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Finance Committee of the Legislative Council

Minutes of the 86th meeting held at Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex on Tuesday, 12 July 2016, at 10:55 am

Members present:

Hon CHAN Kin-por, BBS, JP (Chairman)

Hon CHAN Kam-lam, GBS, JP (Deputy Chairman)

Hon Albert HO Chun-yan

Hon LEE Cheuk-yan

Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung

Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP

Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBM, GBS, JP

Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, GBS, JP

Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, SBS, JP

Hon Vincent FANG Kang, GBS, JP

Hon WONG Kwok-hing, BBS, MH

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

Hon WONG Ting-kwong, SBS, JP

Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan, JP

Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, SBS, JP

Hon CHAN Hak-kan, BBS, JP

Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP

Hon WONG Kwok-kin, SBS, JP

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 WONG Yuk-man

Hon Claudia MO

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 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 Alice MAK Mei-kuen, BBS, JP

Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki

Hon KWOK Wai-keung

Hon Dennis KWOK

Hon Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung, SBS, JP

Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung

Hon SIN Chung-kai, SBS, JP

Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan

Hon IP Kin-yuen

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 Tony TSE Wai-chuen, BBS

Hon Alvin YEUNG Ngok-kiu

Members absent:

Hon James TO Kun-sun

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

Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, GBS, JP

Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, GBS, JP

Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, GBS, JP

Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai, SBS, JP

Dr Hon LEUNG Ka-lau

Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che
Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS
Hon Kenneth LEUNG
Dr Elizabeth QUAT, JP
Hon TANG Ka-piu, JP
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) Financial Ms Esther LEUNG, JP Deputy Secretary for Services and the Treasury (Treasury)1 Principal Executive Officer (General), Mr Alfred ZHI Jian-hong Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau (The Treasury Branch) Assistant Director of Environmental Ms Amy YUEN Wai-yin Protection (Water Policy) Acting Director of Drainage Services Mr MAK Ka-wai, JP Mr KWOK Ping-keung Chief Engineer (Consultants Management), Drainage Services Department Mr Alan SIU Yu-bun. JP Director of Administration and Development, Department of Justice Mr Wesley WONG Wai-chung, SC Solicitor General, Department Justice Ms Apollonia LIU LEE Ho-kei, JP Deputy Director (Special Duty), Department of Justice Principal Executive Officer (Special Ms Josephine CHEUNG Pui-lin Duty), Department of Justice Mr LEUNG Koon-kee, JP Director of Architectural Services Mr Frank WONG Tak-choi Project Director (1), Architectural Services Department Assistant Secretary for Development Ms Caroline TANG Tsui-yee (Planning) 1 Ms Susanna SIU Lai-kuen Executive Secretary (Antiquities and Monuments), Antiquities and Monuments Office Mr LAU Wing-kit Senior Heritage Officer (2), Antiquities and Monuments Office

Clerk in attendance:

Ms Anita SIT Assistant Secretary General 1

Staff in attendance:

Mr Derek LO

Mr Keith WONG

Chief Council Secretary (1)5

Legislative Council (1)5

Mr Frankie WOO Senior Legislative Assistant (1)3

Ms Michelle NIEN Legislative Assistant (1)5

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Item No. 2 – FCR(2016-17)63

RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS

SUBCOMMITTEE MADE ON 11 JUNE 2016

PWSC(2016-17)30 HEAD 704 – DRAINAGE

Environmental Protection – Sewerage and sewage treatment 381DS – Construction of additional sewage rising main and rehabilitation of the existing sewage rising main between Tung Chung and Siu Ho Wan

Motion that discussion on agenda item FCR(2016-17)63 be adjourned

The Committee continued to discuss the motion that discussion on agenda item FCR(2016-17)63 be adjourned moved by Dr KWOK Ka-ki under paragraph 39 of the Finance Committee Procedure ("FCP").

2. Mr WONG Kwok-hing, Mr IP Kwok-him, Mr NG Leung-sing, Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok and Mr CHAN Han-pan indicated that they were against the motion that discussion on agenda item FCR(2016-17)63 be adjourned. These members pointed out that, in view of the ageing of the sewage rising main and the anticipation that the volume of sewage flow would increase with the population growth upon completion of the Tung Chung New Town Extension project, the Administration had indeed an urgent need to carry out the proposed project. As the Public Works Subcommittee ("PWSC") of the Finance Committee ("FC") had already discussed the proposed project, members should not repeat the similar questions at present. They were of the view that the aims of members who asked repeating questions or proposed the motion that discussion on the agenda item be adjourned were to make it impossible for the Committee to pass other agenda items to which they objected.

