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Finance Committee of the Legislative Council

Minutes of the 61st meeting
held at Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex
on Friday, 13 May 2016, at 5:12 pm

Members present:

Hon CHAN Kin-por, BBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP
Hon WONG Kwok-hing, BBS, MH
Prof Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long, SBS, JP, PhD, RN
Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, GBS, JP
Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, GBS, JP
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, SBS, JP
Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, JP
Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai, SBS, JP
Hon CHAN Hak-kan, JP
Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP
Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che
Hon WONG Kwok-kin, SBS
Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee, GBS, JP
Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP
Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung

Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP
Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, GBS, JP
Hon NG Leung-sing, SBS, JP
Hon Steven HO Chun-yin, BBS
Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, JP
Hon WU Chi-wai, MH
Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS
Hon Gary FAN Kwok-wai
Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP
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 KWOK Wai-keung
Hon Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung, SBS, JP
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung
Hon SIN Chung-kai, SBS, JP
Hon IP Kin-yuen
Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, JP
Hon Martin LIAO Cheung-kong, SBS, JP
Hon POON Siu-ping, BBS, MH
Hon TANG Ka-piu, JP
Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, JP
Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, SBS, MH, JP
Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan
Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen, BBS
Hon Alvin YEUNG Ngok-kiu

Members absent:

Hon Albert HO Chun-yan
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
Dr Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBM, GBS, JP
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, GBS, JP
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, GBS, JP
Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, SBS, JP
Hon Vincent FANG Kang, SBS, JP

Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan, JP
Dr Hon LEUNG Ka-lau
Hon WONG Yuk-man
Hon Claudia MO
Hon Kenneth LEUNG
Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, BBS, JP
Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki
Hon Dennis KWOK
Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan
Hon Christopher CHUNG Shu-kun, BBS, MH, JP

Public officers attending:

Ms Elizabeth TSE Man-yee, JP	Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury)
Ms Esther LEUNG, JP	Deputy Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury) ¹
Mr Alfred ZHI Jian-hong	Principal Executive Officer (General), Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau (The Treasury Branch)
Mr Jose YAM Ho-san	Commissioner for Heritage, Development Bureau
Mr Ricky WONG Chi-pan	Chief Assistant Secretary for Development (Works) 2, Development Bureau
Mr CHAN Ho-yin	Chief Property Services Manager (1), Architectural Services Department
Ms Amy SIT Oi-wah	Acting Chief Heritage Manager (Antiquities and Monuments), Antiquities and Monuments Office
Mr Max WONG	Supervisor (Leadership), The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups
Ms Irene NG	Coordination (Financial Control), The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups
Ms Iki CHAN	Development Officer, The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups
Mr CM LEE	Director, LWK and Partners (Hong Kong) Limited
Miss Joey LAM Kam-ping, JP	Deputy Secretary for Transport and Housing (Transport) 5

Ms Maisie CHENG Mei-sze, JP	Director of Marine
Mr Freely CHENG Kei	Deputy Director of Marine (Special Duties)
Mr Gilbert MO Sik-keung	Deputy Law Draftsman (Bilingual Drafting and Administration), Department of Justice
Mr Nicholas W YANG, JP	Secretary for Innovation and Technology
Mrs Millie NG	Deputy Secretary for Innovation and Technology
Ir Allen YEUNG	Government Chief Information Officer
Mr Victor LAM, JP	Deputy Government Chief Information Officer (Consulting and Operations)
Ms Joyce MOK	Assistant Government Chief Information Officer (IT Operations)
Mr Alex YEUNG	Chief Systems Manager (IT Operations), Office of the Government Chief Information Office
Mr Francis CHAU Siu-hei	Principal Assistant Secretary for Development (Works) 2
Mr Daniel CHUNG Kum-wah, JP	Director of Civil Engineering and Development
Ms YING Fun-fong	Head (Kai Tak Office), Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr Harry MA Hon-ngai	Chief Engineer (Kowloon) 3, Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr YEUNG Tak-keung, JP	Commissioner for Sports, Home Affairs Bureau
Ms Linda LAW Lai-tan	Principal Assistant Secretary for Home Affairs (Recreation and Sport) 2
Mrs Alice YU NG Ka-chun	Project Director (3), Architectural Services Department
Mr Raymond LAU	Senior Project Manager 332, Architectural Services Department

