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# **House Committee of the Legislative Council**

# Minutes of the 30th meeting held in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex at 2:30 pm on Friday, 27 June 2014

#### **Members present:**

Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, GBS, JP (Chairman)

Hon Albert HO Chun-yan

Hon LEE Cheuk-yan

Hon James TO Kun-sun

Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP

Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung

Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP

Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP

Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, SBS, JP

Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, SBS, JP

Hon Vincent FANG Kang, SBS, JP

Hon WONG Kwok-hing, BBS, MH

Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, GBS, JP

Hon WONG Ting-kwong, SBS, JP

Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan

Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, JP

Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai, SBS, JP

Hon CHAN Hak-kan, JP

Hon CHAN Kin-por, BBS, JP

Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP

Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che

Hon WONG Kwok-kin, BBS

Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP

Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee, GBS, JP

Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip

Hon WONG Yuk-man

Hon Claudia MO

Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP

Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, GBS, JP

Hon Steven HO Chun-yin

Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming

Hon WU Chi-wai, MH

Hon YIU Si-wing

Hon Gary FAN Kwok-wai

Hon Charles Peter MOK

Hon CHAN Chi-chuen

Hon CHAN Han-pan

Hon CHAN Yuen-han, SBS, JP

Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, BBS, MH, JP

Hon Kenneth LEUNG

Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki

Hon KWOK Wai-keung

Hon Dennis KWOK

Hon Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung, JP

Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung

Hon SIN Chung-kai, SBS, JP

Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan

Hon IP Kin-yuen

Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, JP

Hon POON Siu-ping, BBS, MH

Hon TANG Ka-piu

Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, JP

Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, BBS, MH, JP

Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan

Hon Christopher CHUNG Shu-kun, BBS, MH, JP

Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen

#### **Members absent:**

Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC (Deputy Chairman)

Dr Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBM, GBS, JP

Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, GBS, JP

Prof Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long, SBS, JP, PhD, RN

Dr Hon LEUNG Ka-lau

Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP

Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC

Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung

Hon NG Leung-sing, SBS, JP

Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP

Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok

Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, JP

Hon Martin LIAO Cheung-kong, JP

#### **Clerk in attendance:**

Ms Amy YU Clerk to the House Committee

#### **Staff in attendance:**

Mr Kenneth CHEN, SBS Secretary General Mr Jimmy MA, JP Legal Adviser

Miss Odelia LEUNG **Assistant Secretary General 3** Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 1 Ms Connie FUNG Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 2 Mr Stephen LAM Mr KAU Kin-wah Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 3 Ms Dora WAI Principal Council Secretary 1 **Chief Public Information Officer** Ms Emily PANG Ms Debbie YAU Chief Council Secretary (4)5 Miss Carrie WONG Assistant Legal Adviser 4 Mr YICK Wing-kin Assistant Legal Adviser 8 Assistant Legal Adviser 10 Miss Evelyn LEE Miss Mimi CHANG Assistant Legal Adviser 11 Senior Council Secretary (2)6 Miss Josephine SO Miss Jasmine TAM Senior Council Secretary (2)8

Miss Karen LAI Council Secretary (2)6

Mr Ringo LEE Senior Legislative Assistant (2)1
Ms Anna CHEUNG Senior Legislative Assistant (2)3

Mr Arthur KAN Legislative Assistant (2)7

<u>Action</u>

# I. Confirmation of the minutes of the 29th meeting held on 20 June 2014

(LC Paper No. CB(2)1891/13-14)

The minutes were confirmed.

#### II. Matters arising

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

2. <u>The Chairman</u> said that he had relayed to CS Members' invitation to her and the Secretary for Justice to attend a special meeting of the House Committee ("HC") to discuss issues relating to the White Paper entitled "The Practice of the 'One Country, Two Systems' Policy in the

Hong Kong Special Administrative Region". CS had proposed that the matter be discussed at a meeting of the Panel on Constitutional Affairs ("CA Panel"). Members raised no objection.

3. <u>Mr TAM Yiu-chung</u>, Chairman of the CA Panel, agreed to follow up the relevant arrangements.

