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Paper for the House Committee meeting on 7 October 2011

Filling of vacancy in the membership of the Public Accounts Committee

Purpose

This paper invites the House Committee to decide on the date for the election of a Member to fill a vacancy in the membership of the Public Accounts Committee ("PAC") arising from a member's withdrawal from the Committee.

Background

2. Under Rule 72(3) of the Rules of Procedure, PAC shall consist of a chairman, deputy chairman and five members who shall be appointed by the President in accordance with an election procedure determined by the House Committee. Members of PAC serve on the Committee until the end of a legislative term. The current membership of PAC is as follows:

Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, GBS (Chairman)
Hon Paul CHAN Mo-po, MH, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, SBS, JP
Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan
Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, JP

3. Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo has given notification that he would withdraw from PAC with effect from the 2011-2012 session due to personal reasons. As a result, there is a need to elect a Member to fill the vacancy in PAC.

Nomination and election procedure

4. In accordance with the nomination and election procedure for PAC agreed by the House Committee on 10 October 2008, a valid nomination shall be made orally by a Member, seconded by at least one other Member, and accepted by the Member being nominated. A Member who nominates a Member who is absent from the meeting when the nomination is made shall state that the absent Member's acceptance of the nomination has been secured. If there are more nominations than the places available, an election by a show of hands should be conducted. In making the nominations, Members should have regard for the need to ensure that PAC's membership is broadly balanced and representative of the membership of the Council.

5. The House Committee's recommendation in regard to the member elected will then be submitted to the President for appointment.

Date of election

6. It is proposed that the election for filling the vacancy in the membership of PAC be held at the House Committee meeting on 14 October 2011.

Decision sought

7. Members are invited to endorse the proposed date of election stated in paragraph 6 above.

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