Clerk in attendance:

Ms Anita SIT	Assistant Secretary General 1
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Staff in attendance:

Mr Derek LO
Mr Keith WONG
Mr Frankie WOO
Miss Yannes HO

Chief Council Secretary (1)5
Council Secretary (1)5
Senior Legislative Assistant (1)3
Legislative Assistant (1)6

Action

Item No. 4 – FCR(2016-17)17

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS SUBCOMMITTEE
MADE ON 25 NOVEMBER 2015**

PWSC(2015-16)45

**HEAD 708 – CAPITAL SUBVENTIONS AND MAJOR SYSTEMS AND
EQUIPMENT**

**19QW – Revitalisation Scheme – Revitalisation of the Former Fanling
Magistracy into the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups
Institute for Leadership Development**

The Chairman advised that the Finance Committee ("FC") continued with the deliberation on the agenda item FCR(2016-17)17.

2. There being no further question by members, the Chairman put FCR(2016-17)17 to vote. The Chairman declared that the Committee approved the item.

Item No. 5 – FCR(2016-17)19

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT SUBCOMMITTEE
MADE ON 31 MARCH 2016**

EC(2015-16)18

HEAD 100 - MARINE DEPARTMENT

Subhead 000 - Operational Expenses

HEAD 92 - DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Subhead 000 - Operational Expenses

3. The Chairman advised that the item sought FC's approval of the recommendation of the Establishment Subcommittee ("ESC") made at its meeting held on 31 March 2016, i.e., the recommendation made in EC(2015-16)18, for the retention of the following supernumerary posts: one Administrative Officer Staff Grade B, one Senior Principal Executive Officer

("SPEO") and one Assistant Director of Marine in the Marine Department, and one Deputy Principal Government Counsel post in the Department of Justice for a term of 3 years to continue providing supervision and steer for the systemic reform in the Marine Department, and take forward the outstanding marine-related legislative amendments. Some members requested that the recommendation be voted on separately at the FC meeting.

Motion to adjourn further proceedings

4. At 5:15 pm, Mr Albert CHAN moved under paragraph 39 of the Finance Committee Procedure that further proceedings of the Committee be then adjourned. The Chairman thereupon proposed the question that further proceedings be then adjourned. The Chairman directed that each member, when speaking on the motion, might speak once for not more than three minutes.

5. Mr Albert CHAN explained the purpose of his motion. He pointed out that FC had not yet completed the deliberation on FCR(2016-17)17 by the end of the previous meeting on that day, with Mr IP Kwok-him and Mr YIU Si-wing still waiting for their turn to speak. He was dissatisfied that the two members withdrew their requests to speak at the start of the current meeting, and it so happened that he did not manage to attend the meeting on time and raise his further questions, thus resulting in a hasty approval of the paper.

6. Mr IP Kwok-him and Mr YIU Si-wing explained respectively that they requested to speak at the previous meeting because they would like to respond to the remarks made by Mr Albert CHAN on the paper. But Mr CHAN was not present at the start of the present meeting, and that was why they withdrew their requests to speak.

7. Mr TAM Yiu-chung, Mr Steven HO, and Mr WONG Ting-kwong spoke against Mr Albert CHAN's motion. Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung pointed out that as brought up by Mr Albert CHAN, the financial information of the funding proposal was unclear, and it was really necessary for members to raise further questions. Mr CHAN Chi-chuen refuted the accusation of some members against him for attempting to stall off the meeting deliberately.

8. Mr Albert CHAN spoke in reply in respect of his motion. The Chairman then put Mr CHAN's motion to vote. At the request of members, the Chairman ordered a division and the division bell was rung for five minutes.