# III. Business arising from previous Council meetings

- (a) Legal Service Division reports on bills referred to the House Committee in accordance with Rule 54(4)
  - (i) Securities and Futures and Companies Legislation (Uncertificated Securities Market Amendment) Bill 2014 (LC Paper No. LS67/13-14)
- 4. At the invitation of the Chairman, <u>Legal Adviser</u> ("LA") briefed Members on the report prepared by the Legal Service Division ("LSD") on the Bill.
- 5. <u>Ms Emily LAU</u> considered it necessary to form a Bills Committee to study the Bill in detail. <u>Members</u> agreed. Mr SIN Chung-kai (as advised by Ms Emily LAU) agreed to join the proposed Bills Committee.
  - (ii) Sex Discrimination (Amendment) Bill 2014 (LC Paper No. LS69/13-14)
- 6. At the invitation of the Chairman, <u>LA</u> briefed Members on the LSD report on the Bill.
- 7. <u>Ms Cyd HO</u> considered it necessary to form a Bills Committee to study the Bill in detail. <u>Members</u> agreed. The following Members agreed to join the Bills Committee: Ms Cyd HO, Mr CHAN Chi-chuen, Dr Helena WONG (as advised by Mr SIN Chung-kai) and Dr CHIANG Lai-wan.
  - (iii) Private Columbaria Bill (LC Paper No. LS66/13-14)
- 8. At the invitation of the Chairman, <u>LA</u> briefed Members on the LSD report on the Bill.

9. <u>Mr WONG Kwok-hing</u> considered it necessary to form a Bills Committee to study the Bill in detail. <u>Members</u> agreed. The following Members agreed to join the Bills Committee: Mr James TO, Mr Tommy CHEUNG, Mr WONG Kwok-hing, Ms Cyd HO, Mr Albert CHAN, Mr WU Chi-wai and Dr Helena WONG (as advised by Ms Emily LAU).

# (b) Legal Service Division report on subsidiary legislation gazetted on 20 June 2014 and tabled in Council on 25 June 2014

(LC Paper No. LS68/13-14)

- 10. At the invitation of the Chairman, <u>LA</u> briefed Members on the LSD report on the one item of subsidiary legislation (i.e. Rules of the High Court (Amendment) Rules 2014) (L.N. 94)) gazetted on 20 June 2014 and tabled in Council on 25 June 2014.
- 11. Members did not raise any questions on the Amendment Rules.
- 12. <u>The Chairman</u> reminded Members that the deadline for amending this item of subsidiary legislation was the second Council meeting in the next session.

# IV. Further business for the Council meeting of 2 July 2014

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

Report No. 21/13-14 of the House Committee on Consideration of Subsidiary Legislation and Other Instruments (LC Paper No. CB(2)1893/13-14 issued vide LC Paper No.

CB(3)752/13-14 dated 25 June 2014)

13. <u>The Chairman</u> said that the Report covered 11 items of subsidiary legislation (L.N. 63 to L.N. 73), the period for amendment of which would expire at the Council meeting of 2 July 2014. No Member had indicated intention to speak on any of these items of subsidiary legislation.

# (b) Bills - First Reading and moving of Second Reading

# **Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes (Amendment) Bill 2014**

14. <u>The Chairman</u> said that HC would consider the above Bill at its next meeting on 4 July 2014.

## V. Business for the Council meeting of 9 July 2014

- (a) <u>Questions</u> (LC Paper No. CB(3)748/13-14)
- 15. <u>The Chairman</u> said that 22 questions (six oral and 16 written) had been scheduled for the meeting.
- (b) Bills First Reading and moving of Second Reading
- 16. The Chairman said that no notice had been received yet.
- (c) Bills resumption of debate on Second Reading, Committee Stage and Third Reading
  - (i) Shipping Legislation (Control of Smoke Emission) (Amendment) Bill 2014
  - (ii) Stamp Duty (Amendment) Bill 2013
  - (iii) Marriage (Amendment) Bill 2014
- 17. <u>Members</u> noted that the Second Reading debates on the above three Bills would be resumed at the Council meeting of 9 July 2014.

