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Panel on Security

Minutes of meeting
held on Thursday, 15 October 2009, at 8:50 am
in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building

- Members present** : Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP (Chairman)
Hon James TO Kun-sun (Deputy Chairman)
Dr Hon Margaret NG
Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong
Hon WONG Yung-kan, SBS, JP
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP
Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, SBS, JP
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan
Hon CHAN Hak-kan
Hon WONG Kwok-kin, BBS
Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP
Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun
- Members absent** : Hon Albert HO Chun-yan
Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, GBS
Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBM, GBS, JP
Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, GBS, JP
Hon CHIM Pui-chung
Hon WONG Yuk-man
- Clerk in attendance** : Mr Raymond LAM
Chief Council Secretary (2) 1

Staff in attendance : Miss Josephine SO
Senior Council Secretary (2) 1

Mrs Eleanor CHOW
Senior Council Secretary (2) 4

Ms Camy YOONG
Clerical Assistant (2) 1

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I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman for the 2009-2010 session

Election of Chairman

Mr LAU Kong-wah, Chairman of the Panel for the 2008-2009 session, called for nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel. Mr LAU Kong-wah was nominated by Mr CHAN Hak-kan and the nomination was seconded by Mr WONG Kwok-kin. Mr LAU Kong-wah accepted the nomination.

2. Mr James TO, Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2008-2009 session, took over from Mr LAU Kong-wah to preside over the election. As there was no other nomination, Mr James TO declared Mr LAU Kong-wah elected as Chairman of the Panel for the 2009-2010 session. Mr LAU Kong-wah then took the chair.

Election of Deputy Chairman

3. The Chairman called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship of the Panel. Mr James TO was nominated by Mr WONG Yung-kan and the nomination was seconded by Ms Cyd HO. Mr James TO accepted the nomination.

4. As there was no other nomination, the Chairman declared Mr James TO elected as Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2009-2010 session.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2009-2010 session

5. Members agreed that future regular meetings of the Panel would be held on the first Tuesday of each month at 2:30 pm. Since 6 April 2010 was a public holiday, members agreed that the regular meeting in April 2010 would be held on Tuesday, 13 April 2010 at 4:30 pm.

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6. Members also agreed that a special meeting would be held on Wednesday, 27 January 2010 at 8:30 am to receive a briefing by the Commissioner of Police on the crime situation in 2009.

7. The Chairman reminded members that a special meeting would be held on 20 October 2009 at 4:30 pm to receive briefings by the Secretary for Security and the Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) on the Chief Executive's 2009-2010 Policy Address.

III. Items for discussion at the next meeting

8. Members noted that the Administration had proposed the following items for discussion at the next regular meeting to be held on 3 November 2009 -

- (a) Overall progress of anti-drug efforts and trial scheme on school drug testing in Tai Po District;
- (b) Proposal for creation of an additional three-year supernumerary AOSGC post in Narcotics Division; and
- (c) The Development of Aberdeen Fire Station cum Ambulance Depot.

9. The Deputy Chairman, Dr Margaret NG and Ms Audrey EU referred to a case recently reported by the media in which Mr ZHOU Yong-jun was repatriated to the Mainland after refused entry into Hong Kong. They expressed grave concern whether the Immigration Department had handled Mr ZHOU's entry application in accordance with the law and the immigration policy. The Deputy Chairman suggested that the existing policy and procedures relating to the repatriation of people in possession of forged travel documents should be discussed by the Panel as soon as possible. Members agreed to include the item "Removal of persons refused entry into Hong Kong" in the agenda for the next regular meeting scheduled for 3 November 2009.

10. Regarding the proposed item referred to in paragraph 8(a) above, the Chairman pointed out that while anti-drug policies and efforts adopted by the Administration fell within the purview of the Panel on Security, the trial scheme on school drug testing had been followed up by the Panel on Education since May 2009. Given that the proposed item straddled the policy areas of the two Panels, Ms Cyd HO suggested that a joint meeting with the Panel on Education should be held. Ms Audrey EU pointed out that the proposed item also involved issues relating to the purview of the Panel on Welfare Services. After discussion, the Chairman suggested and members agreed that a special meeting of the Panel, inviting all Members of LegCo to attend, be held to discuss the proposed item in paragraph 8(a).

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11. Ms Emily LAU said that members should consider the way forward for monitoring the implementation of drug testing in schools, which in her view was a long term and continuing task. Dr Margaret NG shared Ms LAU's concern and said that a joint subcommittee could be appointed under the Panel on Security and the Panel on Education to follow up with the Administration on matters relating to drug testing in schools. The Chairman said that the way forward could be considered at the special meeting.

(Post-meeting note: With the concurrence of the Chairman, the special meeting would be held on 25 November 2009 at 8:30 am. Members were informed accordingly vide LC Paper No. CB(2)125/09-10 on 27 October 2009.)

Clerk

12. Ms Emily LAU said that to facilitate members' consideration, the Clerk should prepare a paper setting out the possible options on the way forward for the special meeting on 25 November 2009.

13. Referring to item 12 in the list of outstanding items for discussion, Ms Emily LAU proposed that the Panel should discuss the manpower situation in ICAC at a future meeting. In addition to the staff turnover rate, she was also concerned about the tenure of office and the criteria for the reappointment of the Commissioner, ICAC. Members agreed that the item should be included in the agenda for the regular meeting in December 2009.

IV. Any other business

Subcommittee on Police's Handling of Sex Workers and Searches of Detainees

14. The Chairman informed members that the Subcommittee on Police's Handling of Sex Workers and Searches of Detainees could conclude its work within 12 months of its commencement after holding one more meeting in November 2009. As the Subcommittee considered it not necessary to work beyond the 12-month period, members agreed that it would not be necessary for the Subcommittee to call for the re-signification of membership.

15. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 9:10 am.