

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES

No. 24

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 30 April 2014 at 11:00 am

Attendance

The attendance of Members, public officers and Clerks is in the Official Record of Proceedings.

Tabling of Papers

The following papers were laid on the table under Rule 21(2) of the Rules of Procedure:

<u>Subsidiary Legislation / Instruments</u>	<u>L.N. No.</u>
1. Inland Revenue (Exchange of Information relating to Taxes) (United States of America) Order (gazetted on 25.4.2014)	54/2014
2. News Agencies Registration (Amendment) Regulation 2014 (gazetted on 25.4.2014)	55/2014
3. Newspapers Registration and Distribution (Amendment) Regulation 2014 (gazetted on 25.4.2014)	56/2014

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4. Overseas Lawyers (Qualification for Admission) (Amendment) Rules 2014 (gazetted on 25.4.2014) 57/2014

Other Papers

1. No. 96 - Quality Education Fund
Financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2013
(published on 17.4.2014)
2. No. 97 - Education Development Fund
Financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2013
(published on 17.4.2014)
3. No. 98 - Language Fund
Financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2013
(published on 24.4.2014)

Questions

Written replies to Questions 1 to 18 as set out on the Agenda were tabled.

Bills

First Reading and Second Reading

- Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2014 : The Secretary for Justice
- Insurance Companies (Amendment) Bill 2014 : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury
- Electronic Health Record Sharing System Bill : Secretary for Food and Health
- Construction Workers Registration (Amendment) Bill 2014 : Secretary for Development

After the above Bills were read the first time and ordered to be set down for Second Reading under Rule 53(3) of the Rules of Procedure, the public officers moved the Second Reading of the Bills respectively. The President proposed the questions on the Second Reading of the Bills respectively and referred them to the House Committee in accordance with Rule 54(4) of the Rules of Procedure. The debates on the Bills were adjourned.

Committee stage

— Appropriation Bill 2014 : The Financial Secretary

The Bill was committed to a committee of the whole Council. The Council went into committee and considered the Bill. In accordance with Rule 68 of the Rules of Procedure, the committee first considered the Schedule to the Bill. The Chairman proposed the question that the sums for the 14 heads, as set out in the Official Record of Proceedings, to which no amendments were proposed stand part of the Schedule. The committee proceeded to the first joint debate and Members respectively spoke on the heads. Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung drew the attention of the Chairman to the absence of a quorum. The Chairman then directed the Clerk to summon Members to the meeting.

Next meeting

A quorum was not present 15 minutes after Members had been summoned. The Council resumed. The President adjourned the Council in accordance with Rule 17(3) of the Rules of Procedure.

The Council was adjourned at 4:00 pm.



(Jasper TSANG Yok-sing)
President
Legislative Council

Council Chamber
Hong Kong

18 July 2014