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**Public Works Subcommittee of the Finance Committee
of the Legislative Council**

**Minutes of the 9th meeting
held in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex
on Saturday, 18 February 2017, at 9:00 am**

Members present:

Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, SBS, MH, JP (Chairman)
Hon Charles Peter MOK, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, GBS, JP
Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, GBS, JP
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, SBS, 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 Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
Hon Claudia MO
Hon Steven HO Chun-yin, BBS
Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, JP
Hon WU Chi-wai, MH
Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS
Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP
Hon CHAN Chi-chuen
Hon CHAN Han-pan, JP

Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, BBS, MH, JP
Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, BBS, JP
Hon KWOK Wai-keung
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung
Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, JP
Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, JP
Hon Alvin YEUNG
Hon Andrew WAN Siu-kin
Hon CHU Hoi-dick
Hon Jimmy NG Wing-ka, JP
Dr Hon Junius HO Kwan-yiu, JP
Hon HO Kai-ming
Hon LAM Cheuk-ting
Hon SHIU Ka-chun
Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing, MH
Hon CHAN Chun-ying
Hon Tanya CHAN
Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan, JP
Hon HUI Chi-fung
Hon LAU Kwok-fan, MH
Hon Kenneth LAU Ip-keung, MH, JP
Hon KWONG Chun-yu
Hon Jeremy TAM Man-ho
Hon Nathan LAW Kwun-chung
Dr Hon YIU Chung-yim
Dr Hon LAU Siu-lai

Members absent:

Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, GBS, JP
Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP
Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki
Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan
Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding

Public officers attending:

Mr Raistlin LAU Chun, JP	Deputy Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury)3
Mr HON Chi-keung, JP	Permanent Secretary for Development (Works)
Mr Michael WONG Wai-lun, JP	Permanent Secretary for Development (Planning and Lands)
Mr Maurice LOO Kam-wah	Deputy Secretary for Development (Planning and Lands)2
Mr Donald TONG Chi-keung, JP	Permanent Secretary for the Environment
Ms Jasmine CHOI Suet-yung	Principal Assistant Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury) (Works)
Mr Tony MOYUNG Hon	Assistant Director of Lands (Acquisition)
Ms Joyce NG Suet-ye	Chief Estate Surveyor (Acquisition) Lands Department
Mr LEUNG Koon-kee, JP	Director of Architectural Services
Mr HUI Chiu-kin	Assistant Director of Architectural Services (Property Services)
Mr Edwin TONG Ka-hung, JP	Director of Drainage Services
Mr LAM Sai-hung, JP	Director of Civil Engineering and Development
Mr Ricky LAU Chun-kit, JP	Head of Civil Engineering Office Civil Engineering and Development Department
Ms Betty CHEUNG Miu-han	Assistant Director of Environmental Protection (Environmental Infrastructure)
Mr Samson LAI Yiu-kei	Assistant Director of Environmental Protection (Waste Management Policy)

Mr CHUI Wing-wah	Deputy Director of Highways
Mr Kelvin LO Kwok-wah	Project Manager (Major Works) Highways Department
Miss Charmaine WONG Hoi-wan, JP	Assistant Director of Home Affairs (2)
Mr Martin KWAN Wai-cheong	Chief Engineer (Works) Home Affairs Department
Miss Winnie WONG Ming-wai	Deputy Secretary-General (1) University Grants Committee Secretariat
Mr Kelvin SIU Yun-piu	Assistant Secretary-General (Capital) University Grants Committee Secretariat
Mr Samuel FAN Kim-fung	Chief Maintenance Surveyor (School Premises Maintenance)(Acting) Education Bureau
Ms PING Tak-wai	Senior Maintenance Surveyor (School Premises Maintenance) Education Bureau
Mr KOK Che-leung	Assistant Director of Social Welfare (Subventions)
Ms PANG Kit-ling	Assistant Director of Social Welfare (Elderly)
Mr Kenneth WOO Chi-man	Chief Executive Officer (Subventions/ Planning) Social Welfare Department
Mr WONG Chung-leung, JP	Deputy Director of Water Supplies
Mr Dominic KWONG Kam-keung	Chief Systems Manager (Governance and Resources) Office of the Government Chief Information Officer
Mr Kenneth LEUNG Tak-yan	Chief Civil Engineer (Public Works Programme) Transport and Housing Bureau

commenced deliberation on the proposal at the meeting on 25 January 2017 and continued the deliberation at the meetings on 3 and 15 February 2017.

3. At the invitation of the Chairman, Deputy Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury)3 ("DSFST(T)3") briefed members on the Administration's response ([LC Paper No. PWSC61/16-17\(02\)](#)) (Chinese version) to Mr CHU Hoi-dick's letter to the Subcommittee Chairman dated 3 February 2017 ([LC Paper No. PWSC61/16-17\(01\)](#)) (Chinese version only) requesting that 26 items included in the funding application for the CWRP block allocations for 2017-2018 be taken out for separate consideration. He said that among the 26 items concerned, 20 were advance works for major projects, including feasibility studies, design, site investigations, etc. The assessments and analyses obtained in the advance works would facilitate consideration of funding proposals for the main works by the Finance Committee ("FC"). Commencement of advance works did not mean that implementation of the relevant major projects would then become a fait accompli.

4. Mr SHIU Ka-chun enquired whether the Administration would carry out public consultation on the 26 projects set out in the Annex to the above paper. The Administration undertook to provide a written response to Mr SHIU's question after the meeting.

(Post meeting note: The written response provided by the Administration (Chinese version) was circulated to members vide [LC Paper No. PWSC95/16-17\(01\)](#) on 24 February 2017.)

5. Dr YIU Chung-yim suggested that the Administration should provide information on the progress of various projects and relevant consultancy study reports in its application for block allocations submitted in each coming year, so as to facilitate members' consideration of the proposal. DSFST(T)3 replied that the Administration had all along provided quarterly and year-end reports to the Subcommittee to account for the latest spending position under the block allocations subheads. The Administration would deposit with the LegCo Secretariat a full list setting out all the items proposed to be funded in the relevant year under each block allocation subhead every time it sought funding approval for the block allocations provision. The Administration was more than willing to provide further information on any of the items if members requested it.

Head 707 New Towns and Urban Area Development Subhead 7017CX - Signature Project Scheme

Pre-construction works, consultancy fee and study for improving the tourist facilities at Lam Tsuen Wishing Square (Tai Po District)

6. Mr CHAN Chi-chuen said that in the last legislative session, some members had expressed opposition to the project of improving the tourist facilities at Lam Tsuen Wishing Square ("the Wishing Square Project"). He enquired about the use of the funding being sought under the block allocations proposal for the current year, and the pre-construction works and consultancy study being in progress.

7. Assistant Director of Home Affairs (2) ("ADHA(2)") replied that the pre-construction works for the Wishing Square Project were substantially completed, and the proposal for the main construction works had been endorsed by the Subcommittee at the meeting on 20 June 2016. FC had commenced discussion on the relevant funding application in the last legislative session, but had yet to vote on it by the closure of the last LegCo term. In order to assist Tai Po District Council ("DC") in considering the way forward of the project, funding had to be earmarked in 2017-2018 for the payment of consultancy fees for the pre-construction works for the project in order to continue to provide Tai Po DC with the necessary professional and technical support, such as updates on the cost estimates for the main construction works proposal based on the latest price adjustment factors.

