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House Committee of the Legislative Council

Minutes of the 19th meeting held in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex at 2:30 pm on Friday, 20 April 2012

Members present:

Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee, GBS, JP (Chairman)

Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, SBS, JP (Deputy Chairman)

Hon Albert HO Chun-yan

Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, SBS, S.B.St.J., JP

Hon LEE Cheuk-yan

Dr Hon Margaret NG

Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong

Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP

Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, GBS, JP

Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung

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, GBS, JP

Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, GBS, JP

Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming, GBS, JP

Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS, JP

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 Paul CHAN Mo-po, MH, JP

Hon CHAN Kin-por, JP

Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, JP

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-yee, GBS, JP

Dr Hon PAN Pey-chyou

Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP

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:

Dr Hon David LI Kwok-po, GBM, GBS, JP Hon James TO Kun-sun Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, GBS Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, GBS, JP Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC

Clerk in attendance:

Miss Odelia LEUNG Clerk to the House Committee

Staff in attendance:

Ms Pauline NG Secretary General Mr Jimmy MA, JP Legal Adviser

Mrs Constance LI
Mrs Justina LAM
Assistant Secretary General 1
Assistant Secretary General 3
Assistant Secretary General 4
Assistant Secretary General 4
Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 1
Mr Arthur CHEUNG
Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 2
Mr KAU Kin-wah
Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 3

Mr Stephen LAM Acting Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 4

Miss Erin TSANG Acting Principal Council Secretary (Complaints)

Mr Simon WONG **Chief Public Information Officer** Ms Alice LEUNG Chief Council Secretary (2)1 Chief Council Secretary (2)4 Miss Betty MA Ms Amy YU Chief Council Secretary (2)6 Miss Kitty CHENG Assistant Legal Adviser 5 Ms Wendy KAN Assistant Legal Adviser 6 Assistant Legal Adviser 9 Ms Clara TAM Assistant Legal Adviser 10 Miss Evelyn LEE Miss Josephine SO Senior Council Secretary (2)7

Ms Judy TING Council Secretary (2)6

Ms Anna CHEUNG Senior Legislative Assistant (2)3

Mr Arthur KAN Legislative Assistant (2)8

Action

I. Confirmation of minutes of meetings

- (a) <u>Minutes of the special meeting held on 21 February 2012</u> (LC Paper No. CB(2) 1723/11-12)
- (b) <u>Minutes of the 18th meeting held on 13 April 2012</u> (*LC Paper No. CB*(2) 1724/11-12)

The two sets of minutes of meetings were confirmed.

II. Matters arising

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

<u>Legislative Programme</u>

2. <u>The Chairman</u> said that CS had indicated that the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2012 would be presented to the Legislative Council ("LegCo") on 2 May 2012. Apart from that Bill, the Administration would also introduce a bill to implement the proposals concerning tax deduction in the 2012-2013 Budget.

Special Question and Answer ("Q&A") Session

3. The Chairman said that she had written to the Chief Executive ("CE") conveying Members' request for his attendance at a Special CE's Q&A Session to answer Members' questions on issues relating to the suspected acceptance of advantages from Sun Hung Kai Properties Limited by Mr Rafael HUI, former CS. CE had just returned from an overseas duty visit. The Secretariat had enquired with the Administration and was awaiting the Administration's response. The Secretariat would continue to follow up on the matter.

<u>Transition arrangements between the incumbent CE and the CE of the next term</u>

- 4. Mr LEE Wing-tat said that some Panels (including the Panel on Home Affairs ("HA Panel") and the Panel on Environmental Affairs ("EA Panel")) had encountered difficulties in discussing certain long-term policy issues with the Administration amidst the transition from the incumbent Government to the Government of the next term. He referred to the discussions on the proposed construction of an incinerator and landfill expansion plans at the meeting of the EA Panel in the morning of the day of the House Committee meeting and the recent controversy over the use of obstetric services by non-local women whose spouses were not permanent residents of Hong Kong, and pointed out that the incumbent Government and the CE-elect had different policy directions. He sought the view of the Chairman on how LegCo should follow up on the matter.
- 5. The Chairman said that she had already advised the Secretariat in that morning to include a discussion item on issues relating to the transition arrangements between the incumbent CE and the CE of the next term in the agenda of the next House Committee meeting. Members might consider the need to form a subcommittee under the House Committee to follow up on issues relating to the transition, including any proposal on the reorganization of the Government bureaux in the new term of Government and the funding arrangements. She would also bring the matter up with CS at their next meeting.
- 6. Mr LEE Wing-tat said that he had just learned from media reports that the CE-elect was contemplating adding two Deputy Secretaries of Departments and expanding the number of policy bureaux to 14. He considered that a matter of great importance and that adequate time should be allowed for Members to consult the public on the proposal. He requested the Chairman to urge the Administration to submit the proposal to LegCo as soon as possible.

