

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES

No. 26

**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14 May 2014 at 11:00 am,
Thursday 15 May 2014 at 9:00 am and Friday 16 May 2014 at 9:00 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:

1. No. 100 - Research Endowment Fund
Financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2013
(published on 8.5.2014)
2. No. 101 - The Government Minute in response to the Report of the
Public Accounts Committee No. 61 of February 2014
(published on 9.5.2014)
3. Report No. 18/13-14 of the House Committee on Consideration of Subsidiary
Legislation and Other Instruments
(published on 5.5.2014)

Address

The Chief Secretary for Administration addressed the Council on The Government Minute in response to the Report of the Public Accounts Committee No. 61.

Questions

Written replies to Questions 1 to 16 as set out on the Agenda were tabled.

Bills

First Reading and Second Reading

- Competition (Amendment) Bill 2014 : Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development

After the above Bill was read the first time and ordered to be set down for Second Reading under Rule 53(3) of the Rules of Procedure, the public officer moved the Second Reading of the Bill. The President proposed the question on the Second Reading of the Bill and referred the Bill to the House Committee in accordance with Rule 54(4) of the Rules of Procedure. The debate on the Bill was adjourned.

Committee stage

- Appropriation Bill 2014 : The Financial Secretary

(During the Committee stage of the Bill, the meeting was suspended at 9:51 pm on 14 May, 9:48 pm on 15 May and 1:00 pm on 16 May, and resumed at 9:00 am on 15 May, and 9:00 am and 5:30 pm on 16 May 2014.)

The Council went into committee and continued to consider the Schedule to the Bill. The committee continued with the second joint debate. Members and a public officer respectively spoke on the amendments.

The committee commenced the third joint debate, the theme of which was “Poverty Alleviation, Welfare, Medical Services, Public Health and Elderly Care”, covering 148

amendments to 7 heads as set out in the Official Record of Proceedings. Members spoke on the amendments.

Next meeting

The Council resumed. The President declared that the next Council meeting would be held on 21 May 2014 at 11:00 am.

The Council was adjourned at 9:47 pm on 16 May 2014.

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(Jasper TSANG Yok-sing)
President
Legislative Council

Council Chamber
Hong Kong

26 September 2014