8. Mr Alvin YEUNG and Mr Nathan LAW said that earlier on, the Subcommittee had endorsed the proposal for the "Site formation and infrastructure works for public housing developments at Chung Nga Road and Area 9, Tai Po". They asked whether the Administration had assessed the impact of the future population increase in Tai Po District and the completion of the Wishing Square Project on the traffic in Tai Po District.

9. In response, ADHA(2) said that in the course of preparing the proposal for the main construction works of the Wishing Square Project, Tai Po DC had engaged a professional consultant to conduct a detailed traffic impact assessment on the proposed works. According to the consultant's report, the proposed works were acceptable from a traffic impact perspective, and would not cause negative impact on the road networks in the vicinity. For members' reference, the summary and conclusion section of the report was enclosed in the Administration's letter dated 16 February 2017 ([LC Paper No. PWSC61/16-17\(02\)](#)) (Chinese version) responding to Mr CHU Hoi-dick's request for separate consideration of individual items under the CWRP block allocations. Moreover, she explained that projects under

Signature Project Scheme ("SPS") were different from other public works projects in that SPS projects were advocated and decided upon by DCs, which also spearheaded their implementation. The Administration was therefore not in a position to make decisions on SPS projects on behalf of DCs. Tai Po DC was considering the way forward of the project, including whether to continue to seek FC's funding approval for the main construction works proposal in the current legislative session. The Administration would convey the concerns of Mr YEUNG and Mr LAW about the traffic impact that the proposed works might have on the vicinity of the project site to Tai Po DC for consideration.

Pre-construction works, consultancy fee and study for construction of music fountains at Kwun Tong Promenade (Kwun Tong District)

10. Mr Alvin YEUNG asked whether the Administration would submit to FC the funding proposal for the main construction works of music fountains at Kwun Tong Promenade within the current legislative session. ADHA(2) reiterated that SPS projects were advocated and decided upon by DCs, which also spearheaded their implementation. Kwun Tong DC was considering the way forward of the music fountains project at Kwun Tong Promenade, including whether to continue to seek FC's funding approval for the main construction works proposal in the current legislative session, and the best timing to do so.

Preparatory and pre-construction works for construction of Moreton Terrace Activities Centre (Wan Chai District)

11. Mr SHIU Ka-chun, Dr YIU Chung-yim and Mr KWONG Chun-yu said that the construction cost of the proposed Moreton Terrace Activities Centre ("MTAC") was considered by some residents of Wan Chai District too high. Mr KWONG further said that residents of the district were dissatisfied with the demolition of the volleyball court located at the present site of the proposed MTAC.

12. In response, ADHA(2) said that Wan Chai DC had made its best endeavour to identify a suitable site for developing an activity centre in the densely developed Wan Chai District. In its letter dated 16 February 2017 responding to Mr CHU Hoi-dick's request for separate consideration of individual items under the CWRF block allocations ([LC Paper No. PWSC61/16-17\(02\)](#)) (Chinese version), the Administration had given a detailed explanation on the factors that constrained the design of the proposed MTAC, including the requirement of the Town Planning Board to maximize air permeability of a building and the need to provide sufficient space for the continued growth of five big trees at the site. Therefore, the proposed

project included basement works for accommodating plant rooms which were more costly, resulting in a relatively higher cost for the main construction works of the project. As for the reprovisioning of the volleyball court at Moreton Terrace, the arrangement was also explained in the Administration's letter.

13. ADHA(2) said that Wan Chai DC was considering the way forward of the MTAC project, including whether to continue with the funding application to FC for the main construction works proposal in the current legislative session. She reiterated that the main construction works proposal for MTAC had been endorsed by the Subcommittee at its meeting on 20 June 2016. FC had commenced discussion on the relevant funding application in the last legislative session, but had yet to vote on it by the closure of the last LegCo term. In order to assist Wan Chai DC in considering the way forward of the project, funding had to be earmarked in 2017-2018 for the payment of consultancy fees for the pre-construction works for the project in order to continue to provide Wan Chai DC with the necessary professional and technical support, such as updates on the cost estimates for the main construction works proposal based on the latest price adjustment factors. The Administration would convey members' views to Wan Chai DC for consideration.

Head 705 Civil Engineering Subhead 5101CX - Civil engineering works, studies and investigations for items in Category D of the Public Works Programme

Study on the technical issues related to the potential reclamation site at Ma Liu Shui

14. Dr Fernando CHEUNG and Mr SHIU Ka-chun said that residents of Shatin District were strongly opposed to the proposed reclamation at Ma Liu Shui. Dr CHEUNG and Mr SHIU enquired about the details of public consultation on the proposed reclamation. They requested that meetings be held between the Administration and local residents to gauge residents' views on the reclamation plan.

15. Director of Civil Engineering and Development ("DCED") and Head of Civil Engineering Office, Civil Engineering and Development Department ("H of CEO/CEDD"), replied that the relevant technical study was being conducted to evaluate the possible impact arising from the proposed reclamation at Ma Liu Shui. The Institute of Future Cities of the Chinese University of Hong Kong was also commissioned to conduct district aspirations surveys to gauge public views on the proposed plan. The Administration would report timely to Shatin DC on the outcome of the study

after its completion, and would establish the study scope and implementation programme for the planning and engineering study to be conducted at the next stage (including the arrangements for conducting public engagement activities) based on the outcome of the technical study.

Technical study on transport infrastructure at Kennedy Town for connecting to East Lantau Metropolis

16. Mr Nathan LAW said that the Administration had earlier on displayed a model illustrating the development of Lantau Island, which featured a bridge connecting Kennedy Town and East Lantau Metropolis. He asked the Administration to give a specific explanation on the concept and feasibility of providing transport connections linking the proposed East Lantau Metropolis to Hong Kong Island West.

17. In response, H of CEO/CEDD said that the information presented in the model mentioned by Mr LAW was meant to be a conceptual alignment only. The scope of the technical study on transport infrastructure at Kennedy Town for connecting to East Lantau Metropolis, which was currently underway, comprised an assessment of how the possible transport infrastructure linkages from Kennedy Town to East Lantau Metropolis and the "Land Use Review of the Western Part of Kennedy Town" would influence each other and the preliminary technical feasibility of such linkages, so as not to affect the development of Kennedy Town. The study was underway and expected to be largely completed in mid-2017. The outcome of the study would be published in due course.

Head 707 New Towns and Urban Area Development Subhead 7100CX - New towns and urban area works, studies and investigations for items in Category D of the Public Works Programme

18. Mr CHAN Chi-chuen said that at the request of the Panel on Development, the Administration had provided supplementary information in December 2016 ([LC Paper No. CB\(1\)247/16-17\(01\)](#)), setting out the items in Category D of the Public Works Programme under Subhead 7100CX with engineering consultancy agreements involved and their current tendering positions. He sought information from the Administration on the value of consultancy agreements for which tendering process was completed and the names of the consultants concerned.

(Post meeting note: The supplementary information provided by the Administration (Chinese version) was circulated to members vide [LC Paper No. PWSC95/16-17\(01\)](#) on 24 February 2017.)

