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**Public Works Subcommittee of the Finance Committee
of the Legislative Council**

**Minutes of the 4th meeting
held in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex
on Wednesday, 26 November 2014, at 8:30 am**

Members present:

Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC (Chairman)
Hon WU Chi-wai, MH (Deputy 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 Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, SBS, JP
Hon WONG Kwok-hing, BBS, MH
Prof Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long, SBS, JP, PhD, RN
Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan, JP
Hon CHAN Hak-kan, JP
Hon CHAN Kin-por, BBS, JP
Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP
Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming
Hon Gary FAN Kwok-wai
Hon Charles Peter MOK, JP
Hon CHAN Chi-chuen
Hon CHAN Han-pan, JP

Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok
Hon CHAN Yuen-han, SBS, JP
Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, BBS, MH, JP
Hon Kenneth LEUNG
Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, JP
Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki
Hon Dennis KWOK
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung
Hon SIN Chung-kai, SBS, JP
Hon IP Kin-yuen
Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, JP
Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, JP
Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kiwok, BBS, MH, JP
Hon Christopher CHUNG Shu-kun, BBS, MH, JP
Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen, BBS

Members absent:

Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, GBS, JP
Dr Hon LEUNG Ka-lau
Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
Hon Claudia MO
Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan

Public officers attending:

Mr YEUNG Tak-keung, JP	Deputy Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury) ³
Mr WAI Chi-sing, JP	Permanent Secretary for Development (Works)
Mr Thomas CHAN Chung-ching, JP	Deputy Secretary for Development (Planning and Lands) ¹
Ms Anissa WONG, JP	Permanent Secretary for the Environment
Ms Jasmine CHOI Suet-yung	Principal Assistant Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury) (Works)

Mr HON Chi-keung, JP	Director of Civil Engineering and Development
Mr Robin LEE Kui-biu, JP	Deputy Head of Civil Engineering Office (Port and Land) Civil Engineering and Development Department
Ms Phyllis LI Chi-miu, JP	Deputy Director (Territorial) Planning Department
Ms Selene TSOI Sze-long	Deputy Secretary for Development (Planning and Lands) ³
Mr CHONG Wing-wun	Principal Assistant Secretary (Planning and Lands) ¹
Mr Stephen LI Tin-sang	Chief Engineer (New Territories East (2)) Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr SOH Chun-kwok	District Planning Officer (Sha Tin, Tai Po and North) Planning Department
Mr Donald CHOY Chi-mun	Assistant Director (Leisure Services) ³ Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Miss Amanda HO Kwei-chu	Senior Executive Officer (Planning) ¹ Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr CHAN Chi-ming, JP	Deputy Secretary for Development (Works) ²
Mr CHENG Ting-ning, JP	Project Manager (New Territories East) Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr WONG Kin-por	Chief Engineer (Boundary Control Point) Civil Engineering and Development Department

Mr David LO Kwok-chung	Chief Engineer (Islands) Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mrs Millie NG Kiang Mei-nei	Principal Assistant Secretary for Security (E)
Mr LEUNG Koon-kee, JP	Director of Architectural Services
Ms CHAN Hoi-ming	Project Director (2) Architectural Services Department
Ms CHENG Shuk-chun	Regional Commander (Kowloon East) Hong Kong Police Force
Mr Percy FUNG	Chief Superintendent (Planning and Development) Hong Kong Police Force

Clerk in attendance:

Ms Sharon CHUNG	Chief Council Secretary (1)6
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Staff in attendance:

Mr Andy LAU	Assistant Secretary General 1
Mr Hugo CHIU	Senior Council Secretary (1)6
Mr Fred PANG	Senior Council Secretary (1)8
Mr Raymond CHOW	Council Secretary (1)6
Mr Frankie WOO	Senior Legislative Assistant (1)3
Ms Christy YAU	Legislative Assistant (1)7
Ms Haley CHEUNG	Legislative Assistant (1)8

Action

The Chairman advised that there were seven funding proposals on the agenda for the meeting. He reminded members that in accordance with Rule 83A of the Rules of Procedure ("RoP") of the Legislative Council, they should disclose the nature of any direct or indirect pecuniary interests relating to the funding proposals under discussion at the meeting before they spoke on the item. He also drew members' attention to Rule 84 of RoP on voting in case of direct pecuniary interest.

