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Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting

Minutes of meeting
held on Tuesday, 16 October 2012, at 4:40 pm
in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex

- Members present** : Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, SBS, JP
Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-ye, GBS, JP
Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
Hon Claudia MO
Hon Steven HO Chun-yin
Hon YIU Si-wing
Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP
Hon Charles Peter MOK
Hon CHAN Chi-chuen
Hon SIN Chung-kai, SBS, JP
Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, BBS, MH, JP
Hon Christopher CHUNG Shu-kun, BBS, MH, JP
- Member attending** : Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP
- Member absent** : Hon WONG Yuk-man (Chairman)

Clerk in attendance : Ms YUE Tin-po
Chief Council Secretary (4)3

Staff in attendance : Mr Joey LO
Senior Council Secretary (4)3

Ms Anki NG
Council Secretary (4)3

Ms Alice CHEUNG
Senior Legislative Assistant (1)1

Miss Queenie LAM
Senior Legislative Assistant (1)2

Miss Winnie CHENG
Senior Legislative Assistant (4)1

Ms Carmen HO
Senior Legislative Assistant (4)2

Ms Iris CHEUNG
Legislative Assistant (4)2

Ms Denise LAU
Clerical Assistant (4)2

Action

I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

Election of Chairman

Mr James TO, member present who had the highest precedence, presided over the election of the Chairman of the Panel. Mr James TO called for nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel. Mr Charles MOK was nominated by Ms Emily LAU and the nomination was seconded by Ms Claudia MO. Mr Charles MOK accepted the nomination. Mr James TO called for other nominations.

2. Mr WONG Yuk-man was nominated by Mr CHAN Chi-chuen and the nomination was seconded by Mrs Regina IP. As Mr WONG Yuk-man was absent from the meeting, Mr CHAN Chi-chuen confirmed that the nomination was accepted by Mr WONG.

3. As Mr WONG Yuk-man would need to re-take the Legislative Council Oath at the Council meeting of 17 October 2012, some members were concerned whether Mr WONG was eligible to stand for election as the chairman or deputy chairman of the Panel. Mr James TO informed members that as advised by the Secretariat at the House Committee meeting on 12 October 2012, Mr WONG should not attend Council or committee meetings or vote therein before his fulfillment of the oath-taking requirement. This notwithstanding, his right to be nominated and to stand for election as chairman or deputy chairman of a Panel would not be affected. In accordance with the procedure for the election of chairman and deputy chairman of Panels as set out in the House Rules, an absent member could be nominated for office provided that the member making the nomination stated that the absent member's acceptance of the nomination for office had been secured. Mr James TO called for other nominations.

4. As there was no other nomination, Mr James TO announced a vote by secret ballot. After all members had cast their votes, Mr James TO invited Ms Emily LAU and Mr CHAN Chi-chuen who had nominated the two candidates to monitor the counting of votes.

5. Mr James TO announced that 7 and 11 members voted for Mr Charles MOK and Mr WONG Yuk-man respectively, and one vote was invalid as the ballot paper was blank. Mr James TO declared Mr WONG Yuk-man elected as the Chairman of the Panel for the 2012-2013 session. Mr James TO continued to preside over the election of the Deputy Chairman of the Panel.

Election of Deputy Chairman

6. Mr James TO called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship of the Panel. Dr Elizabeth QUAT was nominated by Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok and the nomination was seconded by Mr WONG Ting-kwong. Dr Elizabeth QUAT accepted the nomination. Mr James TO called for other nominations.

7. Mr Charles MOK was nominated by Mr SIN Chung-kai and the nomination was seconded by Ms Claudia MO. Mr Charles MOK accepted the nomination. Mr James TO called for other nominations.

8. As there was no other nomination, Mr James TO announced a vote by secret ballot. After all members had cast their votes, Mr James TO invited Ir

Dr LO Wai-kwok and Mr SIN Chung-kai who had nominated the two candidates to monitor the counting of votes.

9. Mr James TO announced that 10 and 9 members voted for Dr Elizabeth QUAT and Mr Charles MOK respectively. Mr James TO declared Dr Elizabeth QUAT elected as Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2012-2013 session. Dr Elizabeth QUAT chaired the meeting in the absence of the Chairman.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2012-2013 session

10. Members agreed to hold the regular meetings of the Panel for the 2012-2013 session on the second Monday of each month at 2:30 pm. As the second Monday of February 2013 was a public holiday for the Lunar New Year, members agreed that the meeting in February would tentatively be re-scheduled to be held on 4 February 2013 at 8:30 am. Since the meeting in April 2013 would clash with the special Finance Committee meetings, members also agreed that the meeting in April be tentatively re-scheduled to be held on 5 April 2013 at 8:30 am. The meeting dates would be subject to the Panel's confirmation nearer the time.

III. Items for discussion at the next meeting

(List of issues suggested to be considered — LC Paper No. CB(4)25/13(01)

List of follow-up actions — LC Paper No. CB(4)25/13(02))

Special meeting

11. Some members including Mr Albert CHAN, Ms Emily LAU, Ms Cyd HO and Ms Claudia MO requested that a special meeting be held as soon as practicable to discuss the item "Issues relating to the discontinuation of broadcasting services by Digital Broadcasting Corporation Hong Kong Limited". Members were of the view that representatives of the Administration, Digital Broadcasting Corporation Hong Kong Limited and the Office of the Communications Authority should be invited to attend the special meeting.

(Post-meeting note: With the concurrence of the Chairman, the special meeting was held on 26 October 2012 at 9:00 am in Conference Room 2 of the Legislative Council Complex.)

Regular Panel meeting on 12 November 2012

12. Members noted that the next regular meeting would be held on 12 November 2012 to discuss the following items proposed by the Administration:

- (a) Capital Works Reserve Fund Head 710 Computerization Subhead A007GX (Block Allocation) – New administrative computer systems;
- (b) Proposed creation of a new permanent post of Chief Regulatory Affairs Manager under the Office of the Communications Authority; and
- (c) Licence Fee Reductions for Unified Carrier Licences, Public Radiocommunications Service Licences and Services-Based Operator Licences Issued under the Telecommunications Ordinance.

(Post-meeting note: At the request of the Administration and with the concurrence of the Chairman, item (c) had been deferred to the December meeting, whereas the item "Proposed creation of a permanent civil service post of Secretary-General of the Film Development Council" had been included in the agenda of the November meeting.)

Items for discussion in the 2012-2013 session

13. Members suggested the following discussion items for the 2012-2013 session:

- (a) Applications for domestic free television programme service licenses;
- (b) The role and future of Radio Television Hong Kong;
- (c) Review of the Broadcasting Ordinance (Cap. 562) and the Telecommunications Ordinance (Cap. 106);
- (d) Development of green information and communications technology ("ICT"); and
- (e) ICT manpower development.

Work plan for the 2012-2013 session

14. The Deputy Chairman said that she and the Chairman would hold a meeting with the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development to discuss the work plan of the Panel for the 2012-2013 session. She invited members to notify the Secretariat in writing as soon as possible if they wished to propose further discussion items for Panel meetings to be held from December 2012 to July 2013.

(Post-meeting note: With the concurrence of the Chairman, the work plan meeting was held on 22 October 2012 at 4:30 pm in Room 318 of the Legislative Council Complex.)

IV. Any other business

15. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 5:20 pm.

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