First stage of site formation and engineering infrastructure at Kwu Tung North New Development Area and Fanling North New Development Area - detailed design and site investigation

19. Mr CHAN Chi-chuen enquired how the above item was different from the one on the advance works for the development of North East New Territories for which funding was approved by FC in the 2013-2014 legislative session. DCED said that the above item, which was to carry out detailed design and site investigation for the first stage of site formation and engineering infrastructure at Kwu Tung North ("KTN") and Fanling North ("FLN") New Development Areas ("NDAs"), was different from the item on the detailed design and site investigation for the advance works for which funding was approved by FC in the 2013-2014 legislative session. It was expected that upon completion of the detailed design and site investigation for the first stage works, funding would be sought from FC in 2018 for implementing the first stage of site formation and engineering infrastructure at KTN and FLN NDAs.

20. Dr LAU Siu-lai enquired whether the land in KTN and FLN NDAs was contaminated as was the land in Lok Ma Chau ("LMC") Loop and, if so, how the Administration would deal with it. DCED replied that in taking forward NDA projects, the Administration would conduct relevant environmental impact assessment ("EIA") which included ascertaining whether the land at a particular site was contaminated.

Site formation and associated infrastructure works for purpose-built complex of residential care homes for the elderly in Area 29 of Kwu Tung North New Development Area

21. Dr Fernando CHEUNG asked how the Administration would ensure that the elderly people who were currently living in the residential care homes for the elderly ("RCHEs") at Dills Corner Garden and who would be affected by the KTN NDA project would be able to move to the purpose-built RCHE complex seamlessly. DCED replied that to cope with the advance works of KTN NDA, the RCHEs at Dills Corner Garden might need to be cleared in two phases. According to the current project programme, the first phase was expected to be carried out in 2018, but the timetable for the first phase clearance of Dills Corner Garden could only be confirmed after LegCo's approval of funding for the advance works and the first stage works of KTN NDA. The second phase clearance would be conducted after the completion of the RCHE complex. During the process, the existing non-RCHE blocks at Dills Corner Garden would be modified into RCHEs, if necessary, for accommodation of the elderly affected by the first phase

clearance such that they did not need to move out from Dills Corner Garden before the operation of the RCHE complex.

Demolition of buildings, structures and chimneys at Kennedy Town Comprehensive Development Area - consultants' fees and site investigation and

Protective and upkeeping works for the site of Ex-Kennedy Town incineration plant/abattoir and adjoining area

22. Dr LAU Siu-lai said that local residents were opposed to the demolition of the Cadogan Street Temporary Garden. Moreover, the decontamination works would generate fugitive dust, which would affect residents' health. Dr LAU Siu-lai and Mr Nathan LAW enquired about the reasons why the Administration had determined the contamination level of the underground soil in the site of the ex-Kennedy Town incineration plant, abattoir and adjoining area (including the Cadogan Street Temporary Garden) merely on the basis of the EIA report and site investigation findings published 12 years ago; the Administration's justifications for its view that the underground soil of the Cadogan Street Temporary Garden had the same level of contamination as that of the Kennedy Town bus station site which warranted decontamination; and the reasons why the Administration did not recommend decontamination 12 years ago upon the publication of the EIA report but was eager to proceed with it now. Mr LAW asked whether the Administration would compile another EIA report without the presupposition that decontamination works must be carried out, so as to ascertain the latest condition of contamination at the locations concerned (including the Cadogan Street Temporary Garden). Mr HUI Chi-fung queried whether it was procedurally in order for the Administration to first proceed with the decontamination works to prepare the land for development whilst the Town Planning Board was still in the process of holding hearings on the application for rezoning of Kennedy Town Comprehensive Development Area.

23. In response, DCED said that the site investigation findings and EIA report confirmed the presence of pollutants under the ground of the site of the ex-incineration plant, abattoir and adjoining area (including the Cadogan Street Temporary Garden) which needed to be cleared in order to remove health risks and improve the community environment. The initial EIA and the subsequent supplementary EIA completed in 2015 were both carried out in strict accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance ("EIAO"). The relevant reports were also approved by the Environmental Protection Department and made available for public inspection.

24. Mr HUI Chi-fung sought supplementary information on the updated scope of works of the aforesaid two projects, including whether there were demolition works outstanding; the respective costs of demolition works, protective and upkeeping works and consultants' fees for ground decontamination works incurred for the projects; and the cost of the entire project. Mr HUI said that some members of the public had staged opposition to the proposed decontamination works by way of judicial review. He asked whether the money spent on the decontamination works would be wasted in case the judicial review was successful.

25. DCED replied that the Administration would keep in view the progress of the judicial review case and take into account the impact it would have on the decontamination works. The Administration undertook to provide the information requested by Mr HUI after the meeting.

(Post meeting note: The supplementary information provided by the Administration (Chinese version) was circulated to members vide [LC Paper No. PWSC95/16-17\(01\)](#) on 24 February 2017.)

Preliminary feasibility study on developing the New Territories North

26. Mr CHAN Chi-chuen enquired whether the Fanling Golf Course was included in the scope of the preliminary feasibility study on developing the New Territories North ("the NTN Study"). He suggested that consideration be given to resuming the Fanling Golf Course site for the development of the New Territories North when the term of the Private Recreational Lease ("PRL") of the site was due to expire in 2020. He enquired about the timing for publishing the report of the NTN Study. Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung suggested that the Administration should study the feasibility of resuming part of the Fanling Golf Course site for housing development. He enquired about the name of the consultancy company responsible for undertaking the NTN Study.

27. Dr Junius HO did not subscribe to the view that the Fanling Golf Course site should be resumed for development. He said that the Fanling Golf Course was one of the supporting facilities that Hong Kong needed to maintain its status as "Asia's World City". Dr Junius HO and Mr HO Kai-ming criticized some members for using filibustering tactics to delay the examination of the block allocations proposal PWSC(2016-17)37, which was a waste of meeting time.

28. DCED said that the Home Affairs Bureau was conducting a PRL policy review. The results of the policy review would be taken into account in considering the future use of the Fanling Golf Course site. Ove Arup &

Partners Hong Kong Ltd ("OAP") was the consultant responsible for the NTN Study which was commissioned in 2014 and expected to be completed shortly. The findings of the study would be promulgated at an appropriate time.

29. Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung enquired about the area of the Fanling Golf Course; the number of trees planted therein and, among them, the types and number of important trees; and if trees were to be removed due to development of the land, how many of them could be replanted. The Administration undertook to provide the information requested by Mr LEUNG after the meeting.

(Post meeting note: The supplementary information provided by the Administration (Chinese version) was circulated to members vide [LC Paper No. PWSC95/16-17\(01\)](#) on 24 February 2017.)

Development of Lok Ma Chau Loop: land decontamination and advance engineering works - consultants' fees and site investigation

30. Ms Claudia MO and Mr Alvin YEUNG enquired about the details of land decontamination works for the LMC Loop development, including the contaminants that needed to be removed, the site area involved, and the cost and time required for the works. DCED replied that LMC Loop had an area of about 87 hectares. According to EIA findings, decontamination works were required for approximately 3% (i.e. about 2.3 hectares) of the site area. In actual terms, the total volume of arsenic-contaminated soil was approximately over 50 000 cubic metres. Based on the Administration's initial estimation, the decontamination works would generally take at least a year to complete. In response to Ms MO's further enquiries, DCED said that the solidified and decontaminated soil would be used for backfilling within LMC Loop instead of being delivered to landfills or other places.

31. Ms Claudia MO asked whether the contaminated land fell within the site proposed for the development of the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Innovation and Technology Park. DCED said that the contaminated land was scattered within the LMC Loop area.