9. The Chairman announced that four members voted in favour of and 34 members voted against the motion. The votes of individual members were as follows –

For:

Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung
Mr Gary FAN Kwok-wai
(4 members)

Mr Albert CHAN Wai-yip
Mr CHAN Chi-chuen

Against:

Mr James TO Kun-sun
Ms Emily LAU Wai-hing
Mr WONG Kwok-hing
Mr WONG Ting-kwong
Dr LAM Tai-fai
Dr Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun
Mr IP Kwok-him
Mr Paul TSE Wai-chun
Mr James TIEN Pei-chun
Mr Steven HO Chun-yin
Mr WU Chi-wai
Mr MA Fung-kwok
Ms CHAN Yuen-han
Mr KWOK Wai-keung
Dr Elizabeth QUAT
Mr TANG Ka-piu
Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok
(34 members)

Mr CHAN Kam-lam
Mr TAM Yiu-chung
Mr Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung
Ms Starry LEE Wai-king
Mr CHAN Hak-kan
Mr WONG Kwok-kin
Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee
Mr Michael TIEN Puk-sun
Mr NG Leung-sing
Mr Frankie YICK Chi-ming
Mr YIU Si-wing
Mr CHAN Han-pan
Mr LEUNG Che-cheung
Mr Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung
Mr POON Siu-ping
Dr CHIANG Lai-wan
Mr Tony TSE Wai-chuen

10. The Chairman declared that Mr Albert CHAN's motion was negatived.

Voting of FCR(2016-17)19

11. There being no further question by members, the Chairman put the item FCR(2016-17)19 to vote. The Chairman declared that the Committee approved the item.

Item No. 6 – FCR(2016-17)21

CAPITAL WORKS RESERVE FUND

HEAD 710 – COMPUTERISATION

Office of the Government Chief Information Officer

New Subhead – "Wi-Fi Connected City"

**HEAD 47 – GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT: OFFICE OF THE
GOVERNMENT CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER**

Subhead 700 – General non-recurrent

**New Item – "Providing Public Wi-Fi services in Study Rooms and Youth
Service Centres"**

12. The Chairman advised that the item sought FC's approval of the creation of the following two new commitments –

- (a) \$474.7 million under Capital Works Reserve Fund Head 710 "Computerisation" for implementing the "Wi-Fi Connected City" programme; and
- (b) \$25.3 million under Head 47 "Government Secretariat: Office of the Government Chief Information Officer" for subsidising the provision of public Wi-Fi services in study rooms and youth service centres of non-profit making organizations.

13. The Chairman advised that the Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting of the Legislative Council was consulted by the Innovation and Technology Bureau on the proposal on 11 April 2016. At the invitation of the Chairman, Dr Elizabeth QUAT, the Chairman of the Panel, briefed FC on the main points of discussion by the Panel. Dr QUAT advised that the Panel in general expressed support for the Administration's initiative to build Hong Kong as a "Wi-Fi connected city". However, there were queries about the adequacy of subsidizing non-governmental organizations ("NGOs") to provide free public Wi-Fi services in study rooms and youth service centres for only five years. Some other members suggested that the pilot project of free public Wi-Fi services to be implemented in the second half of 2016 should cover more locations, including tourist spots with higher visitor flow, and that enhancements be made in terms of connection speed, service stability, and usage time.

Quality of free public Wi-Fi services

14. Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung expressed his concern that the data transfer speed of the existing Government Wi-Fi ("GovWiFi") services provided at various government venues was barely satisfactory. Dr Fernando CHEUNG and Mr CHAN Chi-chuen also expressed a similar concern. Government Chief Information Officer ("GCIO") advised that the overall speed of GovWiFi services had already been enhanced in January 2016.

15. Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung enquired whether the Administration had reviewed the effectiveness of the pilot project of providing free public Wi-Fi services at public areas of six public hospitals. Deputy Government Chief Information Officer (Consulting and Operations) responded that according to the findings of a survey conducted in the six public hospitals, a majority of the healthcare personnel and service users of the hospitals had positive feedback on the free Wi-Fi services. In view of the positive feedback on the pilot project, the Administration would, in collaboration with the Hospital Authority, extend the free Wi-Fi services to the remaining 36 public hospitals.