Action

Head 705 – Civil Engineering

PWSC(2014-15)11# 768CL Strategic studies for artificial islands in the Central Waters

2. The Chairman said that the proposal, i.e. PWSC(2014-15)11, was to upgrade 768CL to Category A at an estimated cost of \$226.9 million in money-of-the-day prices for carrying out strategic studies for artificial islands in the Central Waters and associated site investigation works. The Subcommittee had deliberated on the item at the meetings on 18, 24 June and 29 October 2014. Two motions, including one to adjourn the discussion on the item and the other to adjourn further proceedings of the Subcommittee, had been dealt with by the Subcommittee according to Paragraph 33 of the Procedure of the Public Works Subcommittee ("PWSC") and had been negatived. At the meetings on 24, 25 June and 2 July 2014, the Subcommittee had considered 111 motions proposed by members under paragraph 32A of the PWSC Procedure ("32A") which had been ruled in order by the Chairman of the 2013-2014 session and had decided by voting not to proceed with these motions. The Chairman advised that the Subcommittee had yet to decide whether to proceed with the remaining 59 motions proposed by members under 32A ("the 59 motions"). A list showing the serial numbers of these 59 motions had been tabled at the meeting.

3. The Chairman advised that at the meeting on 29 October 2014, he had allowed members to raise questions about the proposal, i.e. PWSC(2014-15)11. He observed that quite a number of those questions had repeated the ones put up at previous meetings. He asked if members would like to raise further questions about the proposal. Noting that there were no such requests, the Chairman said that the Subcommittee would proceed to consider the 59 motions.

Motion numbered 0195

4. The Chairman advised that as Mr Albert CHAN, who had proposed the motions numbered 0176 to 0191, was not present, he would proceed to deal with the motion numbered 0195 proposed by Dr Fernando CHEUNG. The Chairman put to vote the question that the motion numbered 0195 be proceeded forthwith. The question was carried.

Withdrawal of the item

5. Deputy Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury)3 ("DS(Tsy)3") advised that the Administration withdrew the proposal under the agenda item. The Subcommittee noted the Administration's decision. The Chairman advised that the Subcommittee would proceed to the next agenda item.

Head 707 – New Towns and Urban Area Development

PWSC(2014-15)32# 756CL Ma On Shan development—roads, drainage and sewerage works at Whitehead and Lok Wo Sha, phase 2

6. The Chairman advised that the proposal, i.e. PWSC(2014-15)32, was to upgrade 756CL to Category A at an estimated cost of \$252.8 million in money-of-the-day prices for the construction of additional infrastructure to support various planned developments at Whitehead, Ma On Shan. The Panel on Development had been consulted on the proposal on 22 April 2014 and Panel members in general supported the submission of the funding proposal to the Subcommittee for consideration. The gist of the Panel's discussion had been tabled at the meeting.

7. At the invitation of the Chairman, Director of Civil Engineering and Development ("DCED") briefed members on the proposal.

Disposal of construction waste

8. The Subcommittee noted that the proposed works would generate about 9 920 tonnes of construction waste of which 1 710 tonnes of inert construction waste would be delivered to public fill reception facilities for subsequent reuse. Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok was concerned about the limited remaining capacities of the public fill banks. He opined that land formation through reclamation projects such as development of artificial islands in the Central Waters should be taken forward, not only to ease the land shortage problem, but also to reuse inert construction waste, which would relieve the pressure on the demand for storage space at public fill banks.

9. DCED replied that the capacities of the two public fill reception facilities at Tseung Kwan O and Tuen Mun were close to saturation and there was no other land in Hong Kong available for stockpiling of public fill. Hence, the Administration had been delivering excess public fill to Taishan where a new piece of land of around 5 square kilometres had been formed.

He advised that local reclamation projects, if any, would make good use of surplus public fill.

Development of a bathing beach in New Territories East

10. Noting that the project covered the construction of a sewage pumping station and sewers to improve the treatment of sewage and hence the beach water quality at Whitehead, Mr WU Chi-wai enquired about the Administration's position on a suggestion to designate a natural beach at To Tau as a public bathing beach, after the completion of the project, to meet the demand of residents of New Territories East for beach facilities.

