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Panel on Transport and Panel on Financial Affairs

**Minutes of joint meeting on
Tuesday, 10 July 2012, at 11:00 am
in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex**

Members present : Members of the Panel on Transport

Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee, GBS, JP
Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH
* Hon KAM Nai-wai, MH
Hon CHAN Hak-kan, JP
Hon IP Wai-ming, MH
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip

Members of the Panel on Financial Affairs

Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon CHAN Kin-por, BBS, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, GBS, JP
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, SBS, JP

Member absent : Members of the Panel on Transport

Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo (Chairman)
Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming, GBS, JP (Deputy Chairman)
* Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, SBS, S.B.St.J., JP
Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP
* Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, SBS, JP
Hon LI Fung-ying, SBS, JP

- Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, SBS, JP
* Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, GBS, JP
* Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC
* Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, JP
Hon WONG Sing-chi
* Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yea, GBS, JP
Hon Tanya CHAN

Members of the Panel on Financial Affairs

Hon Albert HO Chun-yan
Dr Hon David LI Kwok-po, GBM, GBS, JP
Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, GBS
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
Hon LEE Wing-tat
Hon CHIM Pui-chung
Hon Paul CHAN Mo-po, MH, JP

- * Also members of the Panel on Financial Affairs

Clerk in attendance : Ms Joanne MAK
Chief Council Secretary (1)2

Staff in attendance : Ms Macy NG
Senior Council Secretary (1)2

Ms Emily LIU
Legislative Assistant (1)2

Action

I Election of Chairman

Mr CHAN Kam-lam remarked that he would chair this joint meeting, as Mr Andrew CHENG Kar-foo, Chairman of the Panel on Transport, had informed the Secretariat that he could not attend this meeting.

II Report of the Joint Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Insurance Coverage for the Transport Sector

(LC Paper No. CB(2)2446/11-12 — Report of the Joint Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Insurance Coverage for the Transport Sector)

2. The Chairman said that the Joint Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Insurance Coverage for the Transport Sector ("the Joint Subcommittee") had completed its work. At the Chairman's invitation, Ms Miriam LAU, the Joint Subcommittee's Chairman, reported on the work of the Joint Subcommittee by highlighting the salient points and recommendations in the Joint Subcommittee's report. Ms LAU called on members of the two Panels to endorse the Subcommittee's report, and suggested that the Administration be asked to follow up on the recommendations set out in the report.

3. Ms Miriam LAU and Mr CHAN Kin-por expressed dissatisfaction with the refusal of the Secretary for Food and Health and the Secretary for Labour and Welfare to attend the Joint Subcommittee's meetings on the ground that the issue concerned was outside their policy remit. Mr CHAN proposed the following amendment (in italics) to the last sentence of paragraph 23 of the Subcommittee's report:

聯合小組委員會對此表示遺憾，並認為政府當局應研究在香港推行獨立評估服務的可行性。

(Translation)

"The Joint Subcommittee expresses regret about this, and in this connection, the Joint Subcommittee is of the view that the Administration should study the feasibility of introducing IAS in Hong Kong".

4. The Chairman invited members' views on the Subcommittee's report. Ms Miriam LAU opined that subject to the endorsement of the report by the two Panels, the recommendations set out in the report should be pursued by the relevant Panels of the Fifth Legislative Council. Mr WONG Ting-kwong expressed support for Ms LAU's suggestion.

5. Mr IP Wai-ming remarked that the recommendation of the introduction of "a fit note system" (i.e. paragraph 81(b)(iii) of the report) should be implemented in conjunction with the recommendation of the establishment of

the Independent Assessment Service ("IAS") (i.e. paragraph 81(a) of the report). Ms Miriam LAU said that IAS could tackle not only the problem of exaggeration of injuries but also provide support to the injured in returning to work. Ms LAU added that IAS was a relatively new initiative advocated in the United Kingdom and further study on it would be required.

6. The Panels endorsed the Joint Subcommittee's report as amended by Mr CHAN Kin-por's proposed amendment set out in paragraph 3 above, and agreed that the report should be forwarded to the Administration for follow-up actions and that the recommendations in the report should be brought to the attention of the relevant Panels of the of the Fifth Legislative Council.

III Any other business

7. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 11:20 am.

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