They supported the Chairman's reasonable allocation of meeting time and his move to end the discussion session at an appropriate juncture to allow smooth conduct of the meeting.

- 3. <u>Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung</u> opined that the Committee had the responsibility to examine financial proposals submitted by the Administration but should not act as a "voting machine". He did not subscribe to some members' view that, as the proposed project had already been discussed and endorsed by PWSC, members should not ask similar questions again in FC meetings. <u>Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung</u> said that he supported the motion that discussion on agenda item FCR(2016-17)63 be adjourned. He was of the view that the Administration had failed to fully address members' questions and concerns about the proposed project.
- 4. <u>Dr KWOK Ka-ki</u> spoke in reply on his motion. <u>The Chairman</u> then put Dr KWOK's motion to vote. At the request of members, <u>the Chairman</u> ordered a division, and the division bell was rung for five minutes. <u>The Chairman</u> announced that nine members voted in favour of and 32 members voted against the motion. The votes of individual members were as follows –

For:

Mr Alan LEONG Kah-kit
Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung
Mr Albert CHAN Wai-yip
Mr Gary FAN Kwok-wai
Mr Dennis KWOK
Mr Alvin YEUNG Ngok-kiu
(9 members)
Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung
Ms Claudia MO
Dr Kwok Ka-ki
Dr Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung

Against:

Mr Albert HO Chun-yan Mr CHAN Kam-lam Ms Emily LAU Wai-hing Mr TAM Yiu-chung Mr Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan Mr WONG Kwok-hing Mr WONG Ting-kwong Ms Starry LEE Wai-king Mr CHAN Hak-kan Dr Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun Mr WONG Kwok-kin Mr IP Kwok-him Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee Mr Paul TSE Wai-chun Mr Michael TIEN Puk-sun Mr NG Leung-sing Mr Frankie YICK Chi-ming Mr Steven HO Chun-yin Mr CHAN Han-pan Mr WU Chi-wai Mr LEUNG Che-cheung Miss CHAN Yuen-han Mr KWOK Wai-keung Miss Alice MAK Mei-kuen Mr SIN Chung-kai Mr Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung Mr Martin LIAO Cheung-kong Dr Helena WONG Pik-wan

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Mr POON Siu-ping Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok (32 members) Dr CHIANG Lai-wan Mr Tony TSE Wai-chuen

5. <u>The Chairman</u> declared that the motion proposed by Dr KWOK Ka-ki was negatived.

Continued deliberation on agenda item FCR(2016-17)63

- 6. <u>The Chairman</u> advised that he had instructed at the first meeting of the Committee held earlier in the morning that the discussion session would be ended after Dr CHEUNG had spoken, and that the Committee would proceed to deal with the proposed motions submitted by members pursuant to paragraph 37A of FCP.
- 7. <u>Dr Fernando CHEUNG</u> noted that the Administration had submitted PWSC(2015-16)59 for the proposed project in February 2016. The project cost estimate at that time was \$1,942.1 million and it was estimated a total employment of 21 000 man-months would be provided. The paper had not been discussed by PWSC. The Administration subsequently submitted PWSC(2016-17)30 to replace PWSC(2015-16)59. The project cost estimate was then reduced to \$1,362.6 million and it was estimated that a total employment of 14 000 man-months would be provided. <u>Dr Fernando CHEUNG</u> asked whether the drastic reduction of about 30% in project cost estimate was an indication of errors made in the initial planning.
- 8. Chief Engineer (Consultants Management), Drainage Services Department explained that the Administration had implemented various cost reduction measures for the proposed project, including the use of alternative pipe material and the adoption of a target cost contract approach. Administration already invited tender for the main contract under the proposed project in February 2016. With the tender price for the main contract known, the Administration had updated the project cost estimate. While the latest project cost estimate was 30% lower than the earlier estimate, the Administration considered that the returned tender price had reflected the prevailing market situation and the effectiveness of the cost reduction measures. Acting Director of Drainage Services ("Acting DDS") further advised that the man-month estimate for the proposed project was calculated from the project cost estimate. As mentioned above, the latest project cost estimate was 30% lower than the original estimate. As a result, the man-month estimate had also been reduced accordingly. The actual man-months would only be known after the completion of the construction works.

9. In response to Dr Fernando CHEUNG's further enquiry, <u>Assistant Director of Environmental Protection (Water Policy)</u> ("AD/EP(WP)") and <u>Acting DDS</u> advised that the original design of the Siu Ho Wan sewage treatment works ("SHWSTW") had already made provision for facilities to cater for the future development of the areas around North Lantau and Tung Chung, and there was no need at the present stage to enlarge the scale of the SHWSTW. Apart from the sewage pipes that might need to be installed in the proposed Tung Chung East New Development Area (including the reclaimed lands), the Administration would have no need to construct additional sewage pipes in North Lantau in the next decade or so.