11. In reply, Assistant Director (Leisure Services)3, Leisure and Cultural Services Department ("AD(LS)3/LCSD"), advised that the Administration had no plan at the present stage to take forward the suggestion mentioned by Mr WU. He explained that the areas near To Tau and Starfish Bay, both located outside the project site, were currently zoned "Conservation Area" comprising sites of archaeological and ecological values respectively. In considering whether these areas were suitable for developing beach facilities, the Administration would have to conduct assessments on environmental and heritage impacts as well as the water quality. At the present stage, the Administration had no information about how the water quality of the proposed beach area would change upon the commissioning of the new sewage pumping station and sewers. DCED added that the new sewage pumping station and sewers under the proposal were to support the new development areas at Whitehead and the existing villages in the area were not covered in the proposal. Whether the domestic sewage from the villages nearby might have an impact on the beach water quality would need to be explored if there was any development of beach facilities.

12. Mr WU expressed disappointment that the Administration had not seriously studied the aforesaid suggestion, which had been raised at the meeting of the Panel on Development in April 2014. He commented that the Administration so far had not chosen appropriate locations for developing beach facilities in New Territories East to meet residents' aspiration. Mr WU opined that the Administration should cover the existing villages in the vicinity of To Tau in future village sewerage connection projects if it was required to improve the water quality at Whitehead. Taking in view that the project might help improve the beach water quality in the concerned area, he enquired whether the Administration would undertake a separate study to explore the suitability of developing a bathing beach at To Tau. AD(LS)3/LCSD responded that when there was such a plan to develop beach facilities at To Tau, the Administration would carry out relevant detailed studies, including an assessment on the beach water quality.

Infrastructure facilities in rural villages

13. Ms Cyd HO enquired about the criteria for prioritizing works projects to provide or improve infrastructure facilities including drainage, sewerage and water supply systems for existing rural villages to meet the livelihood needs of the villagers. She asked whether the Administration would accord higher priority to carrying out such works in the areas where there would be new population intake or land development projects.

14. DCED replied that the proposal was to cater for the anticipated population intake of new developments in the area. The criteria for prioritizing the upgrading of sewerage facilities were not related to the proposal. At the request of Ms Cyd HO, the Administration would provide supplementary information to respond to her questions.

(Post-meeting note: The Administration's supplementary information was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. PWSC57/14-15 on 16 December 2014.)

15. The item was voted on and endorsed.

Head 705 – Civil Engineering

PWSC(2014-15)33# 19GB Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point and associated works—site formation and infrastructure works

16. The Chairman advised that the proposal was to increase the approved project estimate ("APE") of 19GB by \$8,719.9 million from \$16,253.2 million to \$24,973.1 million in money-of-the-day prices to cover the cost of the works under the project. The Panel on Development had been consulted on the proposal on 22 April and 5 May 2014. The majority of Panel members supported the submission of the proposal to the Subcommittee for consideration. The gist of the Panel's discussion had been tabled at the meeting.

17. Mr LEE Cheuk-yan said he would like to propose a motion to adjourn the discussion on the remaining items on the agenda, i.e. PWSC(2014-15)33, 34, 35, 36 and 37, pursuant to Paragraph 33 of the PWSC Procedure ("Paragraph 33").

18. The Chairman said that under Paragraph 33, a member when speaking on a proposal in the Subcommittee might move without notice to adjourn the discussion on an item. He opined that a motion proposed under Paragraph

33 should refer to one item rather than a number of items. At the invitation of the Chairman, Assistant Secretary General 1 gave his views. He advised that, as Mr LEE Cheuk-yan intended to propose that discussion on all the remaining items on the agenda at the meeting be adjourned, he might consider whether it was more suitable to move a motion that further proceedings of the Subcommittee be adjourned.

Motion on adjournment of discussion on PWSC(2014-15)33

19. Mr LEE Cheuk-yan proposed a motion to adjourn the discussion on PWSC(2014-15)33 pursuant to Paragraph 33.

20. The Chairman said that the Subcommittee would proceed to deal with Mr LEE Cheuk-yan's motion. Each member could speak once on the motion, and the speaking time should not be more than three minutes.