- 7. Ms Cyd HO said that it was the first time since the Reunification in 1997 that a change of the Government would take place under a new CE. She considered it important to handle the transition arrangements with prudence and care. To facilitate Members' consideration of the relevant issues, she requested the Secretariat to compile information on overseas experience and practices on the monitoring of the Executive Authorities by the Legislature during a change of government. She stressed the importance of respecting the incumbent Government as the Government in power during the transition period.
- 8. <u>Dr Margaret NG</u> said that the situation was somewhat akin to that of the transition before the Reunification, which was handled by the Sino-British Joint Liaison Group. In her view, Members should discuss the matter only after receiving formal proposals from the Administration on the reorganization of the Government bureaux. She could not see why the CE-elect could not wait until after he had assumed office for putting forward any proposal for reorganization.
- 9. Mr Albert CHAN considered that the House Committee should condemn the CE-elect for abuse of power and breaking the long-established convention of LegCo to monitor the Executive Authorities. He stressed the importance of following the due process for the formulation and execution of policies, including the need to consult LegCo before taking forward any important proposals.
- 10. In response to Mr Albert CHAN's enquiry on whether he could move a motion to condemn the CE-elect, the Chairman said that such a motion could not be moved as the matter under discussion was not on the agenda of the House Committee meeting.
- 11. Mr KAM Nai-wai said that at the HA Panel meeting held in the morning of the day of the House Committee meeting, members had discussed the setting up of a cultural bureau suggested by the CE-elect. Members noted that as LegCo would stand prorogued on 18 July 2012, the new term of Government would only have a very short timeframe to seek the approval of LegCo on related funding and legislative proposals. He sought information on the impact of the prorogation of LegCo on the Government of the next term.
- 12. <u>Mrs Regina IP</u> opined that instead of conducting overseas duty visits, the incumbent CE should stay in Hong Kong and work closely with the CE-elect on transition arrangements.
- 13. <u>The Chairman</u> said that Members could further discuss the matter at the next House Committee meeting.

III. Business arising from previous Council meetings

Legal Service Division report on subsidiary legislation gazetted on 13 April 2012 and tabled in Council on 18 April 2012

(LC Paper No. LS 53/11-12)

- 14. <u>The Chairman</u> said that two items of subsidiary legislation (L.N. 52 and L.N 53) were gazetted on 13 April 2012 and tabled in the Council on 18 April 2012.
- Regarding the International Organizations (Privileges 15. Immunities) (Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction) Order (L.N. 52), the Chairman said that it sought to give effect to the privileges and immunities accorded to members of the inspection teams of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and observers provided under the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction for the acts they performed in Hong Kong in exercise of their official functions. Most of the privileges and immunities accorded to members of the inspection teams were the same as those enjoyed by diplomatic agents under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations. The Panel on Commerce and Industry had considered the legislative proposal at its meeting on 21 February 2012, and was in principle supportive of it. The Order would come into operation on 8 June 2012.
- 16. <u>Ms Emily LAU</u> considered it necessary to form a subcommittee to study the Order in detail. <u>Members</u> agreed. Mr James TO (as advised by Ms Emily LAU) agreed to join the subcommittee.
- 17. The Chairman said that the Secretariat would issue a circular to invite Members to join the proposed 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 arrangements.
- 18. Regarding the Statutes of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (Amendment) Statutes 2012 (L.N. 53), the Chairman said that it amended the Statutes of The Chinese University of Hong Kong in Schedule 1 of The Chinese University of Hong Kong Ordinance (Cap. 1109) to provide, inter alia, for the inclusion of School of Studies to have the same status as Departments and the inclusion of the Provost. She referred Members to Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong's letter dated 19 April 2012 (LC Paper No.

- CB(2) 1787/11-12(01)), which had been circulated to Members in the morning of the day of the House Committee meeting, expressing concern on the Amendment Statutes.
- 19. At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong said that as the Amendment Statutes involved the re-titling of staff on instructional grades and might affect the right of staff members currently holding the title of "lecturer", he considered it necessary to consult the relevant staff unions on the proposal. He requested the House Committee to defer decision on whether to form a subcommittee on the Amendment Statues to allow time for him to consult the staff concerned.
- 20. <u>The Chairman</u> said that the Amendment Statutes would come into operation on 8 June 2012. She requested Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong to revert to the House Committee on the outcome of his consultation with the staff unions in the next two weeks, so that Members could consider the need to form a subcommittee to examine the Amendment Statutes. <u>Mr CHEUNG</u> undertook to do so. <u>Members</u> agreed to defer decision on the Amendment Statutes.
- 21. <u>The Chairman</u> reminded Members that the deadline for amending the two items of subsidiary legislation was 16 May 2012, or 6 June 2012 if extended by resolution.