# (d) Government motion

Proposed resolution under section 29 of the Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance (Cap. 138) to be moved by the Secretary for Food and Health

(Wording of the proposed resolution issued vide LC Paper No. CB(3)735/13-14 dated 19 June 2014) (LC Paper No. LS 65/13-14)

- 18. At the invitation of the Chairman, <u>LA</u> briefed Members on the LSD report on the proposed resolution.
- 19. <u>Members</u> did not raise any objection to the Administration moving the proposed resolution at the Council meeting of 9 July 2014.
- (e) Member's Bill resumption of debate on Second Reading, Committee Stage and Third Reading

Kowloon Tong Church of the Chinese Christian and Missionary Alliance Incorporation (Amendment) Bill 2014 20. <u>Members</u> noted that Dr Priscilla LEUNG had withdrawn her notice for the resumption of the Second Reading debate on the above Bill at the Council meeting of 25 June 2014 and had given fresh notice for the resumption of its Second Reading debate at the Council meeting of 9 July 2014.

#### (f) Members' motions

- (i) Motion on "Concern about the integration and conflicts between Hong Kong and the Mainland" to be moved by Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai
  - (Wording of the motion issued vide LC Paper No. CB(3)642/13-14 dated 15 May 2014)
- (ii) Motion on "Devising the constitution by all people, making a new covenant, and realizing genuine 'Hong Kong people ruling Hong Kong'" to be moved by Hon WONG Yuk-man
  - (Wording of the motion issued vide LC Paper No. CB(3)645/13-14 dated 16 May 2014)
- 21. <u>Members</u> noted that debates on the above two Members' motions would be held at the Council meeting of 9 July 2014.

# Report of HC on Consideration of Subsidiary Legislation

22. The Chairman invited Members to note the list tabled at the meeting (LC Paper No. CB(3)756/13-14), which contained 19 items of subsidiary legislation the period for amendment of which would expire at the Council meeting of 9 July 2014. He reminded Members to indicate their intention by 5:00 pm on Monday, 30 June 2014, should they wish to speak on any of the items of subsidiary legislation.

# Meeting arrangements for the Council meeting of 9 July 2014

- 23. In response to Ms Emily LAU's enquiry about the meeting arrangements for the Council meeting of 9 July 2014, the Secretary General ("SG") said that the Secretariat was consulting Members on their availability on the possible dates of the meeting, and the President would make a decision based on Members' replies.
- 24. <u>Ms Emily LAU</u> and <u>Ms Claudia MO</u> hoped that the Secretariat would inform Members of the meeting arrangements as early as possible to facilitate Members' planning of their schedules.

# VI. Reports of Bills Committees and subcommittees

(a) Report of the Subcommittee on Three Regulations under the Telecommunications Ordinance (Cap. 106) Gazetted on 16 May 2014

(LC Paper No. CB(4)863/13-14)

- 25. <u>Mr Charles MOK</u>, Chairman of the Subcommittee, briefed Members on the deliberations of the Subcommittee as detailed in its report. <u>Members</u> noted that the Subcommittee supported the three Regulations and did not propose any amendments.
- (b) Report of the Subcommittee on Dutiable Commodities (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulation 2014
- 26. Mr Tommy CHEUNG, on behalf of Mr SIN Chung-kai, Chairman of the Subcommittee, made a verbal report on the deliberations of the Subcommittee. Mr CHEUNG said that the Subcommittee raised no objection to the proposed increase of the fee payable for a temporary liquor license from the daily rate of \$445 to \$510. Some members, however, expressed concern that as many Government service fees had been frozen for more than 10 years, the Administration had to make substantial increase in the fees when making adjustment. Members noted that the Subcommittee did not propose any amendments.
- 27. The Chairman reminded Members that the period for amendment of the four items of subsidiary legislation studied by the above two Subcommittees would expire at the Council meeting of 9 July 2014, and the deadline for giving notice of amendments, if any, was Wednesday, 2 July 2014.

## VII. Position on Bills Committees and subcommittees

(LC Paper No. CB(2)1892/13-14)

28. <u>The Chairman</u> said that as at 26 June 2014, there were 13 Bills Committees, seven subcommittees under HC and nine subcommittees on policy issues under Panels in action. Three subcommittees on policy issues were on the waiting list.