21. Mr LEE Cheuk-yan said that the Administration should accord priorities to works projects that were related to people's livelihood, such as development of education or welfare facilities, rather than "white elephant" projects like the development of the Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point ("LT/HYW BCP"). In his view, large-scale capital-intensive projects such as the LT/HYW BCP project relied more on mechanics than on labour, and so would only generate limited job opportunities for construction workers. On the contrary, small-scale building works like construction of schools would create lots of jobs. He urged the Administration to make arrangements such that the livelihood-related works projects pending funding approval would be submitted to the Subcommittee for discussion as soon as possible.

22. Dr KWOK Ka-ki, Mr WU Chi-wai, Mr Albert CHAN and Ms Cyd HO supported Mr LEE Cheuk-yan's motion. They opined that there was no urgency to commission the LT/HYW BCP. As the project involved many controversial issues, the Subcommittee would need to have a lengthy discussion and examination of the proposal. The adjournment of discussion on this item would give the Administration a chance to put forward other items which were important to people's livelihood, such as works projects related to education, medical and community services, in a timely manner to the Subcommittee for consideration.

23. Referring to the proposed increase in the APE of 19GB by \$8,719.9 million, Mr Albert CHAN expressed dissatisfaction with the Administration's lack of action to control repeated cost overruns of public works projects. Ms Cyd HO commented that in planning cross-boundary infrastructure projects, the Administration had not taken into account public

sentiments for preservation of Hong Kong's cultural identity and had not consulted the public on these projects giving sufficient information about the Administration's population policy.

24. Mr IP Kwok-him, Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok, Mr LEUNG Che-cheung, Mr WONG Kwok-hing, Mr CHAN Hak-kan, Mr CHAN Kin-por, Mr CHAN Kam-lam and Mr TAM Yiu-chung spoke against the motion. They opined that as the construction of the BCP had already commenced, delaying the examination of the funding proposal would further increase the project cost. Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok, Mr TAM Yiu-chung and Mr LEUNG Che-cheung commented that the development of the LT/HYW BCP would improve the infrastructure and connectivity of the concerned areas in the North District and was supported by local stakeholders. Mr CHAN Kam-lam and Mr TAM Yiu-chung opined that the project was important to the economic development of both Hong Kong and the Mainland. Mr WONG Kwok-hing said that the project would generate job opportunities for the construction industry. Mr CHAN Hak-kan was concerned that the delay of examination of the proposal would impede the progress of providing infrastructure facilities at a resite area for reprovisioning of Chuk Yuen Village.

25. Mr WONG Kwok-hing, Mr IP Kwok-him and Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok commented that instead of seeking to adjourn the discussion on the proposal, members who considered that the proposal was controversial should perform their duties by raising questions to the Administration on it and then make a timely decision on whether to endorse the proposal.

26. Mr WU Chi-wai enquired whether the Administration would depart from its usual practice and proceed to seek funding approval from the Finance Committee ("FC") for the proposal in the event that the item was voted down by the Subcommittee. Permanent Secretary for Development (Works) advised that the Administration had submitted the proposal to the Subcommittee with a view to seeking members' comments on it. The question raised by Mr WU would be considered, if necessary, after the Administration had heard Member's views on the item. Mr WU stressed that it would be undesirable for the Administration to submit the funding proposal to FC for approval if the proposal was voted down by the Subcommittee.

27. Mr IP Kwok-him raised a point of order and enquired whether the expression "shaking the head and the tail" used by Dr KWOK Ka-ki when speaking on Mr LEE Cheuk-yan's motion referred to the attendees at the meeting and whether Dr KWOK would withdraw the expression. At the invitation of the Chairman, Dr KWOK gave a response. He said that he

would not withdraw the expression. He clarified that he was not referring to any particular persons when using the expression.

