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**Finance Committee of the Legislative Council**

**Minutes of the 75<sup>th</sup> meeting**  
**held at Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex**  
**on Friday, 17 June 2016, at 5:25 pm**

**Members present:**

Hon CHAN Kin-por, BBS, JP (Chairman)  
Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP (Deputy Chairman)  
Hon Albert HO Chun-yan  
Hon James TO Kun-sun  
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP  
Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP  
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, GBS, JP  
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, 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 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 LEUNG Kwok-hung  
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 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 CHAN Chi-chuen  
Hon CHAN Han-pan, JP  
Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok  
Hon CHAN Yuen-han, SBS, JP  
Hon Kenneth LEUNG  
Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki  
Hon Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung, SBS, JP  
Hon SIN Chung-kai, SBS, JP  
Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan  
Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, JP  
Hon Martin LIAO Cheung-kong, SBS, JP  
Hon POON Siu-ping, BBS, MH  
Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, JP  
Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, SBS, MH, JP  
Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan  
Hon Christopher CHUNG Shu-kun, BBS, MH, JP  
Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen, BBS  
Hon Alvin YEUNG Ngok-kiu

**Members absent:**

Hon LEE Cheuk-yan  
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung  
Dr Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBM, GBS, JP  
Hon Vincent FANG Kang, SBS, JP  
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan, JP  
Dr Hon LEUNG Ka-lau  
Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC  
Hon NG Leung-sing, SBS, JP  
Hon Steven HO Chun-yin, BBS  
Hon Charles Peter MOK, JP  
Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, BBS, MH, JP  
Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, BBS, JP

Hon KWOK Wai-keung  
Hon Dennis KWOK  
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung  
Hon IP Kin-yuen  
Hon TANG Ka-piu, 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) <sup>1</sup>
Mr Alfred ZHI Jian-hong	Principal Executive Officer (General), Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau (The Treasury Branch)
Mr YAU Shing-mu, JP	Under Secretary for Transport and Housing
Ms Judy CHUNG Sui-kei	Principal Assistant Secretary for Transport and Housing (Transport) <sup>5</sup>
Mr Daniel CHUNG Kum-wah, JP	Director of Civil Engineering and Development
Mr WONG Wai-man, JP	Project Manager (New Territories East), Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr Eric CHIANG Nin-tat	Chief Engineer (New Territories East) 1, Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr MAK Chi-kwong	Chief Engineer (Strategic Roads), Transport Department
Miss Susie HO Shuk-yee, JP	Permanent Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development (Communications and Creative Industries)
Mr Joe WONG Chi-cho, JP	Deputy Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development (Communications and Creative Industries)
Mr Ivanhoe CHANG Chi-ho	Principal Assistant Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development (Communications and Creative Industries) B

Mrs Alice YU NG Ka-chun	Project Director (3), Architectural Services Department
Mr YEUNG Tak-keung, JP	Commissioner for Sports, Home Affairs Bureau
Mr Stephen TANG Man-bun, JP	Acting Director of Architectural Services
Miss Charmaine WONG Hoi-wan, JP	Assistant Director of Home Affairs (2)
Mr Bassanio SO Chek-leung, JP	District Officer (Tai Po)
Ms Rebecca LOU Wai-yi	Assistant Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Leisure Services) 3
Miss Shirley CHUNG Yuk-fong	Chief Executive Officer (Planning) 2, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr LO Kwok-kong	Chief Civil Engineer (Public Works Programme), Transport and Housing Bureau
Mr Max WONG Chi-chung	Acting Chief Architect (3), Housing Department
Mr Benjamin MOK Kwan-yu, JP	District Officer (Sham Shui Po)
Mrs Doris FOK LEE Sheung-ling	Assistant Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Leisure Services) 1
Miss Rochelle LAU Shuk-fan	Assistant Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Libraries and Development)

**Clerk in attendance:**

Ms Anita SIT	Assistant Secretary General 1
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**Staff in attendance:**