32. Ms Claudia MO and Mr Alvin YEUNG were concerned about the safety of workers engaging in the decontamination works. Mr YEUNG asked whether similar decontamination works had been carried out before. DCED said that similar works for treatment of land contaminated with heavy metals had been carried out in Hong Kong on a number of occasions in the past, including those for the site of the ex-Kwai Chung incineration plant

chimney and the ex-airport site at Kai Tak Development Area. Appropriate protective gear would be provided to the relevant workers.

Hung Shui Kiu New Development Area

33. Mr Andrew WAN enquired about the respective numbers of indigenous and non-indigenous villages that would be affected by the Hung Shui Kiu NDA project, the area of land and the number of residents involved. The Administration undertook to provide the information requested by Mr WAN after the meeting.

(Post meeting note: The supplementary information provided by the Administration (Chinese version) was circulated to members vide [LC Paper No. PWSC95/16-17\(01\)](#) on 24 February 2017.)

Head 701 Land Acquisition Subhead 1100CA - Compensation and ex-gratia allowances in respect of projects in the Public Works Programme

Resumption of land for purpose-built complex of residential care homes for the elderly in Area 29 of Kwu Tung North New Development Area

34. Dr Fernando CHEUNG and Dr YIU Chung-yim noted the difference in the funding amounts requested for the item "Resumption of land for purpose-built complex of residential care homes for the elderly in Area 29 of KTN NDA" in 2015-2016 (\$629 million) and 2016-2017 (\$360 million). They requested the Administration to provide the relevant details and reasons in writing after the meeting.

(Post meeting note: The supplementary information provided by the Administration (Chinese version) was circulated to members vide [LC Paper No. PWSC95/16-17\(01\)](#) on 24 February 2017.)

Resumption of land for development at Wang Chau, Yuen Long and Road works - site formation and infrastructure works for development at Wang Chau, Yuen Long

35. Mr CHU Hoi-dick asked whether the Administration, when conducting informal consultations ("soft lobbying") with Ping Shan Rural Committee on the Wang Chau development, was aware that Mr TSANG Shu-wo, Chairman of Ping Shan Rural Committee, operated open car parks and a storage facility at Wang Chau, which might give rise to conflict of interests. Chief Civil Engineer (2), Housing Department ("CCE(2)/HD"), responded that the Administration had conducted public consultation on the Wang Chau development in accordance with established procedures. At the

joint meeting of the Panel on Housing and Panel on Development on the public housing development plan at Wang Chau, Yuen Long held earlier on, the Administration had given a detailed account of the issues concerning the informal consultations. Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung was dissatisfied that the Administration had not provided the minutes of meetings for the aforesaid informal consultations, and that the information on the costs for land resumption was redacted from the report of the Planning and Engineering Study ("P&E Study") for Wang Chau provided by the Administration at Members' request. CCE(2)/HD said that the P&E Study report for Wang Chau was made public and uploaded to the Internet. It was not appropriate to disclose some parts of the Study because they contained land sensitive information.

36. Mr Alvin YEUNG enquired about the course of action to be taken if FC approved the block allocations proposal for the current year but the next-term Government decided to alter the works particulars of the Wang Chau development or cancel it out altogether. In response, DSFST(T)3 and Principal Assistant Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury)(Works) said that it was indeed necessary to carry out the advance works (e.g. preliminary site investigations and feasibility studies) for public works projects under the block allocations proposal. The study findings obtained in the advance works would provide the necessary information to facilitate thorough discussion of the funding proposals for the main works by members in future. Furthermore, commencement of the advance works did not mean that the related main works must get the go-ahead.

37. Mr KWONG Chun-yu enquired about the rehousing arrangements for the residents to be affected by Phase 1 of the Wang Chau public housing development ("Wang Chau Phase 1 development"). Mr YIU Chung-yim opined that the Administration should proceed with land resumption only after completion of the technical impact assessment and investigation for Wang Chau Phase 1 development and confirmation of feasibility of the development, so that the residents involved would not be forced to move out of their homes for unwarranted reasons.

38. Chief Estate Surveyor (Acquisition), Lands Department said that residents affected would be rehoused in accordance with the existing compensation and rehousing policy. Eligible residents (i.e. those who, among other things, lived in a 1982 surveyed domestic structure, met the income and asset limits for public rental housing ("PRH") application, and satisfied the residency requirement at the time of the freezing survey) could be allocated PRH units. As to those who did not meet the asset and income limits for PRH application, they might apply for ex-gratia allowance, the

amount of which would be based on the length of occupation and the size of the domestic structure occupied, subject to a ceiling of \$600,000.

39. Mr Andrew WAN enquired how many of the residents to be affected by Wang Chau Phase 1 development could not be contacted by the authorities, and how many had been contacted but had declined to respond. The Administration undertook to provide the information requested by Mr WAN after the meeting.

(Post meeting note: The supplementary information provided by the Administration (Chinese version) was circulated to members vide [LC Paper No. PWSC95/16-17\(01\)](#) on 24 February 2017.)

40. Mr KWONG Chun-yu, Mr Alvin YEUNG and Mr Andrew WAN urged the Administration to organize residents' meetings to meet LegCo Members and residents affected by Wang Chau Phase 1 development. CCE(2)/HD said that members' suggestion would be referred to the Transport and Housing Bureau for consideration.

41. Mr KWONG Chun-yu and Mr Andrew WAN enquired whether Phases 2 and 3 of the Wang Chau public housing development ("Wang Chau Phases 2 and 3 development") would be proceeded with. They took the view that for the sake of public interest, the Administration should invoke the Lands Resumption Ordinance to resume the private land within the development area of Wang Chau Phases 2 and 3 as well as the government land currently under Short Term Tenancies, so that the relevant projects could be taken forward as soon as possible. Mr WAN was concerned about the higher compensation that might be incurred if the private land concerned was to be resumed at a later time.

42. CCE(2)/HD and Chief Civil Engineer (Public Works Programme), Transport and Housing Bureau ("CCE(PWP)/THB") said that if the Administration were to proceed with Wang Chau Phases 2 and 3 development, it would need to overcome a lot of practical difficulties, including the environmental impact brought about by Yuen Long Industrial Estate in the north, infrastructural support, and handling of brownfield operations. The Administration would conduct technical feasibility studies on Wang Chau Phases 2 and 3 development and would determine the course of action and timetable for taking forward the project with reference to the study findings.

43. Mr CHU Hoi-dick and Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung queried that the Administration had made the decision to implement the public housing development and Yuen Long Industrial Estate Extension at Wang Chau

separately in order to obviate the need to conduct EIA for the public housing development projects at Wang Chau. CCE(2)/HD replied that the Administration had given consideration to implementing Phases 1, 2 and 3 of the public housing development and Yuen Long Industrial Estate Extension at Wang Chau together. However, it subsequently decided to first start Wang Chau Phase 1 development and leave Phases 2 and 3 development to later periods. Given that the Wang Chau Phase 1 development underway was limited in scale and involved a population and area size that were far below the thresholds for EIA set out in EIAO, i.e. a population of 100 000 and a study area of 20 hectares, EIA was not required.

44. Mr CHU Hoi-dick enquired whether the relevant government departments had indicated whether the area proposed to be rezoned was inhabited and how many residents there were in the area when information in relation to the proposed amendments to the Ping Shan Outline Zoning Plan was submitted to the Town Planning Board for consideration in 2014. The Administration undertook to provide a response in writing to Mr CHU's enquiries after the meeting.