16. Quoting from some members of the industry, Dr Fernando CHEUNG pointed out that the free Wi-Fi services provided by the Government were by nature in conflict with those provided by private network operators. To strive for more business opportunities, private network operators tended to provide services of lower quality in their joint projects with the Government. Mr CHAN Chi-chuen shared Mr CHEUNG's view. Mr Peter MOK disagreed and opined that the provision of free public Wi-Fi services under the public-private collaboration model was conducive to introducing the advanced technology of the commercial sector and at the same time facilitating competition within the industry.

17. Secretary for Innovation and Technology ("S for IT") responded that the service quality of the free public Wi-Fi services provided under the public-private collaboration model would be tested by a third party. The Office of the Government Chief Information Officer would set up a steering committee and working groups with members from participating bureaux and departments, service providers and major NGOs to define the service scope and standards, oversee the progress of implementation and monitor the on-going service provision under the public-private collaboration model. GCIO added that discussion with about seven major local network service operators on the provision of free public Wi-Fi services under the public-private collaboration model was underway and competition among the network service operators would be encouraged so as to enhance the quality of free public Wi-Fi services.

18. In view of technological advancement, Mr Alvin YEUNG was concerned whether the Administration would seek funding again in the near future to enhance the quality of the free public Wi-Fi services. GCIO pointed out that under the "Wi-Fi Connected City" programme which was launched for a period of five years, free public Wi-Fi services would be provided under the public-private collaboration model at government venues. The participating private service providers would be responsible for the upgrading of the system. For Wi-Fi services funded by the Government, funding would not be sought again within the next five years.

Coverage of free public Wi-Fi services

19. Mr Michael TIEN pointed out that among the 38 parks under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, seven parks were not yet covered by the free public Wi-Fi services. He requested the Administration to submit supplementary information on the reasons why such services were not provided in those seven parks, and requested that such services be provided in those parks as soon as possible.

20. Noting that "Wi-Fi.HK" was a public-private collaboration programme under which participating organizations offered at least 30-minute free Wi-Fi services to the public and visitors, Mr WU Chi-wai requested the Administration to provide information about the distribution of "Wi-Fi.HK" service coverage. He also enquired whether the Administration had any plan to provide free public Wi-Fi services across the territory. S for IT explained that the Government intended to open up government venues as far as possible for the private sector to install their equipment and provide time-limited free public Wi-Fi services at their own cost through the public-private collaboration model. It was expected that the mass roll-out of the public-private collaboration arrangement would begin from mid-2017, with a view to adding 7 000 new "Wi-Fi.HK" hotspots at government venues through public-private collaboration within three years. With the Government's lead in driving the "Wi-Fi Connected City" initiative and further promotion of the "Wi-Fi.HK" brand to the private sector, it was expected that another 10 000 hotspots provided by other public and private organizations would join the "Wi-Fi.HK" brand. Together with the 7 000 new hotspots mentioned above, a total of about 17 000 additional "Wi-Fi.HK" hotspots in areas with high patronage across the 18 districts in Hong Kong would be available for use by the public and visitors. In reply to Mr WU's further enquiries, Deputy Government Chief Information Officer (Consulting and Operations) advised that the Administration was discussing with the Hong Kong Housing Authority on the provision of free public Wi-Fi services within public rental housing estates.

[*Post-meeting note:* The Administration's supplementary information was issued to members vide LC Paper No. FC227/15-16(01) on 25 May 2016.]

21. Mr YIU Si-wing enquired about the factors in determining the priority of providing free public Wi-Fi services at various locations across the territory. Deputy Government Chief Information Officer (Consulting and Operations) advised that a pilot project would first be launched under which Wi-Fi service providers would provide about 1 000 "Wi-Fi.HK" hotspots at around 100 government venues. After gaining the necessary experience, the Administration would identify more venues for the provision of 6 000 additional "Wi-Fi.HK" hotspots. In identifying the venues for the service, the Administration would fully consult the District Councils and the Hong Kong Tourism Board.

