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Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services

Minutes of meeting
held on Thursday, 9 October 2014, at 4:40 pm
in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex

Members present : Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon Dennis KWOK (Deputy Chairman)
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, GBS, JP
Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC
Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, JP
Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP
Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
Hon WONG Yuk-man
Hon NG Leung-sing, SBS, JP
Hon Steven HO Chun-yin
Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP
Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, JP
Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, JP
Hon Martin LIAO Cheung-kong, SBS, JP
Hon TANG Ka-piu, JP
Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, JP
Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan

Member absent : Hon Albert HO Chun-yan

Clerk in attendance : Miss Mary SO
Chief Council Secretary (4)2

Staff in attendance : Mr Matthew LOO
Assistant Secretary General 4

Ms Cindy CHAN
Senior Council Secretary (4)2

Ms Rebecca LEE
Council Secretary (4)2

Miss Winnie CHENG
Senior Legislative Assistant (4)1

Ms Carmen HO
Senior Legislative Assistant (4)2

Miss Vivian YUEN
Legislative Assistant (4)2

Mr Chris CHAN
Clerical Assistant (4)1

I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

Dr Priscilla LEUNG, the incumbent Chairman, invited nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel. Mr Abraham SHEK nominated Dr Priscilla LEUNG and Dr CHIANG Lai-wan seconded the nomination. Dr LEUNG accepted the nomination. As Dr Priscilla LEUNG was nominated, Mr Dennis KWOK, the incumbent Deputy Chairman, presided over the election of the chairmanship of the Panel.

2. Ms Emily LAU nominated Mr Dennis KWOK and Mr James TO seconded the nomination. Mr KWOK accepted the nomination. As Mr Dennis KWOK was nominated, Mr James TO, member of the highest precedence among members present, presided over the election of the chairmanship of the Panel.

3. Mr James TO called for other nominations. As there was no other

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nomination, Mr TO announced that voting be conducted by secret ballot. After all members had cast their votes, Mr TO invited Mr Abraham SHEK and Ms Emily LAU who had nominated the two candidates to monitor the counting of votes.

4. Mr James TO announced that 14 and eight members voted for Dr Priscilla LEUNG and Mr Dennis KWOK respectively. Mr James TO declared that Dr Priscilla LEUNG was elected Chairman of the Panel for the 2014-2015 session. Dr Priscilla LEUNG then took the chair.

Election of Deputy Chairman

5. The Chairman called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship of the Panel.

6. Ms Emily LAU nominated Mr Dennis KWOK and Mr Ronny TONG seconded the nomination. Mr KWOK accepted the nomination.

7. The Chairman called for other nominations. As there was no other nomination, the Chairman declared that Mr Dennis KWOK was elected Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2014-2015 session.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2014-2015 session

8. Members noted a proposed schedule of regular meetings of the Panel for the 2014-2015 session, to be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 4:30 pm, tabled at the meeting. The Chairman said that as Mr Martin LIAO proposed to hold the regular meetings of the Panel at another timeslots, the Chairman directed the clerk to explore other timeslots for holding regular meetings of the Panel and to seek members' views on this before finalizing the schedule of meetings of the Panel for the 2014-2015 session. Members did not raise any queries.

(Post-meeting note: The regular meetings of the Panel are scheduled for the fourth Monday of each month at 4:30 pm, following a survey to invite members' views on the timeslots for holding the regular meetings of the Panel in the 2014-2015 session. The meeting schedule was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(4)75/14-15 on 27 October 2014.)

III. Items for discussion at the next meeting

Appendix V to LC Paper No. CB(4)2/14-15 -- *List of outstanding items for discussion*

Appendix VI to LC Paper No. CB(4)2/14-15 -- *Letter from Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung dated 1 September 2014 requesting the Panel to discuss the issue of abolition of the common law offence of champerty again (Chinese version only)*

Appendix VII to LC Paper No. CB(4)2/14-15 -- *List of follow-up actions*

9. The Chairman said that in his letter dated 1 September 2014, Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung requested to discuss the abolition of the common law offence of champerty again at a future meeting of the Panel. Members agreed to include the item in the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion.

10. Members agreed to discuss the following items proposed by the Administration at the regular meeting in November 2014 -

- (a) Proposed Arbitration (Amendment) Bill 2015;
- (b) Draft Live Television Link (Witnesses outside Hong Kong) Rules and Draft Rules of the High Court (Amendment) Rules; and
- (c) 2014-2015 Judicial Service Pay Adjustment.

11. The Chairman advised that she and the Deputy Chairman would shortly convene a meeting with the relevant bureau/departments to draw up a work plan for the Panel for the current session.

IV. Any other business

12. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 4:55 pm.