- VIII. Proposed duty visit to Israel by the Panel on Commerce and Industry (LC Paper No. CB(1)1638/13-14 issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1864/13-14 dated 19 June 2014)
  - 29. Mr Vincent FANG, Chairman of the Panel on Commerce and Industry ("CI Panel"), said that the Panel proposed to conduct a duty visit to Israel tentatively from 3 to 8 August 2014 to study the country's experience in promoting the development of innovation and technology. A total of 10 Members (including one non-Panel Member) had indicated interest in joining the visit. Mr FANG further said that in response to the Panel's invitation, the Innovation and Technology Commission had nominated two officials to join the visit to advise the delegation on issues relating to the development of innovation and technology industries. The expenses to be incurred by the two officials for the visit would be borne by the Government. He referred Members to the Panel's paper for details of the proposed visit.
  - 30. <u>Ms Claudia MO</u> queried whether it was appropriate for government officials to join the proposed duty visit, given that the Legislature and the Executive Authorities were two independent institutions.
  - 31. <u>The Chairman</u> said that there were cases in the past where government officials had joined overseas duty visits conducted by committees of the Legislative Council ("LegCo"), such as the duty visit conducted by the Panel on Environmental Affairs ("EA Panel") last year.
  - 32. At the invitation of the Chairman, Ms Cyd HO, Chairman of the EA Panel, said that the EA Panel had conducted a duty visit to Seoul, the Republic of Korea in April 2013 to study the country's experience in waste management. The visit was conducted jointly with the Administration's study tour on the subject and the Panel had largely the same visit programme as the Administration. In her view, it was for members of the delegation concerned to ensure that the independence of the study undertaken by the delegation would not be compromised when government officials took part in the visit.
  - 33. <u>Ms Claudia MO</u> said that she had participated in the EA Panel's duty visit to Seoul in April 2013. Throughout the visit, government officials were accorded priority over members of the delegation. She reiterated her view that it was inappropriate for government officials to take part in duty visits conducted by committees of the Council.
  - 34. <u>Members</u> agreed that permission be given for the CI Panel to conduct the proposed duty visit.

IX. Request of Hon WONG Yuk-man to seek the House Committee's recommendation under rule 13(a) of the House Rules for an adjournment debate under Rule 16(4) of the Rules of Procedure to be held in addition to two motion debates initiated by Members at the Council meeting of 2 July 2014

(Letter dated 19 June 2014 from Hon WONG Yuk-man (LC Paper No. CB(2)1903/13-14(01)))

- 35. Mr WONG Yuk-man expressed strong dissatisfaction with the stringent security arrangements implemented for the LegCo Complex in the last few weeks, including not allowing certain assistants of Members to enter the Complex and setting up mills barriers to barricade the areas in the vicinity of the Complex. He was particularly critical of the decision to invite the Police's assistance in the security arrangements for the Complex, which, in his view, had eroded the independence and autonomy of the Legislature and damaged its dignity. He considered it necessary to follow up the matter and appealed to Members to support his proposal to hold an adjournment debate on the matter.
- 36. Ms Claudia MO considered that The LegCo Commission ("the Commission") should not have decided to implement the special security arrangements for the LegCo Complex without consulting all other Members. In Ms MO's view, those security arrangements had turned LegCo Complex into a "prison" and compromised the independence of the Legislature. She also expressed strong dissatisfaction with the Commission's decision not to allow the five assistants of Members who had been arrested by the Police during the demonstrations to enter the Complex on 27 June 2014.
- 37. Ms Cyd HO said that she was a member of the Commission. Given that Members and the public were very concerned about the Commission's decisions to implement special security arrangements for the LegCo Complex, she supported the holding of an adjournment debate on the matter. She considered that there was a need to review the arrangements in the light of the circumstances and Members' views. She enquired about the arrangements for eliciting a reply to Members' views expressed during the proposed adjournment debate.
- 38. <u>Ms Claudia MO</u> sought clarification whether arrangements would be made for representative(s) of the Commission and/or the Secretariat to provide a response during the proposed adjournment debate. <u>Ms MO</u> also expressed dissatisfaction with the decision of the Chairman not to accede to her request to discuss the special security arrangements for the LegCo Complex at this HC meeting.