IV. Further business for the Council meeting of 25 April 2012

(a) <u>Tabling of papers</u>

Report No. 17/11-12 of the House Committee on Consideration of Subsidiary Legislation and Other Instruments

(LC Paper No. CB(2) 1726/11-12 issued vide LC Paper No. CB(3) 651/11-12 dated 18 April 2012)

- 22. <u>The Chairman</u> said that the Report covered four items of subsidiary legislation, the period for amendment of which would expire on 25 April 2012. No Member had indicated intention to speak on the subsidiary legislation.
- 23. <u>Members</u> noted the Report.

(b) Questions

(LC Paper No. CB(3) 649/11-12)

24. <u>The Chairman</u> said that Mr James TO and Ir Dr Raymond HO had replaced their oral questions.

V. Business for the Council meeting of 2 May 2012

(a) Questions

(LC Paper No. CB(3) 648/11-12)

25. <u>The Chairman</u> said that 20 questions (six oral and 14 written) had been scheduled for the meeting.

(b) <u>Bills - First Reading and moving of Second Reading</u>

Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2012

26. <u>The Chairman</u> said that the Administration had given notice to present the above Bill to the Council on 2 May 2012. The House Committee would consider the Bill at its meeting on 4 May 2012.

(c) Bills - resumption of debate on Second Reading, Committee Stage and Third Reading

Legislative Council (Amendment) Bill 2012

- 27. <u>The Chairman</u> said that the relevant Bills Committee 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.
- 28. <u>The Chairman</u> further said that as a large number of Committee Stage amendments ("CSAs") had been proposed to the Bill, there would likely be a long debate.

(d) Government motion

29. The Chairman said that no notice had been received yet.

(e) Members' motions

(i) Motion on "The 4 June incident" (Wording of the motion issued vide LC Paper No. CB(3) 646/11-12 dated 17 April 2012.)

(ii) Motion on "Actively studying the establishment of a middle class commission"

(Wording of the motion issued vide LC Paper No. CB(3) 652/11-12 dated 17 April 2012.)

- 30. <u>The Chairman</u> said that the above motions would be moved by Mr LEE Cheuk-yan and herself respectively, and the wording of the motions had been issued to Members.
- 31. <u>The Chairman</u> reminded Members that the deadline for giving notice of amendments, if any, to the motions was Monday, 23 April 2012.

VI. Report of Bills Committees and subcommittees

(a) Report of the Bills Committee on Copyright (Amendment) Bill 2011

(LC Paper No. CB(1) 1610/11-12)

- 32. Mr CHAN Kam-lam, Chairman of the Bills Committee, said that the Bills Committee had held 11 meetings and had received views from the stakeholders, including copyright owners and users. He referred Members to the Bills Committee's report for details of its deliberations.
- 33. Mr CHAN Kam-lam reported that the Bills Committee generally supported the legislative intent of the Bill to update the Copyright Ordinance (Cap. 528) so as to ensure that it would endure the test of rapid advances in technology, encourage co-operation between copyright owners and online service providers ("OSPs") in the fight against online infringement, and facilitate new modes of uses of copyright materials such as e-learning.
- 34. Mr CHAN Kam-lam further reported that in the course of scrutiny, members had raised concerns about the right of communication for copyright owners; certain proposed new permitted acts; exemption of parody from criminal liability; "safe habour" provisions for OSPs; and factors to which the court might have regard in considering whether additional damages should be awarded in an action for infringement of copyright. The Administration had taken on board members' views, and would move relevant CSAs to the Bill. The Bills Committee supported the resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Bill at the Council meeting of 9 May 2012.
- 35. <u>The Chairman</u> reminded Members that the deadline for giving notice of CSAs, if any, was Friday, 27 April 2012.