28. The Chairman asked if the Administration would like to respond to the proposed motion. DS(Tsy)3 advised that 20 funding proposals which had been submitted to PWSC in the 2013-2014 legislative session had been carried forward to the current session for the Subcommittee's examination. These proposals were important and urgent in different ways and were closely related to the livelihood of Hong Kong people and the long-term development of Hong Kong. He appealed to members to examine the proposals as early as possible. DS(Tsy)3 continued that the deferred items, including some school-related projects, had been delayed for six months on average due to the slow progress of examination by the Subcommittee. To reduce the impact of the delay on the school-related projects, tenders for works contracts of these projects had been invited in October and November 2014. The tender validity periods of the concerned tenders would last until July or August 2015. Subject to the tendering results and FC's approval for the relevant funding proposals, the aforesaid school-related projects would commence in mid-2015.

29. DS(Tsy)3 advised that the sequence of the funding proposals on the agenda of the meeting reflected their order in the previous legislative session and was driven by practical considerations. When considering the sequence of PWSC agenda items, the Administration would have regard to a host of factors including the importance, urgency, readiness and consultation progress of the relevant proposals. Priority would not necessarily be accorded on the basis of a particular policy portfolio that such a proposal fell within. Of the seven items on the agenda, tenders had been invited for four of them. In particular, the tender validity period of an important contract of the LT/HYW BCP project covered by PWSC(2014-15)33 would expire on 31 December 2014. As regards item 5 ("237LP -- Kowloon East Regional Headquarters and Operational Base-cum-Ngau Tau Kok Divisional Police Station") and item 6 ("855TH - Road improvement works for West Kowloon Reclamation Development (Phase 1)") on the agenda, the tender validity periods would expire in May and April 2015 respectively. Compared with those of the school-related projects, the tender validity periods of these three items would expire earlier. If the funding proposals for these three items could not be approved in time, the relevant contracts could not be awarded before the expiry of the respective tender validity periods. The Administration might have to conduct re-tendering exercises, which would result in further project delays and possible cost increases.

30. The Chairman put to vote the question that the discussion on PWSC(2014-15)33 be adjourned. At the request of Mr IP Kwok-him, the Chairman ordered a division and the division bell was rung for five minutes. Of the 34 members present, 33 members voted. 19 voted for, 14 voted against the motion and no one abstained. The voting result was as follows:

For:

Mr Albert HO
Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung
Mr Frederick FUNG
Mr Ronny TONG
Mr Albert CHAN
Mr Gary FAN
Mr CHAN Chi-chuen
Mr Kenneth LEUNG
Dr Fernando CHEUNG
Mr IP Kin-yuen
(19 members)

Mr LEE Cheuk-yan
Ms Emily LAU
Prof Joseph LEE
Ms Cyd HO
Mr WU Chi-wai
Mr Charles Peter MOK
Dr Kenneth CHAN
Dr KWOK Ka-ki
Mr SIN Chung-kai

Against:

Mr CHAN Kam-lam
Mr WONG Kwok-hing
Mr CHAN Kin-por
Mr Frankie YICK
Miss CHAN Yuen-han
Dr Elizabeth QUAT
Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok
(14 members)

Mr TAM Yiu-chung
Mr CHAN Hak-kan
Mr IP Kwok-him
Mr CHAN Han-pan
Mr LEUNG Che-cheung
Dr CHIANG Lai-wan
Mr Christopher CHUNG

Abstain:

(0 member)

31. The Chairman declared that the motion was carried.

Head 705 – Civil Engineering

PWSC(2014-15)34# 751CL Planning and engineering study on Sunny Bay reclamation

32. The Chairman advised that the proposal was to upgrade 751CL to Category A at an estimated cost of \$100.5 million in money-of-the-day prices for carrying out a planning and engineering study on Sunny Bay reclamation and associated site investigation works. The Panel on Development had

been consulted on the proposal on 22 April 2014 and the majority of Panel members supported the submission of the funding proposal to the Subcommittee for consideration. The gist of the Panel's discussion had been tabled at the meeting.

33. At the invitation of the Chairman, DCED briefed members on the proposal.

Motion on adjournment of discussion on PWSC(2014-15)34

34. Mr Albert CHAN proposed a motion to adjourn the discussion on PWSC(2014-15)34 pursuant to Paragraph 33.

35. The Chairman said that the Subcommittee would proceed to deal with Mr Albert CHAN's motion. Each member could speak once on the motion, and the speaking time should not be more than three minutes.