Mr Derek LO	Chief Council Secretary (1)5
Mr Keith WONG	Council Secretary (1)5
Mr Frankie WOO	Senior Legislative Assistant (1)3
Miss Yannes HO	Legislative Assistant (1)6

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Action

**Item No. 2 – FCR(2016-17)42**

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS SUBCOMMITTEE  
MADE ON 21 MAY 2016**

**PWSC(2016-17)14**

**HEAD 707 – NEW TOWNS AND URBAN AREA DEVELOPMENT**

**Transport – Roads**

**823TH – Tseung Kwan O – Lam Tin Tunnel**

The Chairman put the item FCR(2016-17)42 to vote. The division bell was rung for five minutes. The Chairman declared that thirty-three members voted for the item, no members voted against it and three abstained. The votes of individual members were as follows –

*For:*

Ms Emily LAU Wai-hing  
Mr Frederick FUNG Kin-kee  
Mr Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung  
Dr LAM Tai-fai  
Dr Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun  
Mr WONG Kwok-kin  
Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee  
Mr Michael TIEN Puk-sun  
Mr Frankie YICK Chi-ming  
Mr YIU Si-wing  
Mr MA Fung-kwok  
Dr KWOK Ka-ki  
Mr SIN Chung-kai  
Dr Elizabeth QUAT  
Mr POON Siu-ping  
Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok  
Mr Alvin YEUNG Ngok-kiu  
(33 members)

Mr TAM Yiu-chung  
Prof Joseph LEE Kok-long  
Mr Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen  
Mr CHAN Hak-kan  
Mr CHEUNG Kwok-che  
Mr IP Kwok-him  
Mr Paul TSE Wai-chun  
Mr James TIEN Pei-chun  
Mr WU Chi-wai  
Mr Gary FAN Kwok-wai  
Miss CHAN Yuen-han  
Mr Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung  
Dr Helena WONG Pik-wan  
Mr Martin LIAO Cheung-kong  
Dr CHIANG Lai-wan  
Mr Christopher CHUNG Shu-kun

*Abstained:*

Mr Albert CHAN Wai-yip  
Mr CHAN Chi-chuen  
(3 members)

Mr WONG Yuk-man

2. The Chairman declared that the Finance Committee ("FC") approved the item.

**Item No. 3 – FCR(2016-17)43**

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT SUBCOMMITTEE  
MADE ON 23 MAY 2016**

**EC(2015-16)20**

**HEAD 55 – GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT: COMMERCE AND  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUREAU (COMMUNICATIONS AND  
CREATIVE INDUSTRIES BRANCH)**

**Subhead 000 – Operational Expenses**

3. The Chairman advised that the Administration sought the approval of FC for the creation of two supernumerary directorate posts in the Communications and Creative Industries Branch of the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau for three years to steer a dedicated team ("the review team") to conduct a review of the Telecommunications Ordinance (Cap. 106) ("TO") and the Broadcasting Ordinance (Cap. 562) ("BO") and complete the associated legislative exercise. This funding proposal was discussed by the Establishment Subcommittee ("ESC") on 27 April and 23 May 2016 and ESC agreed to submit the proposal to FC. Some ESC members requested separate voting on the item at the FC meeting and the Administration provided a supplementary document after the meeting.

Scope of review and recommendations

4. Mr WONG Yuk-man requested the Administration to spell out the duties of the proposed posts, including policy and legal researches into the existing ordinances and the relevant legislation in other comparable jurisdictions, preparation of legislative amendment with the Department of Justice, details of public consultation, as well as the categories of broadcasting activities (such as network television) covered by the ordinances under review. Mr WONG was concerned about the wide scope of duties for the proposed posts and the three-year period might not be sufficient to complete a comprehensive review. He also expressed concern about the manpower situation of the review team.

5. Mr SIN Chung-kai considered that the direction of review by the Administration should be broadening the broadcasting market, introducing competition, rather than further tightening the regulation of the Internet. He pointed out that Internet broadcasting activities were developing rapidly, and the Administration should study in detail its impact on traditional broadcasting industry.