(b) Report of the Bills Committee on Electoral Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2012

(LC Paper No. CB(2) 1735/11-12)

- 36. Mr IP Kwok-him, Chairman of the Bills Committee, said that the Bills Committee had held four meetings and had completed its scrutiny work. He referred Members to the Bills Committee's report for details of its deliberations.
- 37. Mr IP Kwok-him reported that the Bill sought mainly to revise the regulation of election advertisements ("EAs") in CE, Election Committee, LegCo, District Council ("DC") and Village Representatives elections to allow a candidate to post EA or the EA's digital image electronically onto an open platform maintained by the Registration and Electoral Office or an open platform maintained by the candidate himself or a person authorized by him, so as to dispense with the need to submit the EA to the Returning Officer. The Bill also sought to provide for the Court to grant relief for candidates who failed to publish EAs in the specified manner and timeframe and with the specified particulars, and stipulate that a candidate was not required to obtain prior written consent from those who provided support in EAs if the candidate had neither requested, directed nor authorized any other person to request or direct the inclusion of such support in EAs. Members in general supported the proposals in the Bill.
- 38. Mr IP Kwok-him further reported that the Administration had explained to members the proposed central counting arrangements for counting the DC (second) functional constituency ("FC") ballot papers and the reasons for not adopting the option of polling-cum-counting Members noted that given the large number of ballot papers involved in geographical constituencies and the DC (second) FC, the adoption of the polling-cum-counting arrangement for DC (second) FC votes would inevitably prolong the counting of ballot papers. Members considered it necessary for the Administration to improve the vote counting arrangements to minimize delay in the counting of ballot After considering members' views, the Administration agreed to move CSAs to the effect that the ballot papers in at least one of the ballot boxes of the main counting station should be mixed with the ballot papers from the small polling stations or the ballot paper sorting stations or the dedicated polling stations, in order that the counting of votes of the ballot papers in the remaining ballot boxes of the main counting station could commence before the arrival of the ballot papers from the other The Bills Committee supported the resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Bill at the Council meeting of 9 May 2012 and the CSAs proposed by the Administration.

39. <u>The Chairman</u> reminded Members that the deadline for giving notice of CSAs, if any, was Friday, 27 April 2012.

(c) Report of the Bills Committee on Fisheries Protection (Amendment) Bill 2011

(LC Paper No. CB(2) 1732/11-12)

- 40. Mr Tommy CHEUNG, Chairman of the Bills Committee, said that the Bills Committee had held seven meetings and had received views from the public and the industry. The major issues deliberated by the Bills Committee included the proposed registration system for local fishing vessels; limiting new entrants; restriction of fishing with the use or aid of non-fishing vessels; prohibition of fishing activities with the use or aid of non-local fishing vessels; and designation of fisheries protection areas.
- 41. Mr Tommy CHEUNG further reported that in the light of members' views and concerns, the Administration would move a CSA to permit fishing with the use or aid of a hand net operated from a vessel which was not a non-local fishing vessel. Further, the Administration would also move various CSAs to make certain textual amendments to some Mr Albert CHAN had indicated his intention to move amendments to the Bill to further relax the fishing means which, according to his opinion, were commonly engaged by the public with the use or aid of vessels other than non-local fishing vessels and spell out explicitly that various notices, document or information, especially those in relation to the cancellation of a registration or a research fishing permit, should be sent by the Administration to the relevant person by registered mail. The Bills Committee supported the resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Bill at the Council meeting of 9 May 2012.
- 42. Mr Albert CHAN said that he was concerned about the restrictions on the use of fishing gears (such as rabbitfish traps) that were commonly used by the public for recreational fishing. He pointed out that under the Bill, using cage trap (including rabbitfish traps) operated from pleasure crafts to catch fish would constitute a criminal offence and it would undermine the public enjoyment of recreational fishing as a traditional leisure activity. He appealed to Members to consider the Bill carefully and support his proposed CSAs.
- 43. <u>The Chairman</u> reminded Members that the deadline for giving notice of CSAs, if any, was Friday, 27 April 2012.

(d) Report of the Subcommittee on Proposed Resolution under Section 7(b) of the Legal Aid Ordinance (Cap. 91)

(LC Paper No. CB(2) 1730/11-12)