36. Mr Albert CHAN said that the mariculturists at Ma Wan were opposed to reclamation at Sunny Bay due to the possible adverse impact of the reclamation project on their livelihood. Moreover, the Administration had not actively addressed the concerns over the impact of the noise pollution generated by the operation of the Hong Kong International Airport ("HKIA") on the future developments on the proposed reclaimed land. He opined that the Subcommittee should not rush to approve such a controversial proposal. The adjournment of the discussion on the item would give the Administration a chance to fully consult stakeholders on the proposed reclamation project.

37. Mr WONG Kwok-hing, Mr CHAN Han-pan, Mr IP Kwok-him, Mr CHAN Kin-por, Mr Christopher CHUNG, Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok and Dr CHIANG Lai-wan spoke against the motion. They commented that the project was important to the economic development of Hong Kong and would provide new land to support large-scale developments. Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok said that the proposed reclamation site was selected by the Administration after taking into account the views collected during the public engagement ("PE") exercise for "Enhancing Land Supply Strategy: Reclamation outside Victoria Harbour and Rock Cavern Development" ("ELSS") as set out in Enclosure 2 to the Administration's paper. By carrying out the proposed study, the Administration could examine in detail the possible impacts of reclamation at Sunny Bay and formulate options that would help achieve a balance between development and conservation. Mr WONG Kwok-hing criticized that the adjournment motion was groundless and the proponent was abusing the relevant procedure. In his view, instead of seeking to adjourn the discussion on the proposal, members

should deliberate the proposal and then decide whether they would support or vote against the proposal.

38. Mr CHAN Han-pan said that mariculturists at Ma Wan were not opposed to the proposed reclamation at Sunny Bay. When considering the possible developments on the proposed reclaimed land, the Administration had taken into account the noise impact caused by HKIA's operation as well as the public's aspiration that commercial developments should be provided at Sunny Bay to create job opportunities for residents of Tung Chung and Lantau.

39. At the invitation of the Chairman, DCED made a response to the proposed motion. He highlighted the following points --

- (a) Development of a vast piece of land through reclamation would allow great flexibility for planning and quick implementation of development proposals. Since the 1980's, the Administration had been able to supply about 500 to 700 hectares of new land through reclamation every five years. However, in the past decade, land formation through reclamation had slowed down to almost a halt.
- (b) Since 2011, the Administration had conducted technical studies and a two-stage PE exercise for ELSS. During the Stage 1 PE, there was broad consensus that more land would be required to meet housing and development needs and to improve the living environment of Hong Kong people. There was also wide support for a multi-pronged approach to enhancing land supply, including reclamation outside Victoria Harbour.
- (c) Taking into consideration the views collected during the Stage 1 PE of ELSS about the impacts of reclamation on the environment and local communities, the Administration had selected five potential near-shore reclamation sites, including Sunny Bay, and possible artificial islands in the central waters for consultation in the Stage 2 PE. As compared with other potential reclamation sites, the impact of reclamation at Sunny Bay on the environment and local communities was expected to be relatively minor.
- (d) A summary of public views on reclamation at Sunny Bay collected during the Stage 2 PE was given in Enclosure 2 for members' information. In addition, the Administration had

consulted the mariculturists' representatives at Ma Wan. While they had not raised objection to the proposal, the Administration noted their concerns and would continue to maintain close liaison with them when carrying out the proposed study. Moreover, the Administration would look into the impact of the proposed reclamation on the ecology at Sunny Bay and its vicinity, including the mangroves at Yan O Wan.

- (e) The Administration was aware of the potential adverse impact of noise nuisances generated from HKIA's operation on developments at Sunny Bay. The proposed study would take into consideration the new Noise Exposure Forecast ("NEF") 25 contours related to aircraft operation as set out in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report for the expansion of HKIA into a three-runway system. The Administration noted that noise-sensitive land uses, such as residential units and schools, might not be suitable on part of the proposed reclaimed land due to the coverage of the NEF 25 contours and would carry out detailed assessment on this constraint in the study.