- 39. The Chairman advised that the holding of an adjournment debate under Rule 16(4) of the Rules of Procedure ("RoP") was for the purpose of raising an issue concerning public interest with a view to eliciting a reply from a designated public officer. Should HC support and the President approve the holding of the proposed adjournment debate, the Secretariat would write to invite the attendance of the Administration for the debate. It would be up to the Administration to designate the responsible public officer to reply.
- 40. Mr Gary FAN said that since 6 June 2014, the Commission had been gradually tightening up the security arrangements for the LegCo Complex. He pointed out that section 24 of the Legislative Council (Powers and Privileges) Ordinance (Cap. 382) provided that within the precincts of the Chamber, every officer of the Council should, for the purposes of the Ordinance and of the application of the criminal law, had all the powers and enjoyed all the privileges of a police officer. He was not convinced of the need to invite the Police to assist in the security arrangements within the LegCo Complex, which, in his view, had violated the principle of separation of powers between the Executive Authorities and the Legislature and had set a bad precedent. He supported the holding of the proposed adjournment debate.
- 41. Mr WONG Kwok-hing considered the Commission's decision to invite the Police's assistance in the security arrangements for the LegCo Complex appropriate. He noted that the storming of the LegCo Complex by protestors had caused injuries to more than 10 security staff of the Secretariat, and the relevant workers' union had expressed concern about the matter. Mr WONG added that he did not object to the holding of the proposed adjournment debate as this would facilitate the public to judge the right and wrong of the matter.
- 42. Mr CHAN Chi-chuen said that he supported the holding of the proposed adjournment debate as it would provide an open forum for Members to clarify issues relating to the rights and interests of the parties concerned including Members, Members' assistants, the Secretariat staff and other Complex users; and to ascertain whether the special security arrangements conformed to the fire safety requirements.
- 43. <u>Dr Fernando CHEUNG</u> stressed that LegCo should be a place for members of the public to express their views freely and should operate in an open and transparent manner. While he saw the need to review the security arrangements for the Complex in the light of the recent protests which had caused injuries to some security staff, he was concerned that the recently implemented special security arrangements had turned the LegCo Complex into a "fortress" or even a "prison". He supported the holding of the proposed adjournment debate.

- 44. Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung expressed strong dissatisfaction with the Chairman's decision not to accede to Ms Claudia MO's request to discuss at the HC meeting the Commission's decision to adopt special security arrangements for the LegCo Complex. In his view, the Chairman's decision was unreasonable and unacceptable. He added that the special security arrangements had turned LegCo into a "prison" and Members should debate this important matter.
- 45. Ms Emily LAU said that the design of the new LegCo Complex and the training of the security staff had not catered for the violent acts which had taken place in recent weeks. She appreciated that the Commission had the responsibility to take expeditious actions to ensure the safety of all users of the LegCo Complex, although Members belonging to the Democratic Party did not agree to all of the special security measures that were implemented. She had also pointed out at the meetings of the Commission that a forum should be provided to address the questions and concerns raised by Members. She enquired whether the Commission would consider arranging an extended meeting for this purpose so that all Members could participate in the discussion.
- 46. At the invitation of the Chairman, <u>SG</u> said that the President had agreed to hold an extended meeting of the Commission with all Members to be invited. Members would be informed of the meeting arrangement as soon as practicable. He added that it was not easy to identify a meeting time convenient to most parties under the circumstances.
- 47. Mr Albert CHAN considered it a shame that a lockdown had been imposed on the LegCo Complex, restricting access by the public. He said that he was gravely concerned whether the security measures adopted were in compliance with the fire safety requirements and had lodged complaints with the Fire Services Department.
- 48. Mr IP Kwok-him said that while the LegCo Complex had adopted an open and transparent design, the violence which had occurred outside the Complex with the connivance of some Members had rendered it necessary and vital for the Commission to implement enhanced security arrangements for the Complex so that the safety of all Complex users could be ensured. He did not object to Mr WONG Yuk-man's proposal to hold an adjournment debate on the matter, as it would provide a good opportunity for Members to express their views and for the public to better understand the background leading to the adoption of enhanced security measures by LegCo.

