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Establishment Subcommittee of the Finance Committee

Minutes of the 5th meeting
held in Conference Room A of Legislative Council Building
on Wednesday, 16 February 2011, at 8:30 am

Members present:

Dr Hon Margaret NG (Chairman)
Dr Hon PAN Pey-chyou (Deputy Chairman)
Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, SBS, S.B.St.J., JP
Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong
Hon WONG Yung-kan, SBS, JP
Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP
Hon LI Fung-ying, SBS, JP
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS, JP
Prof Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS, JP
Hon IP Wai-ming, MH

Members absent:

Dr Hon David LI Kwok-po, GBM, GBS, JP
Hon WONG Sing-chi
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee, GBS, JP
Hon WONG Yuk-man

Public Officers attending:

Ms Alice LAU, JP	Deputy Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury)1
Mrs Ingrid YEUNG, JP	Deputy Secretary for the Civil Service (1)
Mr Patrick HO Chung-kei, JP	Deputy Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Financial Services)2
Mr Tommy YUEN Man-chung, JP	Deputy Secretary for Development (Planning & Lands)2
Miss Ophelia WONG, JP	Deputy Director of Planning (District)
Ms Grace LUI Kit-yuk, JP	Deputy Secretary for Home Affairs (1)
Ms Candy LAU Li-yan	Principal Assistant Secretary for Home Affairs (Community Care Fund)

Clerk in attendance:

Ms Annette LAM	Chief Council Secretary (1)7
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Staff in attendance:

Mrs Constance LI	Assistant Secretary General 1
Mr Simon CHEUNG	Senior Council Secretary (1)9
Ms Alice CHEUNG	Senior Legislative Assistant (1)1
Miss Queenie LAM	Legislative Assistant (1)7
Ms Clara LO	Legislative Assistant (1)10

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The Chairman drew members' attention to the information paper provided by the Administration, i.e. ECI(2010-11)11, which set out the latest changes in respect of the Administration's directorate establishment approved since 2002.

EC(2010-11)18 Proposed creation of one supernumerary post of Administrative Officer Staff Grade C (D2) in the Financial Services Branch of Government Secretariat: Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau for a period of 30 months with immediate effect for the establishment of a Policyholders' Protection Fund and taking forward the proposal of establishing an independent Insurance Authority

2. The Chairman advised members that the Administration's proposal was to create a supernumerary post of Administrative Officer Staff Grade C (AOSGC) (D2) in the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau with immediate effect upon approval of the Finance Committee for a period of 30 months for establishing a Policyholders' Protection Fund (PPF) and taking forward the proposal of establishing an independent Insurance Authority (IIA). The Administration had consulted the Panel on Financial Affairs on 3 January 2011 on an earlier proposal of creating the same supernumerary post for 36 months, and submitted a paper (EC(2010-11)17) to the Subcommittee for consideration on 12 January 2011. Having regard to the discussion of the Subcommittee at its meeting on 12 January 2011, the Administration now proposed shortening the duration of the supernumerary post to 30 months with some modifications to the proposed duties of the post.

3. Responding to Mr IP Wai-ming's enquiry about the Administration's work schedule in respect of public consultation and the major responsibilities of the supernumerary post, Deputy Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Financial Services)² advised that in respect of PPF, the post-holder would be heavily involved in developing detailed proposals for public consultation, and be responsible for overseeing the completion of the legislative process up to implementation of the initiative. As regards the proposed establishment of an IIA, the post-holder would be responsible for analyzing views and comments collected during the three-month public consultation exercise ended in October 2010, drawing up detailed proposals taking into account the views and comments received and engaging the public, stakeholders and the Legislative Council to solicit their views and comments on the detailed proposals to facilitate the Administration's consideration of the way forward. In the event that the creation of the proposed supernumerary post was approved, it was hoped that the detailed proposals could be ready for announcement in the second quarter of 2011 to start the public engagement exercise.

4. The item was voted on and endorsed.

EC(2010-11)19 **Proposed creation of one supernumerary post of Chief Town Planner (D1) in the Planning Department for a period of three years with effect from 13 May 2011 to provide professional planning support and secretariat services to the new pilot District Urban Renewal Forums to be set up under the new Urban Renewal Strategy**

5. The Chairman advised that the purpose of the Administration's proposal was to create a supernumerary post of Chief Town Planner to support the new pilot District Urban Renewal Forums for a period of three years with effect from 13 May 2011. In this regard, an information paper on the proposal had been issued to members of the Panel on Development on 14 January 2011 by way of circulation.

6. The item was voted on and endorsed.

EC(2010-11)20 **Proposed creation of one supernumerary post of Administrative Officer Staff Grade C (D2) in the Home Affairs Bureau of Government Secretariat for a period of three years with immediate effect to provide dedicated support at the directorate level to the Steering Committee on the Community Care Fund and its sub-committees**

7. The Chairman informed members that the proposal was to seek the Subcommittee's support to create a supernumerary post of AOSGC in the Home Affairs Bureau for a period of three years with immediate effect to provide support to the Steering Committee on the Community Care Fund (CCF) and its Executive Committee and Subcommittees. The Administration's proposal had been discussed by the Panel on Home Affairs on 14 January 2011. While Panel members raised no objection to the proposal, they were concerned that as the CCF initiative involved a wide range of subjects covering portfolio of different bureaux/departments, some Government bureaux/departments such as Labour and Welfare Bureau, Development Bureau, Food and Health Bureau might also seek to increase their manpower. In order to avoid wastage of public resources and duplication of efforts, they urged the Administration to step up coordination amongst different bureaux/departments, and to provide detailed information on the dedicated staffing support required for taking forward the CCF initiative and the related expenditure.

8. Referring to Mr CHEUNG Hok-ming's concern raised at the meeting of the Panel of Home Affairs on 14 January 2011 about the plight of residents

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affected by the recent incidents of serious flooding in Tai O and in Sha Po Chai Tsuen in Tai Po, Mr WONG Yung-kan asked whether these victims of the flooding would be provided with assistance under CCF. Deputy Secretary for Home Affairs (1) advised that having regard to the views collected from the community, the Steering Committee on the Community Care Fund (the Steering Committee), together with its Executive Committee and the Subcommittees, was in the process of drawing up assistance programmes under the CCF. She undertook to relay Mr CHEUNG's and Mr WONG's concerns to the Steering Committee for consideration.

9. Ms LI Fung-ying declared that she was a member of the Steering Committee.
10. The item was voted on and endorsed.
11. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 8:41 am.

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