Motions proposed to be moved under paragraph 37A of FCP

Motion proposed by Dr KWOK Ka Ki

- 10. At 11:30 am, the Chairman announced the end of the discussion session and advised that he had received at the meeting five motions on item FCR(2016-17)63 proposed by Dr KWOK Ka-ki under paragraph 37A of FCP. Those motions were directly related to the agenda item under discussion. He put to vote the question that Dr KWOK Ka-ki's motion numbered 0001 be proceeded forthwith. At the request of Dr KWOK Ka-ki, the Chairman ordered a division on the question, and the division bell was rung for five minutes.
- 11. With the agreement of the Chairman, <u>Dr KWOK Ka-ki</u> read out his proposed motion when the division bell was ringing. The question was negatived.

Motion moved under paragraph 47 of FCP

12. <u>Mr CHAN Han-pan</u> moved without notice the following motion under paragraph 47 of FCP: in the event of further divisions being claimed in respect of any motions or questions under the same agenda item, the Committee should proceed to such divisions immediately after the division bell had been rung for one minute. <u>The Chairman</u> proposed the question on Mr CHAN's motion.

- 13. Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung, Mr CHAN Chi-chuen, Dr KWOK Ka-ki, Ms Claudia MO, Mr LEE Cheuk-yan, Dr Fernando CHEUNG and Mr Gary FAN spoke in opposition to Mr CHAN Han-pan's motion. They were of the view that, as a reasonable arrangement, members should be given sufficient time to return to the conference room and consider the contents of the motions proposed by Dr KWOK Ka-ki under paragraph 37A of FCP.
- 14. <u>Miss Alice MAK, Mr WONG Ting-kwong</u> and <u>Mr WONG Kwok-kin</u> expressed support for Mr CHAN Han-pan's motion.
- 15. After members had spoken, <u>the Chairman</u> put Mr CHAN Han-pan's motion to vote. At the request of members, <u>the Chairman</u> ordered a division, and the division bell was rung for five minutes. <u>The Chairman</u> announced that 25 members voted in favour of and 12 voted against the motion. The votes of individual members were as follows –

For:

Mr CHAN Kam-lam Ms Emily LAU Wai-hing Mr TAM Yiu-chung Mr Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan Mr WONG Kwok-hing Mr WONG Ting-kwong Dr Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun Mr CHAN Hak-kan Mr IP Kwok-him Mr WONG Kwok-kin Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee Mr Paul TSE Wai-chun Mr Michael TIEN Puk-sun Mr NG Leung-sing Mr Steven HO Chun-yin Mr Frankie YICK Chi-ming Mr WU Chi-wai Mr CHAN Han-pan Miss CHAN Yuen-han Mr LEUNG Che-cheung Miss Alice MAK Mei-kuen Mr KWOK Wai-keung Mr POON Siu-ping Mr Martin LIAO Cheung-kong Dr CHIANG Lai-wan

Against:

(25 members)

Mr LEE Cheuk-yan
Mr Alan LEONG Kah-kit
Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung
Ms Claudia MO
Mr Gary FAN Kwok-wai
Mr CHAN Chi-chuen
Dr Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok
Mr Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung
Dr Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung
(12 members)
Ms Cyd HO Sau-lan
Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung
Mr Gary FAN Kwok-wai
Dr Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok
Mr Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung

16. The Chairman declared that the motion was carried.

Continued dealing with Dr KWOK Ka-ki's motion

17. The Chairman proposed the questions that the motions submitted by Dr KWOK Ka-ki numbered 0002 to 0005 be proceeded forthwith, and put them to vote one after another. At the request of members, the Chairman ordered a division on each of these questions, and the division bell was rung for one minute each time. With the agreement of the Chairman, Dr KWOK Ka-ki read out the contents of each of his proposed motions when the division bell was ringing. All the questions were negatived.