- 44. <u>Dr Margaret NG</u>, Chairman of the Subcommittee, said that the proposed resolution sought to expand the scope of the Ordinary Legal Aid Scheme and the Supplementary Legal Aid Scheme ("SLAS"). Members were concerned whether the proposed expansion of SLAS to cover appeals against awards made by the Labour Tribunal ("LT") could assist employees in need given the interim contribution and costs payable by an aided person under SLAS. The Administration agreed to consider members' suggestion of providing relevant information to employees concerned to assist them in making an informed decision as to whether it was in their best interest to apply for legal aid under SLAS in LT appeal cases.
- 45. <u>Dr Margaret NG</u> further said that the proposed resolution also sought to expand the scope of SLAS to cover monetary claims against the vendors in the sale of first-hand residential properties. The Administration had taken on board the suggestion of the legal adviser to the Subcommittee to make amendments to the proposed resolution with a view to blocking a possible escape route in respect of such monetary claims. Under the proposed resolution, the scope of SLAS would also be expanded to cover certain professional negligence claims. The Subcommittee supported the Administration giving notice to move the revised proposed resolution at the Council meeting of 2 May 2012.
- 46. <u>Dr Margaret NG</u> added that the Subcommittee had noted that subject to the passage of the proposed resolution, the Administration would amend the relevant subsidiary legislation to revise the application fees and rates of contribution under the expanded SLAS. The Administration had provided the Subcommittee with illustrations on how the relevant subsidiary legislation would be amended and members had raised no query on them. The Subcommittee agreed to recommend to the House Committee that it was not necessary to form a subcommittee to study the relevant amendment regulations when they were tabled for negative vetting by LegCo, subject to the amendments in the amendment regulations being materially the same as those in the illustrations provided to the Subcommittee, so that the proposed expansion of the scope of legal aid could take effect as soon as possible.
- 47. <u>The Chairman</u> reminded Members that the deadline for giving notice of amendments, if any, was Monday 23 April 2012.

VII. Position on Bills Committees and subcommittees

(LC Paper No. CB(2) 1725/11-12)

- 48. <u>The Chairman</u> said that there were 12 Bills Committees, seven subcommittees under House Committee (i.e. two subcommittees on subsidiary legislation, two subcommittees on policy issues and three subcommittees on other Council business) and eight subcommittees under Panels in action.
- VIII. Proposal from Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming for moving a motion for adjournment under Rule 16(4) of the Rules of Procedure at the Council meeting of 2 May 2012 for the purpose of debating the following issue: the impact of the announcement made by the MTR Corporation Limited to adjust its fares upward by 5.4% under the Fare Adjustment Mechanism ("FAM") on the general public, the FAM, fare concession measures as well as the Government's corresponding arrangements

(Letter dated 17 April 2012 from Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming to the Chairman of the House Committee (LC Paper No. CB(2) 1752/11-12(01)))

- 49. At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr CHEUNG Hok-ming said that given MTR Corporation Limited's huge surplus recorded in the past three years, which amounted to some \$14.7 billion for the last year, the upward adjustment of MTR fares by 5.4% in 2012 had aroused wide public concern. He proposed the holding of an adjournment debate at the Council meeting of 2 May 2012 to provide an opportunity for Members to express views on the matter and appealed to Members to support his proposal.
- 50. The Chairman said that the proposed adjournment debate, if supported by Members, would be held at the conclusion of all the business on the Agenda of the Council meeting. According to Rule 16(6) and (7) of the Rules of Procedure ("RoP") and rule 18(b) of the House Rules, the duration of an adjournment debate moved under RoP 16(4) was kept within one and a half hours.
- 51. Mr KAM Nai-wai said that he noted that Mr CHAN Hak-kan of the Democratic Alliance for the Betterment and Progress of Hong Kong had been allocated a debate slot at the Council meeting of 9 May 2012. While he did not object to debating the issue, he considered the holding of a motion debate more fruitful than an adjournment debate, as the Administration would provide a response at a motion debate.

Furthermore, given that the adjustment of MTR fares would take effect in June 2012, there was no urgency for holding a debate on the issue at the Council meeting of 2 May 2012. In his view, Mr CHEUNG Hok-ming could consider discussing with Mr CHAN Hak-kan the feasibility of using the latter's debate slot at the Council meeting of 9 May 2012 to debate the issue under discussion.

- 52. <u>The Chairman</u> clarified that public officers had 15 minutes to reply at an adjournment debate moved under RoP 16(4).
- 53. Mr CHEUNG Hok-ming said that the Panel on Transport had discussed the adjustment of MTR fares at its meeting on 12 April 2012 and would hold a special meeting on 7 May 2012 to receive public views on the matter. He proposed holding an adjournment debate prior to the special Panel meeting to provide Members with a platform to express their views.
- 54. The Chairman said that Mr CHEUNG Hok-ming had put forward his proposal for the holding of an adjournment debate before Mr CHAN Hak-kan was allocated a debate slot at the Council meeting of 9 May 2012 in the morning of the day of the House Committee meeting. The subject of the motion to be moved by Mr CHAN concerned another issue.
- 55. <u>Members</u> agreed to Mr CHEUNG Hok-ming's proposal for holding an adjournment debate at the Council meeting of 2 May 2012.
- 56. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 3:08 pm.

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