(Post meeting note: The written response provided by the Administration (Chinese version) was circulated to members vide [LC Paper No. PWSC95/16-17\(01\)](#) on 24 February 2017.)

Head 710 Computerization Subhead A007GX - New administrative computer systems

Enhancement of client information system for central referral of rehabilitation services - disabled pre-schoolers sub-system and child protection registry, Social Welfare Department

45. Dr Fernando CHEUNG sought elaboration on how the project could improve the existing information system. Chief Systems Manager (Governance and Resources), Office of the Government Chief Information Officer, said that the project aimed mainly to integrate the On-site Pre-school Rehabilitation Services for children with disabilities into the existing Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services so as to support the application procedures of the service.

Head 708 (part) Capital Subventions Subhead 8001SX - Provisioning of welfare facilities

46. Dr Fernando CHEUNG enquired about the number of service places to be provided by the various new welfare facilities proposed under the above subhead. Assistant Director of Social Welfare (Subventions) advised that

the number of service places to be provided under the relevant items was as follows:

Item	No. of service places
Provision of a child care centre in the public housing development at Tai Po Area 9/Chung Nga Road East	100
Provision of a day care centre for the elderly in the public housing development at Tai Po Area 9/Chung Nga Road East	60
Provision of a day care centre for the elderly in the public housing development at Hang Tai Road, Ma On Shan	60
Provision of a supported hostel for mentally handicapped persons in the public housing development at Hang Tai Road, Ma On Shan	20
Provision of an early education and training centre in the public housing development at Tai Po Area 9/Chung Nga Road East	90
Provision of an early education and training centre in the public housing development at Hang Tai Road, Ma On Shan	90
Provision of a special child care centre in the public housing development at Hang Tai Road, Ma On Shan	30
Provision of a special child care centre in the public housing development at Tai Wo Hau Road	60

47. Pointing out that there were a large number of people waiting for the above services, Dr Fernando CHEUNG called on the Administration to expeditiously provide more relevant facilities so as to increase the service places.

Head 703 Buildings

Head 711 Housing

48. Mr SHIU Ka-chun asked whether two proposed welfare facilities, i.e. a special school for students with mild, moderate and severe intellectual disabilities in Area 108, Tung Chung, and the ancillary facilities block at Tseung Kwan O Area 65C2, were located near refuse depots. The Administration undertook to provide the location maps of the two projects after the meeting.

(Post meeting note: The supplementary information provided by the Administration (Chinese version) was circulated to members vide [LC Paper No. PWSC95/16-17\(01\)](#) on 24 February 2017.)

49. At 12:41 pm, the Chairman said that members who wished to propose motions under paragraph 32A of the Public Works Subcommittee ("PWSC") Procedure should submit the proposed motions to him as early as possible before the meeting took a break at 1:00 pm so that he could peruse the proposed motions during the meeting break.

[At 1:00 pm, the Chairman directed that the meeting be suspended for members to have lunch. The meeting was resumed at 2:00 pm.]

Session Two (2:00 pm to 6:00 pm)

50. The Chairman invited members to continue to ask questions about PWSC(2016-17)37.

Procedure for submitting a proposal for the Capital Works Reserve Fund block allocations

51. Mr Jeremy TAM considered it unreasonable for the Administration to start implementing individual projects or sign contracts prior to seeking funding approval from FC for the continuation of the projects. He asked whether contracts had already been signed with consultants for the item relating to the construction of music fountains at Kwun Tong Promenade under the block allocations proposal. Dr LAU Siu-lai criticized that the Administration had commenced the pre-construction works for the MTAC project (including site formation and investigation) before funding approval for the main works was obtained from FC, which was a violation of procedures. She said that the Administration should not push through the project, which was controversial and opposed by many local residents.

52. DSFST(T)3 explained that among the 26 items about which members had expressed concern, 20 were advance works for major projects, including feasibility studies, site investigations, impact assessments, etc. These items (advance works) were created with the power delegated by FC. The Administration had a contractual relationship with the consultants whom it engaged to carry out the works. During the contract period, the Administration needed to seek funding for the relevant items from FC every year for the payment of consultants' fees. If the Government confirmed that implementation of the relevant major projects was warranted, it would seek

funding for the main construction works from FC in accordance with the existing mechanism.

53. ADHA(2) explained the difference in content between advance works and main construction works proposal and their implementation priority. Specifically, advance works included conducting technical feasibility studies, carrying out different types of investigations and assessments depending on the nature of the main construction works proposal (e.g. topographical survey, tree survey, underground utility mapping, building services survey, drainage impact assessment, traffic impact assessment, etc.), and going through statutory procedures in accordance with legal requirements as necessary (e.g. applying to the Town Planning Board for a change of land use). The Administration must first proceed with these advance works before finalizing the details of the main construction works proposal to provide a scientific, objective and professional basis and justification for determining the scope of the main construction works proposal (which included confirming the technical feasibility of the proposed main construction works, working out the project details, finalizing the cost estimate and construction period, etc.), so as to prepare a funding proposal for the main construction works for consideration by LegCo. She explained that the site investigation carried out in the advance works stage was to confirm the technical feasibility of the main construction works proposal and was not the same as site formation.

54. ADHA(2) reiterated that the main construction works proposal for the three SPS projects including the construction of MTAC had been endorsed by the Subcommittee at the meeting on 20 June 2016. FC had commenced discussion on the relevant funding application in the last legislative session, but had yet to vote on it by the closure of the last LegCo term. In order to assist the DCs concerned in considering the way forward of the projects, funding had to be earmarked in 2017-2018 for the payment of consultancy fees for the pre-construction works for the projects in order to continue to provide those DCs with the necessary professional and technical support, such as updates on the cost estimates for the main construction works proposal based on the latest price adjustment factors.

Proposal to take out individual project items under the block allocations proposal for separate consideration and voting

55. Dr YIU Chung-yim noted that the two block allocations subheads under Head 701 Land Acquisition, namely, Subheads 1004CA and 1100CA, under which the payment of compensation for land resumption exceeded \$30 million, did not include projects requiring feasibility studies. He considered it unreasonable for the Administration to bundle the land acquisition items with other items under the block allocations proposal when

there was no urgency to proceed with the relevant land resumption work. He requested that the expenditure items for land acquisition relating to the Wang Chau development be taken out from the block allocations proposal.

56. DSFST(T)3 said that there was no funding ceiling for the block allocation subheads under Head 701 Land Acquisition since the establishment of CWRP. Delays to works projects that involved land acquisition would cast an impact on the subsequent public housing developments.

Issues relating to breach of contract by consultants

57. Ms Tanya CHAN was concerned about the unauthorized use of the Government's internal information by OAP. She enquired about the number of items under the block allocations proposal which involved OAP. Noting that the Administration was conducting investigation into the improper use of the Government's internal information by other engineering consultants, she enquired how the Government would prevent these companies from being awarded consultancy contracts for government projects. Expressing similar concern, Mr CHU Hoi-dick enquired about the time when the results of the criminal investigation of the OAP case would be published.

58. DCED said that the investigation was still underway and the investigation results would be published at an appropriate time.