Voting on FCR(2016-17)63

18. There being no further questions from members on this item, the Chairman put the item FCR(2016-17)63 to vote. At the request of members, the Chairman ordered a division, and the division bell was rung for one minute. The Chairman announced that 34 members voted in favour of and two members voted against this item. The votes of individual members were as follows –

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Mr CHAN Kam-lam Ms Emily LAU Wai-hing Mr Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan Mr TAM Yiu-chung Mr WONG Ting-kwong Mr WONG Kwok-hing Ms Cyd HO Sau-lan Ms Starry LEE Wai-king Mr WONG Kwok-kin Mr CHAN Hak-kan Mr IP Kwok-him Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee Mr Alan LEONG Kah-kit Mr Paul TSE Wai-chun Ms Claudia MO Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung Mr Michael TIEN Puk-sun Mr Jame TIEN Pei-chun Mr NG Leung-sing Mr Steven HO Chun-yin Mr Frankie YICK Chi-ming Mr WU Chi-wai Mr Gary FAN Kwok-wai Mr CHAN Chi-chuen Mr CHAN Han-pan Miss CHAN Yuen-han Mr LEUNG Che-cheung Miss Alice MAK Mei-kuen Dr KWOK Ka-ki Mr KWOK Wai-keung Mr Martin LIAO Cheung-kong Mr POON Siu-ping Mr Tony TSE Wai-chuen Mr Alvin YEUNG Ngok-kiu (34 members)

Against:

Dr Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun (2 members)

Mr Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung

19. <u>The Chairman</u> declared that item was approved.

Item No. 3 – FRC(2016-17)64

RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS

SUBCOMMITTEE MADE ON 11 JUNE 2016

PWSC(2016-17)31 HEAD 703 – BUILDINGS

Government Offices – Intra-government services

118KA – Renovation works for the West Wing of the former Central Government Offices for office use by the Department of Justice and law-related organizations

- 20. The Chairman advised that this item sought the Committee's approval of the recommendation of the PWSC made at its meeting held on 11 June 2016, i.e. the proposals in PWSC(2016-17)31 that project 118KA be upgraded to Category A at an estimated cost of \$1,078.9 million in money-of-the-day prices for renovation works for the West Wing of the former Central Government Offices ("the former CGO") for office use by the Department of Justice ("DoJ") and law-related organizations ("LROs").
- 21. <u>The Chairman</u> pointed out that PWSC had discussed this item for about one hour. The Administration had also submitted a supplementary information paper (LC paper No. PWSC 269/15-16(01)).

The open compound between the Main and West Wings of the former Central Government Offices and the fences and gates in the vicinity

22. <u>Dr KWOK Ka-ki</u> welcomed the Administration's move to conserve and restore the West Wing of the former CGO, which was a historical building accorded with Grade 1 status. <u>Dr KWOK Ka-ki</u> and <u>Ms Claudia MO</u> enquired about the future opening hours of the open compound between the Main and West Wings of the former CGO and who would be responsible for the management of that compound. They also pointed out that the Administration had allowed the public to use the parking spaces of the former CGO on weekends and public holidays in the past. They asked whether similar arrangements would be put in place in the future.

- 23. In response, <u>Director of Administration and Development</u>, <u>Department of Justice</u> ("DAD/DoJ") advised that the Development Bureau ("DB") planned to develop the open compound between the Main and West Wings of the former CGO into public open space for public access round-the-clock, and appropriate sitting-out facilities would be provided to allow members of the public to enjoy the green and pleasant environment. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department ("LCSD") would be responsible for its management and maintenance in the future. He added that the spaces which the Administration had made open to the public for parking vehicles on weekends and public holidays in the past would also be developed into public open space. Therefore, public parking facilities would not be provided at the former CGO in the future.
- 24. Mr WU Chi-wai and Dr Fernando CHEUNG remarked that after Hong Kong's handover in 1997, the Administration put up fences and gates around the former CGO, thus hindering the public from using the public space there. They asked whether the Administration would remove those fences and gates.
- 25. <u>DAD/DoJ</u> replied that since the footpath on Lower Albert Road off the 7/F of the West Wing of the former CGO was not at the same level as the floor of the West Wing, the fence at the top of the escarpment within the West Wing site along Lower Albert Road would need to be retained for the sake of public safety. In light of the recommendations of the heritage impact assessment report, the fence height would be lowered to make the fence arrangement comparable with that of the West Wing in 1959 when it was commissioned. In addition, the gate would be replaced by drop-arm barriers for vehicular control. The Administration would ensure that the fence within the West Wing site would not cause inconvenience to the members of the public using the public open space.

Facilities after the renovation of the West Wing of the former Central Government Offices

26. <u>Dr KWOK Ka-ki, Mr WU Chi-wai, Ms Claudia MO, Dr Fernando CHEUNG</u> and <u>Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung</u> noted that the canteen on the 7/F would not be retained after the West Wing of the former CGO was renovated. They expressed concern about this. Some members were of the view that the Administration should retain the original canteen and invite contractors to operate the canteen by open tender, so as to provide more choices on eating outlets for members of the public working in Central. <u>Dr Fernando CHEUNG</u> suggested that the Administration should consider renting out the canteen at

concessionary rates to social enterprise, thereby creating more job opportunities for people with disabilities.

