

Finance Committee
Sequence of events
in dealing with the agenda for the meetings on 5 February 2016

Date / Time	Events
1 February 2016 (Monday)	
3:30 pm	The Chairman of the Finance Committee ("FC"), Hon CHAN Kin-por, called a press conference to announce that he would not chair the FC meetings for deliberating the items in respect of Hong Kong Section of Guangzhou - Shenzhen - Hong Kong Express Rail Link ("XRL"), and that the meetings would be chaired by the Deputy Chairman, Hon CHAN Kam-lam.
2 February 2016 (Tuesday)	
2:30 pm to 4:30 pm	The Public Works Subcommittee ("PWSC") held a meeting to deliberate the two XRL items (i.e. PWSC(2015-16)50 and PWSC(2015-16)51), but both items had not been put to vote when the meeting came to an end. In a press conference held after the meeting, the Secretary for Transport and Housing said that the Administration would submit the items to FC for consideration.
5:52 pm	The Clerk to PWSC received a letter from the Administration advising that the Administration would withdraw the papers of the two XRL items from PWSC's agenda and that the relevant papers would be submitted to FC for consideration.
5:53 pm	The Clerk to FC received a letter from the Administration requesting the Chairman to waive the notice requirement of six clear days, which was stipulated in paragraph 21 of the Finance Committee Procedure, and to approve the inclusion and arrangement of the two XRL items, i.e. FCR(2015-16)46 and FCR(2015-16)47, to be discussed before the six items carried over from the meetings of

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	30 January ¹ on the agenda of the meetings on 5 February 2016. So, there were altogether 8 items on the agenda.
About 6:00 pm	The Clerk to FC relayed the Administration's requests to the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman by a note, enclosing the proposed agenda of the meetings and the letter put forward by the Administration. In addition, she sought the direction from the Deputy Chairman of FC on whether he would agree to dispense with the notice requirement of six clear days in respect of the two XRL items.
About 6:15 pm	The Clerk to FC received a reply from the Deputy Chairman, advising that he had discussed the matter with the Chairman and both of them agreed to accept the agenda arrangement proposed by the Administration.
7:52 pm	The Clerk to FC issued to members via email the circular LC Paper No. FC106/15-16 with the agenda of the meetings of 5 February, which had been agreed by the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman, papers for the XRL items and the above-mentioned letter from the Administration to the Chairman.
About 7:55 pm	The agenda for the meetings of 5 February were uploaded onto the website of the Legislative Council.

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¹ There were 7 items on the agenda of the FC meeting of 30 January 2016. When the meeting was concluded on that day, the deliberation of 1 item, i.e. FCR(2015-16)45, had completed, and the discussion of the second item, i.e. FCR(2015-16)34, had already started.