Head 711 Housing Subhead B100HX - Minor housing development related works, studies and investigations for items in Category D of the Public Works Programme

Site formation and infrastructural works for public housing development at Pok Fu Lam South - design and investigation

59. Ms Tanya CHAN said that some residents were concerned about the conservation of the Old Dairy Farm in Pok Fu Lam. She enquired whether the Administration had invited the Antiquities and Monuments Office ("AMO") to conduct an assessment of the above site and grading exercise for the buildings thereat, and if so, the details (including the time when AMO commenced the assessment, the assessment results, etc.); and whether consultants and tree specialists had been engaged to conduct assessment on the conservation value of the above site and the conditions of the trees thereat, and if so, the details.

60. CCE(PWP)/THB replied that studies were being conducted by the consultant for the public housing development at Pok Fu Lam South. The Administration would improve the development plan for the project after

considering the study findings and the views of AMO and local communities. CCE(2)/HD supplemented that AMO was conducting an assessment of the above site, and the Civil Engineering and Development Department had also engaged a consultant to assess the conditions of the trees on the site. The Administration undertook to provide the information requested by Ms CHAN after the meeting.

(Post meeting note: The supplementary information provided by the Administration (Chinese version) was circulated to members vide [LC Paper No. PWSC95/16-17\(01\)](#) on 24 February 2017.)

61. Ms Tanya CHAN enquired about the types of social welfare facilities proposed to be provided for the public housing development at Pok Fu Lam South. CCE(2)/HD replied that discussion would be held with the Social Welfare Department regarding the planning of social welfare facilities in the development project.

62. Ms Tanya CHAN was concerned about the plan for rehousing the residents of Wah Fu Estate. She enquired (a) whether the public housing development at Pok Fu Lam South aimed to rehouse the residents of Wah Fu Estate, and about the number of units in the development which would be occupied by the residents affected; (b) after the residents of Wah Fu Estate were rehoused to the above public housing development and if there were surplus units, whether the authorities would allocate them to PRH Waiting List applicants; and (c) whether luxury flats or public housing would be built at the original site of Wah Fu Estate. CCE(2)/HD said that a total of about 11 900 additional public housing units and subsidized sale flats would be provided by the redevelopment of Wah Fu Estate and the above public housing development. The original site of Wah Fu Estate would be used for development of public housing after the affected residents were rehoused. Ms Tanya CHAN further enquired about the time for public housing to be developed at the original site of Wah Fu Estate and the number of units to be produced. In response, CCE(2)/HD said that there was no timetable for the development of the original site of Wah Fu Estate at the moment.

Head 707 New Towns and Urban Area Development Subhead 7017CX - Signature Project Scheme

Pre-construction works, consultancy fee and study for construction of music fountains at Kwun Tong Promenade (Kwun Tong District)

63. Mr Jeremy TAM asked whether the Administration would submit the above project to FC for consideration separately if and after the block allocations proposal was endorsed by the Subcommittee. The Chairman

said that the cost estimate under the block allocations for 2017-2018 for the above project was \$300,000 (Annex 7C to PWSC(2016-17)37). The Administration was required to submit the relevant funding proposal of a public works project to FC if the project would incur an expenditure of more than \$30 million.

Head 703 Buildings Subhead 3101GX - Minor building works for items in Category D of the Public Works Programme

Demolition of existing school building at Ka Wai Man Road at western part of Kennedy Town

64. Given the already existing traffic congestion in Kennedy Town, Mr SHIU Ka-chun enquired about the Administration's preliminary planning and arrangement for ancillary transport facilities apart from road widening works, if it planned to further develop Kennedy Town. He also enquired whether the medical services provided by Queen Mary Hospital were sufficient to meet the needs of the increased population arising from the above project, and whether the traffic congestion in Kennedy Town would affect the rescue service of ambulances.

65. Director of Architectural Services said that the above project sought to demolish the existing school building at Ka Wai Man Road. According to the current planning, the site would be used for public housing development. By that time, the relevant details would be released.

Head 706 Highways Subhead 6100TX - Highway works, studies and investigations for items in Category D of the Public Works Programme

Proposed pedestrian footbridge system in Mong Kok - investigation

66. Mr SHIU Ka-chun was concerned about the wheelchair friendliness of the pedestrian footbridge. Noting that lifts were only provided at a few footbridges, he enquired whether the investigation work for the above item would explore ways to facilitate access for wheelchair users.

67. Project Manager (Major Works), Highways Department, said that it was the Administration's policy to provide barrier-free access facilities at public walkways for use by persons with disabilities. The investigation study for the above item would cover ways to facilitate access for wheelchair users.

Head 705 Civil Engineering Subhead 5101CX - Civil engineering works, studies and investigations for items in Category D of the Public Works Programme

Technical study on transport infrastructure at Kennedy Town for connecting to East Lantau Metropolis - feasibility study

68. Mr Nathan LAW sought specific details of the concept and feasibility of establishing a transport connection between the proposed East Lantau Metropolis and Hong Kong Island West, as well as findings or interim report of the relevant study. In response, H of CEO/CEDD said that the relevant study was underway and expected to be substantially completed in the first half of 2017. Information about the study would be published as and when appropriate.

Head 708 (part) Capital Subventions Subhead 8100EX - Alterations, additions, repairs and improvements to the campuses of the UGC-funded institutions

Replacement of the soccer pitch artificial turf system, the running track system, the flooring system at the field areas designated for field events and the renovation of the associated facilities located at the University's Outdoor Sports Ground, Lingnan University

69. Ms Tanya CHAN enquired about the materials proposed to be used for the artificial turf system under the above item.

70. Assistant Secretary-General (Capital), University Grants Committee Secretariat said that the University Grants Committee had communicated with Lingnan University. Lingnan University indicated that third generation artificial turf which was found to contain carcinogens would not be used for the above project.

Head 707 New Towns and Urban Area Development Subhead 7100CX - New towns and urban area works, studies and investigations for items in Category D of the Public Works Programme

Site formation and associated infrastructure works for purpose-built complex of residential care homes for the elderly in Area 29 of Kwu Tung North New Development Area

71. Dr Fernando CHEUNG said that according to the minutes of FC meeting on 18 March 2016 ([LC Paper No. FC302/15-16](#)), the Administration had decided that residents of the RCHE at Dills Corner Garden might

continue to live there until the purpose-built RCHE complex was completed. Dr CHEUNG questioned the Administration's justifications for changing the above decision. He also asked how the Administration would ensure that the elderly people currently living in the said RCHE would move seamlessly into the purpose-built RCHE complex in the future.

72. Assistant Director of Social Welfare (Elderly) said that regarding the relocation arrangement for the RCHE at Dills Corner Garden, the Administration had maintained communication with the RCHE operator with the aim to minimize the impact of the demolition and relocation. Dr Fernando CHEUNG was dissatisfied with the response of the Administration. At the request of the Chairman, the Administration would provide a response to Dr CHEUNG's enquiries in writing after the meeting.

(Post meeting note: The supplementary information provided by the Administration (Chinese version) was circulated to members vide [LC Paper No. PWSC95/16-17\(01\)](#) on 24 February 2017.)

Head 701 Land Acquisition Subhead 1100CA - Compensation and ex-gratia allowances in respect of projects in the Public Works Programme

Resumption of land for development at Wang Chau, Yuen Long and Road works - site formation and infrastructure works for development at Wang Chau, Yuen Long

73. Mr CHU Hoi-dick urged the Administration to follow up on the issue of unlawful occupation of land at Wang Chau. Pointing out that large areas of government land at Wang Chau had been occupied unlawfully and used as open storage facility for a long period of time, he enquired when the Administration would recover the payment of rents which should have been paid by the occupiers for their prolonged unlawful occupation of the land. Assistant Director of Lands (Acquisition) replied that enforcement and follow-up actions had been taken against the unlawful occupation of land on the sites of Phases 2 and 3 of the Wang Chau public housing development.