- 27. In response, DAD/DoJ said that the Audit Commission had conducted a review on the provision of canteens in government buildings and the result indicated that the usage rates of many canteens in government buildings were not high. It was recommended that the Administration should review the issue from a value for money perspective. In this connection, the Public Accounts Committee of the Legislative Council requested the Administration to review After reviewing the policy, the Administration was of the the relevant policy. view that there were already different commercial eating outlets in the vicinity of government buildings in general. As such, it was decided that under normal circumstances, no canteens would be provided in government buildings in the DAD/DoJ added that, in view of the suggestion made by PWSC members, DB and LCSD would explore the practical feasibility of providing a small catering outlet (such as fast food kiosk and café) at a suitable location in the public open space between the Main and West Wings of the former CGO. Regarding Dr Fernando CHEUNG's comment that social enterprises should be encouraged to operate the catering outlet, he would convey that comment to DB and LCSD for their consideration.
- Mr WU Chi-wai asked whether, after the renovation of the West Wing of the former CGO, the Administration would allocate the space therein to set up a law library for the public to look up books and materials related to law. DAD/DoJ replied that the purpose of the proposed project was to provide space for use by DoJ and LROs. This would be conducive to achieving the Administration's policy objective of enhancing Hong Kong's position as a hub for international legal and dispute resolution services in the Asia-Pacific region. As such, the Administration did not plan to allocate space for setting up a law library.
- 29. <u>Dr Fernando CHEUNG</u> supported the proposed project. He enquired about the arrangements for barrier-free access in the West Wing of the former CGO upon completion of the renovation works. <u>DAD/DoJ</u> replied that the proposed project included the construction of a new passenger lift, which would allow members of the public (including disabled persons) to go directly to the open space at 7/F level from the ground floor facing Queen's Road Central. Barrier-free access facilities would also be provided in the building.

Space for use by law-related organizations

- 30. <u>Mr Alvin YEUNG</u> enquired about the details of security and management arrangements for the floors to be used by DoJ and LROs respectively. He also asked whether DoJ would take back the space allocated for use by LROs should DoJ need more office space to accommodate its increased manpower in the future.
- 31. In response, DAD/DoJ advised that after the renovation of the West Wing of the former CGO, the carpark area of 6/F and the space at 7/F to 13/F would be used by DoJ and the office area of 1/F to 6/F would be used by LROs. Different management modes would be adopted for these two groups of floors. Moreover, DoJ would be responsible for managing the common facilities (such as providing cleaning services) and collecting management fees from LROs accordingly. DAD/DoJ further advised that the overall area available to DoJ in the Main, East and West Wings of the former CGO could provide sufficient space to address DoJ's accommodation need, including space that was underprovided previously. Should DoJ require more space to accommodate additional manpower in future, it would make a request to the Government Property Agency for allocation of additional office space (such as other government buildings besides the former CGO) in accordance with current It would not rashly take back the space allocated for use by LROs. procedures.
- 32. Mr Dennis KWOK opined that, in order to attract enterprises and organizations to use the dispute resolution services in Hong Kong, venues and facilities for holding related hearings and meetings would need to be up to the required international professional standards. He pointed out that the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre ("HKIAC") was already a leading centre for dispute resolution in Asia. He asked whether the Administration would set up hearing/meeting facilities that would not be of a lesser standard than the existing facilities in the office space of the West Wing of the former CGO for use by HKIAC or other LROs, and whether the Administration would bear the relevant costs to ensure that the supporting facilities to be used by relevant LROs in the West Wing of the former CGO would not be of a lesser standard Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung opined that the than the existing facilities. Administration should continue to strengthen the sound legal system and rule of law in Hong Kong. Only then would it be possible to enhance the status of Hong Kong as a hub for international legal and dispute resolution services in the Asia-Pacific region.

- 33. In response, <u>DAD/DoJ</u> said that as there were different operational needs among various LROs, only basically refurbished space would be provided for use by such organizations in the West Wing of the former CGO. The costs of the proposed project did not cover the provision of various facilities to such organizations. Discussions with individual LROs would be held separately and assistance would be provided as appropriate to ensure that the future service facilities available to such organizations in the West Wing would not be of a lesser standard than the facilities that they were currently using. Appropriate resources would be allocated to promote Hong Kong as a legal and dispute resolution services centre in the Asia-Pacific region.
- 34. The Chairman declared at 12:58 pm that the meeting be adjourned.
- 35. The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 pm.

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