22. There being no further question by members, the Chairman put FCR(2016-17)21 to vote. The Chairman declared that the Committee approved the item.

Item No. 7 – FCR(2016-17)22

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS SUBCOMMITTEE
MADE ON 13 APRIL 2016**

PWSC(2015-16)61

HEAD 707 – NEW TOWNS AND URBAN AREA DEVELOPMENT

Civil Engineering – Land development

**469CL – Kai Tak development – infrastructure at north apron area of Kai
Tak Airport**

23. The Chairman advised that the item sought FC's approval of the recommendation of the Public Works Subcommittee made at its meeting held on 13 April 2016, i.e., the recommendation made in PWSC(2015-16)61, for the upgrading of part of 469CL as 797CL, entitled "Kai Tak development – stages 3B and 5A infrastructure works at former north apron area", to Category A at an estimated cost of \$2,152.8 million in money-of-the-day prices; and the retention of the remainder of 469CL in Category B. Some members requested that the item be voted on separately at the FC meeting.

24. The Chairman declared that he was a consultant of the Munich Re and he did not have any direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the item.

25. Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung enquired whether the Administration would take the opportunity of the project to increase the number of parking spaces for private cars in San Po Kong area. Director of Civil Engineering and Development responded that the project did not involve the provision of additional parking spaces for private cars in San Po Kong area. Nonetheless, he undertook to convey Mr LEUNG's concern to the Transport Department for follow-up.

26. There being no further question by members, the Chairman put FCR(2016-17)22 to vote. The Chairman declared that the Committee approved the item.

Item No. 8 – FCR(2016-17)18

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT SUBCOMMITTEE
MADE ON 31 MARCH 2016**

EC(2015-16)17

**HEAD 53 – GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT: HOME AFFAIRS
BUREAU**

Subhead 000 – Operational expenses

27. The Chairman advised that the item sought FC's approval of the recommendation of ESC made at its meeting held on 31 March 2016, i.e., the recommendation made in EC(2015-16)17, for the retention of the existing supernumerary Administrative Officer Staff Grade C ("AOSGC") post for about 19 months and the creation of a supernumerary Government Architect post for 44 months in the Recreation and Sport Branch of the Home Affairs Bureau ("HAB") to provide dedicated staffing support at the directorate level to take charge of the detailed planning and implementation of the Multi-purpose Sports Complex ("MPSC") project in Kai Tak. Some members requested that the item be voted on separately at the FC meeting.

28. Mr CHAN Chi-chuen expressed People Power's opposition to the Kai Tak MPSC project and the current funding proposal. Noting that the existing supernumerary AOSGC post to be retained would continue to review the policy on Private Recreational Leases, he enquired about the progress of such review. Commissioner for Sports, HAB advised that HAB was reviewing the functions, leases, and land use of all private recreation facilities, and it was expected that the outcome of the review would be reported to the Legislative Council in 2016.

29. Regarding the review on the provision of sports facilities in Hong Kong, Mr CHAN Chi-chuen asked how the Administration would follow up the outcome of such review. Commissioner for Sports, HAB responded that the current Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines ("HKPSG") in respect of the provision of sports and recreation facilities was updated 20 years ago. The current review would cover the provision of sports and recreation facilities in Hong Kong and examine whether it was necessary to enhance the HKPSG. Mr CHAN requested the Administration to provide statistics before the next meeting to illustrate whether the existing sports facilities complied with the HKPSG. Commissioner for Sports, HAB agreed to provide such information.

[Post-meeting note: The Administration's supplementary information was issued to members vide LC Paper No. FC224/15-16(01) on 19 May 2016.]

30. At 7:12 pm, the Chairman declared that the meeting be adjourned.

31. The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm.

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