[At 2:19 pm, the Chairman read out the names of the members who were waiting to speak: Mr WONG Kwok-kin, Mr CHU Hoi-dick, Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung, Mr Nathan LAW, Dr Fernando CHEUNG, Dr LAU Siu-lai, Dr YIU Chung-yim, Ms Tanya CHAN and Mr Jeremy TAM. The Chairman said that after the above nine members had spoken, he would end the "question time" and proceed to deal with the proposed motions from members to be moved under paragraph 32A of the PWSC Procedure.]

[At 2:31 pm, the Chairman read out again the names of the members who were waiting to speak: Ms Tanya CHAN, Dr Fernando CHEUNG, Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung and Mr CHU Hoi-dick. He also said that he would "draw a line" to end the "question time" after the above members had spoken.]

Motion to adjourn further proceedings of the Subcommittee

74. At 2:38 pm, when speaking on the item, Mr CHU Hoi-dick moved a motion pursuant to paragraph 33 of the PWSC Procedure to adjourn further proceedings of the Subcommittee.

75. The Chairman said that the Subcommittee would now proceed to deal with the motion proposed by Mr CHU Hoi-dick. Each member could speak once on the motion, and the speaking time should not be more than three minutes.

76. Mr CHU Hoi-dick was dissatisfied that the Administration had not properly responded to the questions raised by him at the meeting concerning the various controversies over the public housing development plan at Wang Chau, Yuen Long. He was also dissatisfied with the Administration's submission of the block allocations proposal in a bundled manner with the inclusion of such controversial items as those related to the Wang Chau development. He urged the Administration to take out the controversial items for separate consideration by the Subcommittee.

77. Dr Fernando CHEUNG, Mr HUI Chi-fung, Dr YIU Chung-yim, Mr Nathan LAW, Mr CHAN Chi-chuen, Mr WU Chi-wai, Mr SHIU Ka-chun, Mr Alvin YEUNG, Mr KWONG Chun-yu, Dr LAU Siu-lai, Mr Andrew WAN and Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung spoke in support of the motion proposed by Mr CHU Hoi-dick.

78. Dr CHIANG Lai-wan spoke against the motion proposed by Mr CHU Hoi-dick.

79. In response to the motion, DSFST(T)3 said that the Administration had carefully examined the proposal by some members that individual items be taken out from the block allocations proposal for separate consideration. However, the proposal was considered inappropriate having taken into account a number of factors including the established arrangements under the block allocations mechanism and the contractual relationship between the Administration and contractors engaged in the projects funded by the block allocations. He stressed the importance of undertaking advance works, as

the relevant works and study findings of the pre-construction stage would facilitate members' discussion of the funding proposals for the main works in future, regardless of whether the main works were controversial or not.

80. Mr CHU Hoi-dick expressed disappointment that the Administration had failed to address his various concerns about the Wang Chau development, and hoped that FC would review the CWRF block allocations mechanism.

81. The Chairman put to vote the question that further proceedings of the Subcommittee be adjourned. At the request of Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung, the Chairman ordered a division and the division bell was rung for five minutes. Fourteen members voted for, 22 members voted against the motion and one member abstained. The votes of individual members were as follows:

For:

Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung
Mr CHAN Chi-chuen
Mr Alvin YEUNG
Mr CHU Hoi-dick
Ms Tanya CHAN
Mr KWONG Chun-yu
Dr YIU Chung-yim
(14 members)

Mr WU Chi-wai
Dr Fernando CHEUNG
Mr Andrew WAN
Mr SHIU Ka-chun
Mr HUI Chi-fung
Mr Nathan LAW
Dr LAU Siu-lai

Against:

Mr Abraham SHEK
Ms Starry LEE
Dr Priscilla LEUNG
Mr Steven HO
Mr YIU Si-wing
Mr CHAN Han-pan
Ms Alice MAK
Dr Elizabeth QUAT
Mr HO Kai-ming
Mr CHAN Chun-ying
Mr LAU Kwok-fan
(22 members)

Mr WONG Ting-kwong
Mr CHAN Hak-kan
Mr WONG Kwok-kin
Mr Frankie YICK
Mr MA Fung-kwok
Mr LEUNG Che-cheung
Mr KWOK Wai-keung
Dr CHIANG Lai-wan
Mr Wilson OR
Mr CHEUNG Kwok-kwan
Mr Kenneth LAU

Abstain:

Dr Junius HO
(1 member)

82. The Chairman declared that the motion was negated. The Subcommittee resumed discussion on PWSC(2016-17)37.

Motion to adjourn discussion on the item PWSC(2016-17)37

83. At 3:32 pm, when speaking on the item, Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung moved a motion pursuant to paragraph 33 of the PWSC Procedure to adjourn the discussion on PWSC(2016-17)37.

84. The Chairman said that the Subcommittee would now proceed to deal with the motion proposed by Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung. Each member could speak once on the motion, and the speaking time should not be more than three minutes.

85. Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung said that his motion to adjourn discussion had been proposed to enable the Administration to make best use of the time to narrow the difference in opinions on controversial items between it and members, so as to obviate the need for members to spend a lot of time revisiting the block allocations proposal when it was submitted to FC. He also took the view that given the changes in the political system and social environment, the CWRP block allocations mechanism had become outdated and therefore needed to be changed.

86. Dr Fernando CHEUNG, Mr CHAN Chi-chuen, Mr SHIU Ka-chun, Dr YIU Chung-yim, Mr Nathan LAW, Mr CHU Hoi-dick and Dr LAU Siu-lai spoke in support of the motion proposed by Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung.

87. Dr CHIANG Lai-wan, Mr LEUNG Che-cheung and Dr Elizabeth QUAT spoke against the motion proposed by Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung and criticized some members for using filibustering tactics to delay the examination of the block allocations proposal.

88. Mr HUI Chi-fung, Mr KWONG Chun-yu and Mr Andrew WAN commented that the Administration should not have submitted the block allocations proposal in a bundled manner. They stressed that their voicing of concerns at the meeting about individual items under the block allocations proposal was not intended to delay the examination of the block allocations proposal, but to resolve the controversies arising from these items.

89. Dr Junius HO said that since some members had maintained their opposing stance, it would be better for the Subcommittee to adjourn the discussion on the block allocations proposal, instead of spending a great deal of time scrutinizing it further.

90. In response to the motion, DSFST(T)3 said that endorsement of the block allocations proposal would not turn the main works into a fait accompli. Funding proposals for the main works still had to be considered and approved by FC separately. Failing that, the works could not commence.

91. Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung pointed out that the block allocations proposal covered expenditure on land acquisition. Upon approval of the proposal, the land involved might be acquired, which would have irreversible consequences for the people affected.

92. Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung said that he did not see Dr Elizabeth QUAT at the meeting of the Subcommittee in the morning of the day. Dr Elizabeth QUAT considered that Mr LEUNG's allegation was misleading to the public, and clarified that she had attended the meeting in the morning. Dr QUAT requested Mr LEUNG to retract his remarks. Mr LEUNG did so.