6. Permanent Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development (Communications and Creative Industries) ("PSCED(CCI)") advised that the Administration undertook to conduct a review of the BO and the TO when introducing the bill for the establishment of the Communications Authority ("CA"). Subsequently, the Administration conducted preliminary researches on the regulation of broadcasting and telecommunications in other jurisdictions. However, the review had not gone far enough due to manpower constraints. The primary task of the proposed posts was to honour the undertaking made by the Administration at the time when CA was established, with priority to be given to reviewing provisions of the BO and the TO concerning cross media ownership restrictions, foreign ownership restrictions, licensing and appeal mechanisms, and to align the regulatory requirements under the two Ordinances through legislative amendments. However, Internet media activities were not among the issues which the Administration would accord priority to review.

#### Regulation of online television and radio

7. Mr CHAN Chi-chuen, Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung and Mr Albert CHAN were concerned that the Administration would step up the regulation of Internet broadcasting activities in conjunction with reviewing BO and TO, and requested the Administration to clarify its position and the objective(s) of the review. Mr CHAN Chi-chuen enquired about the reasons why the Administration stipulated in the legislation that Internet service was to be exempted from regulation under the BO. Mr Albert CHAN requested the Administration to undertake that it would not restrict online broadcasting activities or the freedom of speech on online newspaper.

8. PSCED(CCI) said it was stipulated in section 5 of Schedule 3 to the BO that any service provided on the service commonly known as the "INTERNET" was not regarded as "Television Programme Services" under that Ordinance. Therefore, broadcasting services provided over the Internet were not governed by the BO, and the Administration had no intention to give priority to the reviewing of this exemption provision. However, in the course of reviewing the Ordinances, the public might request the Administration to examine whether the above exemption provision was still appropriate, and if so, it would be the responsibility of the Administration to take action and decide on how to follow it up, as well as give consideration to the best of international regulatory practices and the feasibility of implementing regulatory measures. Regarding the issues to be reviewed as mentioned in the agenda paper, no pre-determined direction had been set by the Administration. She added that in general, it was difficult to effectively regulate activities on the Internet. However, the dissemination of information of obscene character or about other inappropriate behaviours on the Internet was subject to the regulation of the

Control of Obscene and Indecent Articles Ordinance (Cap. 390) and other relevant legislations. She reiterated that while the Administration had no intention to tighten the regulation of Internet media through the review, it could not rule out that in future there would be views arguing for tightening such regulation. The Government would consult the public when considering how to address such views, and any legislative amendments would need to be examined and approved by the Legislative Council.

9. PSCED(CCI) and Deputy Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development (Communications and Creative Industries) ("DSCED(CCI)") explained that when the BO was enacted in 2000 to replace the Television Ordinance, one of the policy decisions of the Administration was to govern the "transmission" and "provision" of television programme services by separate statutory laws and to establish the licensing and regulatory framework for the provision of television programme services through a technology-neutral ordinance. Given that the then Members of the Legislative Council had different views on whether broadcasting activities over the Internet should be subject to regulation under the BO, the Administration thus introduced exemption provision to stipulate that broadcasting activities over the Internet were not to be regarded as television programme services under the BO. PSCED(CCI) advised that, as there was no pre-determined direction for the review at present, she could not make any undertaking to Mr Albert CHAN on behalf of the Administration.

#### Motion to adjourn discussion on the item FCR(2016-17)43

10. At 6:04 pm, Mr Albert CHAN moved without notice a motion under paragraph 39 of the Finance Committee Procedure ("FCP") that discussion on the item FCR(2016-17)43 be now adjourned.

11. The Chairman thereupon put the question on the motion to adjourn discussion on the item FCR(2016-17)43. He directed that each member could speak once on the question for not more than three minutes.