40. The Chairman put to vote the question that the discussion on PWSC(2014-15)34 be adjourned. At the request of Mr IP Kwok-him, the Chairman ordered a division and the division bell was rung for five minutes. Of the 36 members present, 35 members voted. 20 voted for, 15 voted against the motion and no one abstained. The voting result was as follows:

For:

Mr Albert HO
Mr James TO
Ms Emily LAU
Prof Joseph LEE
Ms Cyd HO
Mr Gary FAN
Mr CHAN Chi-chuen
Mr Kenneth LEUNG
Mr Dennis KWOK
Mr SIN Chung-kai
(20 members)

Mr LEE Cheuk-yan
Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung
Mr Frederick FUNG
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Mr Michael TIEN
Mr CHAN Han-pan
Miss Alice MAK
Dr CHIANG Lai-wan
Mr Christopher CHUNG
(15 members)

Mr TAM Yiu-chung
Mr CHAN Hak-kan
Mr IP Kwok-him
Mr Frankie YICK
Mr LEUNG Che-cheung
Dr Elizabeth QUAT
Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok

Abstain:

(0 member)

41. The Chairman declared that the motion was carried.

Head 703 – Buildings

PWSC(2014-15)35# 237LP Kowloon East Regional Headquarters and
Operational Base-cum-Ngau Tau Kok
Divisional Police Station

42. The Chairman advised that the proposal was to upgrade 237LP to Category A at an estimated cost of \$2,964.9 million in money-of-the-day prices for the construction of Kowloon East Regional Headquarters and Operational Base-cum-Ngau Tau Kok Divisional Police Station. The Panel on Security had been consulted on the proposal on 2 July 2013. The gist of the Panel's discussion had been tabled at the meeting.

43. At the invitation of the Chairman, Principal Assistant Secretary for Security (E) briefed members on the proposal. She said that the project aimed to strengthen the Police Force's capability in meeting the increasing demands for policing services in the fast-developing Kowloon East Region and enhance the operational efficiency of the Kowloon East Regional Headquarters and its affiliated units which were scattered across the Region. The Administration consulted the District Councils of Kwun Tong, Sai Kung, Wong Tai Sin and Kowloon City in early 2013. Members of these Councils supported the project and some urged for its early implementation.

[At 10:28 am, to allow sufficient time for discussion, the Chairman suggested and members agreed that the meeting be extended to end at 10:45 am.]

44. Mr Albert HO proposed a motion to adjourn the discussion on PWSC(2014-15)35 pursuant to Paragraph 33. Mr IP Kwok-him sought clarification on whether the motion had been proposed by Mr Albert HO during the period of extension of the meeting. The Chairman advised in the negative.

45. Mr Albert HO said that there was no urgency to proceed with the project under the proposal. In view of the current shortage of construction workers, the Administration should avoid undertaking too many capital works projects within a short time. He commented that the action taken by the Police against the protestors in Mong Kok the night before had revealed that the existing resources allocated to the Police were sufficient for them to perform law enforcement duties. If the discussion on the proposal was to proceed, he would raise a lot of questions on the justifications for the proposal. By adjourning the discussion on the proposal, the Subcommittee could accord priorities to examining the proposals related to schools, child and elderly care centres.

46. Dr Fernando CHEUNG supported Mr Albert HO's motion. He criticized that the ways in which the Police handled protestors recently had given rise to doubts that the Police had departed from the principle of maintaining political neutrality.

47. Mr Christopher CHUNG and Mr CHAN Kam-lam spoke against the motion. They held the view that delaying the consideration of funding proposals for works projects would slow down the pace of development of Hong Kong. They expressed concerns that the Subcommittee would fail to perform its functions if members from the pan-democratic camp, who were the majority in the Subcommittee at present, continued to propose motions to adjourn the discussion on the agenda items.

48. Members noted that due to time constraints, the Subcommittee would continue the debate at the next meeting on the motion to adjourn the discussion on PWSC(2014-15)35.

49. The Subcommittee noted that the Administration planned to submit the funding proposal endorsed at the meeting, i.e. PWSC(2014-15)32, to FC on 19 December 2014. The Chairman consulted members on whether the item would require separate discussion and voting at the FC meeting. No member made such request.

Any other business

50. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 10:45 am.

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