organizations for expanding the electoral base of the traditional FCs. Noting that many different sectors and organizations were represented under the current FC system, the Administration reckoned that at this stage it would be difficult to reach consensus on proposals involving substantial changes to the existing FCs. The Administration's proposal of freezing the "traditional" FC seats while expanding the number of the DC FC seats would broaden the electorate base of FCs, as elected DC members were returned by more than 3.3 million voters through GC elections. The Administration believed that such a proposal would stand the best possible chance of being accepted by the majority of the public, two-thirds of all LegCo Members, the CE and the Central Authorities.</p>	
013758 - 014109	Mr Ronny TONG Administration	<p>Mr Ronny TONG's concern that under the Administration's proposal for returning the six DC FC seats, the seats would likely be monopolized by certain political parties while independent candidates would stand little chance of being elected.</p> <p>The Administration's response that it proposed to adopt the proportional representation system because under this method, the seats could be allocated in a fair manner, where candidates from political parties/groups of different sizes and independent candidates would all have a chance to get elected.</p>	
014110 - 014526	Ms Emily LAU Administration	<p>Ms Emily LAU stressed that it was DP's stance that if the Government pledged that there would be genuine universal suffrage for CE in 2017 and LegCo in 2020, there was room for discussion on the transitional electoral arrangements. Hence, DP's proposals for the 2012 elections, including its proposal of expanding the electorate base of FCs by having all DC FC seats nominated by DC members and elected by all registered voters of Hong Kong, should be viewed in the context of such an overriding principle. She further sought clarification on why FC elections could not be conducted by way of one-person-one-vote as proposed by DP.</p>	

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		<p>The Administration's reiteration that -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) DP's proposal might not be consistent with the requirement under the 2007 NPCSC Decision that the half-and-half ratio between members returned by FCs and members returned by GCs through direct elections should remain unchanged in 2012; and (b) in increasing the number of LegCo seats to be returned through election from among elected DC members, the Administration had already strived for maximum latitude to enhance the democratic elements of the LegCo election under the framework of the 2007 NPCSC Decision. Should the Administration's proposal be adopted, close to 60% of the seats in LegCo would be returned through direct or indirect geographical elections. 	
014527 - 014852	Chairman Mr Ronny TONG Administration	<p>Mr Ronny Tong's view that he saw no point in adopting the Administration's proposal regarding the DC FC seats. Given that the proposed electoral method for returning such seats did not comply with the principles of universality and equality, and even if the proposal was adopted in 2012, it would likely be scrapped in 2016 or 2020. His view that it would be more preferable to standing still and making no change in this regard.</p> <p>The Administration's response that -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) its proposals for the 2012 LegCo election would widen the scope for political participation, enhance the electorate base of LegCo and roll forward Hong Kong's democratic development, which was much more preferable to standing still; and (b) should the Administration's proposals be passed, the 35 directly-elected seats and the six indirectly-elected seats through DCs would altogether comprise about 60% of the LegCo seats. Furthermore, if the professional FC seats returned by individual votes were counted, the body of democratic opinion in LegCo would be even more pronounced, which would create conditions for implementing universal suffrage for LegCo in 2020. 	
014853 - 015432	Mr Albert HO Administration	<p>Noting the Administration's view that the existing FC elections did not comply with the principles of universality and equality and the model for implementing universal suffrage for LegCo must comply with such principles, Mr Albert HO enquired how FCs should be dealt with when universal suffrage for LegCo was implemented.</p> <p>The Administration's response that -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) there were two major proposals on the future of FCs, namely replacing all FC seats with directly elected seats, and adopting "one-person-two-votes" (i.e. one 	

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		<p>vote in GC, one vote in FC). In respect of the latter, while some people considered that it could ensure equality in voting power, the pan-democrats were of the view that it did not accord with the principles of universality and equality as it did not provide for equality in the right to nominate and stand for election; and</p> <p>(b) the current-term Government did not have any specific proposal on the model for implementing universal suffrage for LegCo in 2020; it had only affirmed that the model to be adopted must comply with BL as well as the principles of universal and equal suffrage. The Administration considered that at the current stage, the most important thing was to further democratize the 2012 LegCo election to pave the way for attaining universal suffrage in 2020.</p> <p>Mr HO's view that the "one-person-two-votes" proposal did not necessarily ensure equality in voting weight, pointing out that some FCs might comprise tens of thousands of electors, while some others only a few hundred.</p>	
015433 - 015820	Mr LAU Kong-wah Administration	<p>Mr LAU Kong-wah's expression of support for the Administration's proposal of allocating the five new FC seats to elected DC members. He enquired about the Administration's views on Mr Paul TSE's proposal, as stated in paragraph 3.41(j) of the current package of proposals, of allocating the five new FC seats to sectors that were representative and which had a large number of voters, including housewives, youths, elderly, handicapped, small and medium size enterprises and those who had been imprisoned, etc.</p> <p>The Administration's response that -</p> <p>(a) it was the Administration's view that its proposal of returning the five new FC seats and the existing DC FC seat by elected DC members from among themselves was the most practicable proposal which could maximize the democratic elements of the 2012 LegCo election; and</p> <p>(b) elected DC members were returned by more than 3.3 million registered voters, which included the categories of persons mentioned in Mr Paul TSE's proposal.</p>	
015821 - 015845	Chairman	Meeting schedule in May 2010	