12. Mr Albert CHAN introduced his motion, pointing out that the review of the two Ordinances referred to in the paper had far-reaching consequences, which would suppress the public's freedom of speech eventually. Mr CHAN Chi-chuen and Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung spoke in support of the motion, Mr CHAN Chi-chuen was dissatisfied with the Chairman's attempt to obstruct members from seeking the Administration's clarification on whether the review would cover the policy direction of regulating Internet media.



13. At the invitation of the Chairman, PSCED(CCI) reiterated the Administration's position.

14. After Mr Albert CHAN had summed up his motion, the Chairman put the motion of Mr CHAN to vote. At the request of members, the Chairman ordered a division and the division bell was rung for five minutes. The Chairman declared that five members voted in favour of the motion, 20 members voted against it and one abstained. The votes of individual members were as follows –

*For:*

Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung  
Ms Claudia MO  
Mr Alvin YEUNG Ngok-kiu  
(5 members)

Mr Albert CHAN Wai-yip  
Mr CHAN Chi-chuen

*Against:*

Ms Emily LAU Wai-hing  
Mr Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung  
Mr WONG Ting-kwong  
Mr IP Kwok-him  
Mr James TIEN Pei-chun  
Mr WU Chi-wai  
Mr CHAN Han-pan  
Mr SIN Chung-kai  
Dr Elizabeth QUAT  
Mr Christopher CHUNG Shu-kun  
(20 members)

Mr TAM Yiu-chung  
Mr Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen  
Mr WONG Kwok-kin  
Mr Paul TSE Wai-chun  
Mr Frankie YICK Chi-ming  
Mr MA Fung-kwok  
Miss CHAN Yuen-han  
Dr Helena WONG Pik-wan  
Mr POON Siu-ping  
Mr Tony TSE Wai-chuen

*Abstained:*

Mr Gary FAN Kwok-wai  
(1 member)

15. The Chairman declared that the motion of Mr CHAN was negatived.

16. FC continued its discussion of item FCR(2016-17)43.

17. Mr Alvin YEUNG and Ms Claudia MO were concerned that the Administration would have its hand in regulating Internet media on the pretext of the review, and requested the Administration to clearly state the scope of the review. Mr Albert CHAN reiterated his worries. Mr YEUNG was particularly concerned about whether the responsible officials had sufficient knowledge of the Internet and whether they could handle and manage issues related to the Internet in an appropriate manner. Ms MO requested the Administration to clearly define the live broadcast function of social networking sites such as the Facebook, i.e. whether Facebook Live would be governed by the two Ordinances. Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung was concerned whether the Administration had the legal basis to review the Internet media even though it received requests from the public to regulate the Internet media during the process of reviewing the Ordinances.

18. PSCED(CCI) reiterated the Administration's position, saying that the review team would maintain communication with other stakeholders in the industry and the market. She remarked that as Facebook was a service provided through the Internet, it was not governed by the BO. Facebook was also not subject to regulation under the TO.

19. The Chairman remarked that the question raised by Ms Claudia MO had repeated those raised by other members. Ms MO did not agree and said that the content of her speech was not exactly the same as those of other members.

20. Mr CHAN Chi-chuen enquired about the examples of regulation of Internet media by legislations comparable to the BO or the TO in overseas jurisdictions, and enquired about the procedures of the proposed review. PSCED(CCI) responded that the Administration had not conducted any in-depth researches regarding regulation of Internet media activities in other jurisdictions. The Administration intended to issue a consultation paper and conduct a comprehensive public consultation within the three-year duration of the proposed posts. It would then make a decision on the policy directions after taking into account the results of the consultation and would seek the approval of the Legislative Council for the relevant legislative amendment proposals.

Dealing with members' motions proposed to be moved under paragraph 37A of the Finance Committee Procedure

21. The Chairman put to vote the question that Mr CHAN Chi-chuen's proposed motion numbered [0001](#) be proceeded forthwith. At the request of Mr CHAN, the Chairman ordered a division and the division bell rang for five minutes. With the agreement of the Chairman, Mr CHAN Chi-chuen read out the content of the proposed motion during the ringing of the division bell. The question was negated.