93. The Chairman put to vote the question that discussion on the item PWSC(2016-17)37 be then adjourned. At the request of members, the Chairman ordered a division and the division bell was rung for five minutes. Ten members voted for, 22 members voted against the motion and seven members abstained. The votes of individual members were as follows:

For:

Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung
Mr CHAN Chi-chuen
Mr CHU Hoi-dick
Mr SHIU Ka-chun
Dr YIU Chung-yim
(10 members)

Ms Claudia MO
Dr Fernando CHEUNG
Dr Junius HO
Mr Nathan LAW
Dr LAU Siu-lai

Against:

Mr Abraham SHEK
Ms Starry LEE
Dr Priscilla LEUNG
Mr Steven HO
Mr YIU Si-wing
Mr CHAN Han-pan
Ms Alice MAK
Dr Elizabeth QUAT
Mr HO Kai-ming
Mr CHAN Chun-ying
Mr LAU Kwok-fan
(22 members)

Mr WONG Ting-kwong
Mr CHAN Hak-kan
Mr WONG Kwok-kin
Mr Frankie YICK
Mr MA Fung-kwok
Mr LEUNG Che-cheung
Mr KWOK Wai-keung
Dr CHIANG Lai-wan
Mr Wilson OR
Mr CHEUNG Kwok-kwan
Mr Kenneth LAU

Abstain:

Mr Charles Peter MOK (Deputy Chairman)	Mr Alvin YEUNG
Mr Andrew WAN	Ms Tanya CHAN
Mr HUI Chi-fung	Mr KWONG Chun-yu
Mr Jeremy TAM	
(7 members)	

94. The Chairman declared that the motion was negated. The Subcommittee resumed discussion on the item PWSC(2016-17)37.

Motions proposed under paragraph 32A of the Public Works Subcommittee Procedure

95. The Chairman said that he had received a total of 107 motions proposed under paragraph 32A of the PWSC Procedure by Mr CHU Hoi-dick, Mr HUI Chi-fung, Dr KWOK Ka-ki, Mr Alvin YEUNG, Ms Tanya CHAN, Mr Jeremy TAM, Mr CHAN Chi-chuen, Mr Nathan LAW, Dr LAU Siu-lai, Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung, Dr Fernando CHEUNG, Mr KWONG Chun-yu and Mr SHIU Ka-chun separately.

96. The Chairman considered that some of the above motions were not directly related to the agenda item, i.e. PWSC(2016-17)37, and he would not put them to the Subcommittee for consideration of whether they should be proceeded forthwith. As for some motions the contents of which were centered around several common themes, he suggested that the members concerned might select representative ones from the motions or consolidate the motions into a fewer number. The members concerned accepted the Chairman's suggestion and agreed to select or consolidate their motions for resubmission.

97. At 4:27 pm, the Chairman said that the Subcommittee would now proceed to deal with the motions proposed to be moved by members.

Proposed motion numbered 001

98. The Chairman considered that proposed motion numbered [001](#) was directly related to the agenda item. He put to vote the question that the proposed motion be proceeded forthwith. At the request of Mr CHU Hoi-dick, the Chairman ordered a division and the division bell was rung for five minutes. The question was voted down by a majority of members.

Motions proposed under paragraph 40A of the Public Works Subcommittee Procedure

99. At 4:33 pm, Mr CHAN Hak-kan moved a motion that in the event of further divisions being claimed in respect of any motions or questions under this agenda item, the Subcommittee should proceed to each of such divisions immediately after the division bell had been rung for one minute.

100. The Chairman said that the Subcommittee would now proceed to deal with the motion proposed by Mr CHAN Hak-kan. Each member could speak once on the motion, and the speaking time should not be more than three minutes.

101. Ms Starry LEE, Dr Junius HO and Mr KWOK Wai-keung spoke in support of the motion proposed by Mr CHAN Hak-kan.

102. Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung, Dr LAU Siu-lai, Dr Fernando CHEUNG, Ms Claudia MO, Mr CHAN Chi-chuen, Mr CHU Hoi-dick, Mr SHIU Ka-chun, Dr YIU Chung-yim, Mr Nathan LAW, Mr Jeremy TAM, Ms Tanya CHAN, Mr HUI Chi-fung and Mr KWONG Chun-yu spoke against the motion proposed by Mr CHAN Hak-kan.

103. Mr Jeremy TAM considered that there would not be sufficient time for members to understand the contents of the proposed motions if the ringing time of the division bell was reduced to one minute. Mr CHAN Hak-kan was of the view that Mr TAM would invariably vote in favour of every question regarding the immediate handling of a proposed motion in order to delay the scrutiny progress by filibustering.

104. Citing Rule 41(5) of RoP, Mr Jeremy TAM commented that Mr CHAN Hak-kan should not make conjectures about his motives when speaking. He asked the Chairman to make a ruling. Mr CHAN Hak-kan said that he was willing to retract his remarks if Mr TAM shared the view that it was improper to delay the scrutiny progress by filibustering.

105. The Chairman put the motion moved by Mr CHAN Hak-kan to vote. At the request of members, the Chairman ordered a division and the division bell was rung for five minutes. Twenty-two members voted for, 15 members voted against the motion and no one abstained. The votes of individual members were as follows:

For:

Mr Abraham SHEK
Ms Starry LEE
Dr Priscilla LEUNG
Mr Steven HO
Mr YIU Si-wing
Mr CHAN Han-pan
Ms Alice MAK
Dr Elizabeth QUAT
Dr Junius HO
Mr Wilson OR
Mr CHEUNG Kwok-kwan
(22 members)

Mr WONG Ting-kwong
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Mr WONG Kwok-kin
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Against:

Mr Charles Peter MOK (Deputy Chairman)
Ms Claudia MO
Dr Fernando CHEUNG
Mr CHU Hoi-dick
Ms Tanya CHAN
Mr KWONG Chun-yu
Mr Nathan LAW
Dr LAU Siu-lai
(15 members)

Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung
Mr CHAN Chi-chuen
Mr Andrew WAN
Mr SHIU Ka-chun
Mr HUI Chi-fung
Mr Jeremy TAM
Dr YIU Chung-yim

Abstain:

(0 member)

106. The Chairman declared that the motion moved by Mr CHAN Hak-kan was carried.

Proposed motions numbered [002](#), [004](#), [005](#), [008](#), [009](#), [013](#), [015](#), [016](#), [020](#), [021](#), [027](#), [030](#), [034](#), [044 to 048](#), [050](#), [051 to 053](#), [055](#) and [056](#)

107. The Chairman commented that the above proposed motions were directly related to the agenda item. The Chairman put to vote the question that the motion be proceeded forthwith for each of the above proposed motions one after the other. At the request of members, the Chairman ordered a division and the division bell was rung for one minute. All the 24 questions were voted down by a majority of members.

108. While members were considering whether proposed motion numbered 047 should be proceeded forthwith, Mr Abraham SHEK declared that he was a member of the Hong Kong Golf Club.

109. At 6:00 pm, the Chairman said that due to time constraint, the Subcommittee would decide whether to proceed with the remainder of the proposed motions at the next meeting.

[During the meeting, some observers spoke loudly in the public gallery and an applause was heard. The Chairman repeatedly reminded observers that they must behave themselves, and must not shout or applaud. At 4:24 pm, the Chairman gave a final warning to the observers who spoke loudly and asked them to keep quiet.]

110. The meeting ended at 6:00 pm.

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