- 49. <u>Dr LAM Tai-fai</u> said that it was sad that the Police's assistance had to be sought to ensure the security of the LegCo Complex. He considered that instead of discussing the special security arrangements adopted for the LegCo Complex, it was more important to first examine the underlying causes and which parties should take responsibility for the present situation. He stressed that both the Administration and Members should make their best endeavour to settle any differences through discussions with the best public interest in mind.
- 50. Mr Frederick FUNG expressed support for Mr WONG Yuk-man's proposal. He said that the current conflicts and confrontation between the Administration and LegCo mainly arose from the Administration's insistence to press ahead with its funding request relating to the North East **Territories** New Development Areas ("North Development") and its refusal to consider and discuss any alternative proposals put forward by members of the public. He hoped that apart from expressing views on the security arrangements recently adopted by LegCo, Members would take the opportunity to discuss ways to resolve the current conflicts and confrontation between the Administration and LegCo during the proposed adjournment debate.
- 51. Dr KWOK Ka-ki said that while he was in support of Mr WONG Yuk-man's proposal, he did not think that the controversy over the North East Development could be settled through the holding of the proposed adjournment debate. He stressed that instead of keeping members of the public away from the LegCo Complex, Members should endeavour to fight for the interests of the public on issues of public concern. He considered it disgraceful on the part of the Administration to press hard for the passage of the funding proposal relating to the North East Development by the Finance Committee despite strong opposition from the public. In his view, the current approach adopted by the Administration would only incite more resentment among members of the public towards the Government.
- 52. Mr TAM Yiu-chung expressed regret that some Members had deliberately evaded the fact that it was the storming of the LegCo Complex by some protestors that had given rise to the need to adopt enhanced security measures for the Complex. He considered that it was necessary for the Commission to implement the special security arrangements, including banning some Members' assistants who were reported to have participated in the storming of the Complex from entering the Complex to prevent them posing security risks to the Complex and Complex users. While he did not object to the holding of the proposed adjournment debate for Members to express their views on the matter, he trusted that the Commission, which comprised

representatives of different political groupings and affiliations, had decided to implement the enhanced security arrangements after due consideration.

- 53. Mr Kenneth LEUNG expressed regret over the security adopted by the Commission. In his view, arrangements implementation of the special security measures which were drawn up in haste had seriously undermined the operation and image of LegCo. arrangement adopted by the Commission to restrict access to designated floors of the Complex by Members' assistants had aroused their strong protest. He added that while it was important to ensure the safety of Members and staff working in the LegCo Complex, he considered it equally important to maintain an open image for LegCo. He urged the Commission to make reference to the risk management practices adopted by large corporations and formulate appropriate arrangements for the LegCo Complex with due regard to the need and importance of maintaining the open and solemn image of LegCo.
- 54. <u>Mr James TIEN</u> said that Members belonging to the Liberal Party supported the holding of the proposed adjournment debate.
- 55. Mr CHAN Kin-por said that he was a member of the Commission. He said that it was important to recognize the fact that had there not been any violent acts of the protestors and assistance rendered to the storming of the LegCo Complex by some Members' assistants, it would not have been necessary for the Commission to implement special security arrangements for the Complex. He supported the proposal of Mr WONG Yuk-man to hold an adjournment debate on the matter, which would provide a forum for members of the Commission to explain the rationale behind the implementation of the enhanced security measures. He hoped that the public could then have an informed judgement on the matter. He added that while he supported the proposal for the Commission to hold an extended meeting with other LegCo Members to discuss the security arrangements, he was opposed to the suggestion of some Members that the meeting be conducted openly given the sensitivity of the security issues to be discussed at the meeting.
- 56. <u>Dr Priscilla LEUNG</u> said that she had discussed with SG the need to strengthen the security arrangements for the LegCo Complex immediately after the protesters first stormed the Complex. She appreciated that the special arrangements were necessary to ensure the safety of all Complex users as well as the smooth conduct of meetings.

- 57. Mr LEE Cheuk-yan expressed regret over the storming of the LegCo Complex which had resulted in injuries to a number of people, including security staff of the Secretariat. He stressed that the root cause of the problem lay in the "institutional violence" perpetuated within LegCo under which the Administration with the support of Members belonging to the pro-establishment camp could force through their policies in total disregard of public views.
- 58. In response to Mr CHAN Chi-chuen's enquiry, the Chairman advised that in the event that the Council meeting of 2 July 2014 was adjourned due to a lack of quorum, any unfinished business on the Agenda of the meeting including the proposed adjournment debate would stand over to the Council meeting of 9 July 2014.
- 59. <u>Members</u> supported Mr WONG Yuk-man's proposal to move a motion for adjournment of the Council, in addition to the two Members' motions, under RoP 16(4) at the Council meeting of 2 July 2014 for the purpose of debating the security arrangements adopted for the LegCo Complex in respect of large-scale public events.

## X. Any other business

60. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 3:35 pm

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