Voting on FCR(2016-17)43

22. There being no further questions from members, the Chairman put the item to vote. At the request of members, the Chairman ordered a division and the division bell was rung for five minutes. The Chairman declared that 17 members voted for and three members voted against the item. The votes of individual members were as follows –

*For:*

Ms Emily LAU Wai-hing  
Prof Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long  
Mr WONG Ting-kwong  
Mr IP Kwok-him  
Mr MA Fung-kwok  
Miss CHAN Yuen-han  
Mr SIN Chung-kai  
Dr Elizabeth QUAT  
Mr Christopher CHUNG Shu-kun  
(17 members)

Mr TAM Yiu-chung  
Mr Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen  
Mr CHEUNG Kwok-che  
Mr Frankie YICK Chi-ming  
Mr CHAN Han-pan  
Mr Kenneth LEUNG  
Dr Helena WONG Pik-wan  
Mr CHUNG Kwok-pan

*Against:*

Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung  
Mr CHAN Chi-chuen  
(3 members)

Mr Albert CHAN Wai-yip

23. The Chairman declared that FC approved the item.

**Item No. 4 – FCR(2016-17)45**

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS SUBCOMMITTEE  
MADE ON 23 APRIL 2016**

**PWSC(2016-17)6**

**HEAD 703 – BUILDINGS**

**Recreation, Culture and Amenities – Mixed amenity packages**

**57RG – Sports centre, community hall and football pitches in Area 1, Tai Po**

24. The Chairman advised that this item sought approval of FC on the funding proposal for upgrading 57RG to Category A for the construction of a sports centre, a community hall and two football pitches in Area 1, Tai Po at an estimated cost of \$2,163.1 million in money-of-the-day prices. The Administration had consulted the Public Works Subcommittee ("PWSC") on the proposal on 23 April 2016. PWSC supported the Administration to submit the proposal to FC for consideration. Some PWSC members requested separate voting on the proposal at the FC meeting. The Administration provided a supplementary document after the meeting in response to PWSC's request and recommendation.

Indoor heated swimming pool

25. Ms Emily LAU and Miss CHAN Yuen-han enquired about the need of the Tai Po District Council ("TPDC") for the construction of a 50 metres ("m") x 25 m indoor heated swimming pool. Regarding PWSC's request for changing the design requirements of the proposed indoor heated swimming pool and other facilities, Ms LAU expressed strong dissatisfaction with the minor alterations offered by the Administration and considered that the Administration did not respect the views of PWSC at all.

26. Commissioner for Sports, Home Affairs Bureau ("C for S/HAB") and District Officer (Tai Po) ("DO(TP)") remarked that the Government had discussed with TPDC in 2011 two options of constructing an indoor heated swimming pool in Tai Po ("TP") District. The first option was to construct one 50 m x 25 m indoor heated swimming pool; and the second option was to construct one 25 m x 25 m indoor heated swimming pool, one 25 m x 10 m indoor heated training pool and one indoor heated Jacuzzi. At that time, TPDC said that people not adept at swimming would be afraid of the water depth of the standard 50 m x 25 m indoor heated swimming pool and thus could not enjoy the use of the heated swimming pool. In order to meet the needs of the wider public, TPDC chose the second option at the end. However, after the idea of constructing one 50 m x 25 m indoor heated swimming pool had put

forward by PWSC at its meeting on 23 April 2016, the Government studied the idea and considered that while it was technically feasible to make modifications to the existing design, it would involve substantial design changes and more time would be needed to carry out detailed studies and consultations. During a special meeting held by TPDC on 2 June 2016 to discuss the idea of PWSC, the Government had also explained to TPDC about the extra time it would take to modify the existing design to allow for the construction of one 50 m long indoor heated swimming pool. All TPDC members attending the special meeting expressed support for keeping the existing design and notified FC of their decision in writing.

27. Mr CHAN Chi-chuen requested the Administration to give a detailed account of the information provided to TPDC for its consideration, in particular the impact of the design change in accordance with the views of PWSC on project cost and project lead time.

28. DO(TP) replied that the Government informed TPDC members at the special meeting that if a 50 m x 25 m pool was to be constructed instead, then other than funding considerations, construction of the project would also have to be delayed for more than two years because the Government would need to redesign the project. Having weighed the extra time required against the needs of the residents in TP District, TPDC members attending the meeting unanimously agreed to stick to the original design.

29. C for S/HAB indicated that when the Government consulted TPDC on the two options in 2011, TPDC chose the option of constructing two 25 m long heated swimming pool plus one Jacuzzi, even there were no concerns on tight construction timeframe or project delays at that time.

30. Mr IP Kwok-him said the Democratic Alliance for the Betterment and Progress of Hong Kong ("DAB") noted the views of TPDC and would respect its decision. Hence, DAB would support this item.

#### Interaction between the proposed project and cycle tracks

31. Dr Kenneth CHAN opined that although the Administration had set aside some bicycle parking spaces under the proposed project, cyclists could not get to the bicycle parking spaces in front of the proposed sports centre ("SC") from the cycle tracks directly. Dr CHAN urged the Administration to consider adding facilities for cyclists when designing recreational facilities projects.

32. C for S/HAB remarked that the nearest cycle track was over 130 m away from the entrance of the proposed SC. As the pavement facing Tung Cheong Street in front of the SC was too narrow to create a cycle track, cyclists could only get off at Nam Wan Road Sitting-out Area and then push their bicycles across the carriageway of Tung Cheong Street to get to the bicycle parking spaces of the proposed SC, the process of which would take a few minutes.

33. There being no further questions from members, the Chairman put the item to vote. The Chairman declared that FC approved the item.

**Item No. 5 – FCR(2016-17)46**

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS SUBCOMMITTEE  
MADE ON 23 APRIL 2016**

**PWSC(2016-17)7**

**Head 711 – HOUSING**

**Recreation, Culture and Amenities – Mixed amenity packages**

**62RG – Sports centre, 5-a-side soccer pitch and public library facilities at  
Northwest Kowloon Reclamation Site 6, Sham Shui Po**

34. The Chairman advised that this item sought approval of FC on a funding proposal for implementing the works at Northwest Kowloon Reclamation Site 6, Sham Shui Po ("NWKR Site 6"), i.e. the construction of a SC, a 5-a-side soccer pitch and public library facilities at an estimated cost of \$1,564.6 million in money-of-the-day prices. The proposal was discussed by PWSC on 23 April 2016. PWSC agreed to submit the proposal to FC for consideration. Some PWSC members requested separate voting on the proposal at the FC meeting. The Administration provided a supplementary document after the meeting to address PWSC members' concerns.

35. Dr Helena WONG noted that while the Administration had no plan to provide baby care or child care services to baby or children aged under 3 in the project at NWKR Site 6, the proposed Joint-user Government Office Building at Cheung Sha Wan (i.e. Treasury Building) would provide a total of 100 child care places. She enquired about the respective completion dates of the Treasury Building and the public housing development project at NWKR Site 6. She suggested the Administration to consider transferring part of the child care services planned to be provided in the Treasury Building to the project at NWKR Site 6.

36. Chief Civil Engineer (Public Works Programme), Transport and Housing Bureau advised that the detailed design of the proposed Treasury Building was expected to be completed in 2018, and the Administration would then submit the funding proposal to FC for taking forward the construction. Acting Chief Architect (3), Housing Department advised that the public housing development project at NWKR Site 6 would comprise four blocks to be completed gradually from the end of 2019 to 2021. While no specific completion date had been set for the Treasury Building situated approximately 250 m away from NWKR Site 6, it was expected that the child care centre inside the building would be able to provide services in time soon after residents had moved into the public housing units at NWKR Site 6.

37. At 7:24 pm, the Chairman declared that the meeting be adjourned.

38. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.

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