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Panel on Constitutional Affairs

Minutes of meeting
held on Thursday, 12 October 2017, at 12:45 pm
in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex

Members present : Hon Martin LIAO Cheung-kong, SBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding (Deputy Chairman)
Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, GBS, JP
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, GBS, JP
Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, SBS, JP
Hon CHAN Hak-kan, BBS, JP
Hon CHAN Kin-por, GBS, JP
Hon WONG Kwok-kin, SBS, JP
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-ye, GBS, JP
Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP
Hon Claudia MO
Hon Steven HO Chun-yin, BBS
Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP
Hon Charles Peter MOK, JP
Hon CHAN Chi-chuen
Hon CHAN Han-pan, JP
Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, BBS, JP
Hon Dennis KWOK Wing-hang
Hon Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung, SBS, JP
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung
Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan
Hon IP Kin-yuen
Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, JP
Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, SBS, MH, JP
Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan
Hon Alvin YEUNG
Hon Jimmy NG Wing-ka, JP
Hon HO Kai-ming
Hon LAM Cheuk-ting
Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing, MH

Hon CHAN Chun-ying
Hon Tanya CHAN
Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan, JP
Hon LUK Chung-hung
Hon LAU Kwok-fan, MH
Hon Kenneth LAU Ip-keung, BBS, MH, JP
Dr Hon CHENG Chung-tai
Hon KWONG Chun-yu

Members absent : Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, GBS, JP
Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP
Hon CHU Hoi-dick
Hon HUI Chi-fung

Clerk in attendance : Ms Joanne MAK
Chief Council Secretary (2) 3

Staff in attendance : Miss Flora TAI
Assistant Secretary General 2

Mr Dennis HO
Senior Council Secretary (2) 3

Mr Richard WONG
Senior Council Secretary (2) 6

Mr Roger CHUNG
Council Secretary (2) 4

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I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

Election of Chairman

The Chairman called for nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel on Constitutional Affairs ("the CA Panel") for the 2017-2018 session. Mr Martin LIAO was nominated by Mr WONG Kwok-kin and the nomination was seconded by Mr CHAN Hak-kan. Mr Martin LIAO accepted the nomination.

2. As the Chairman was nominated, the Deputy Chairman took over from the Chairman to preside over the election. He invited other nominations for

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the chairmanship. As there was no other nomination, the Deputy Chairman declared Mr Martin LIAO elected as the Chairman of the CA Panel for the 2017-2018 session. Mr Martin LIAO then took the chair.

Election of Deputy Chairman

3. The Chairman called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship of the CA Panel for the 2017-2018 session. Mr Holden CHOW was nominated by Mr CHAN Hak-kan and the nomination was seconded by Ms Starry LEE. Mr Holden CHOW accepted the nomination.

4. Dr Helena WONG was nominated by Ms Tanya CHAN and the nomination was seconded by Mr LAM Cheuk-ting. Dr Helena WONG accepted the nomination. The Chairman invited other nominations for the deputy chairmanship. No further nominations were made.

5. The Chairman announced a vote by secret ballot. The result of the vote was that 25 members voted for Mr Holden CHOW and 11 members voted for Dr Helena WONG. The Chairman declared Mr Holden CHOW elected as the Deputy Chairman of the CA Panel for the 2017-2018 session.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2017-2018 session

6. Members agreed that the CA Panel would continue to hold its regular meetings on the third Monday of each month from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm, except the meetings in February, April and June 2018. Members agreed to adopt the proposed meeting schedule which was tabled at the meeting.

III. Items for discussion at the next meeting

[Appendices II and III to LC Paper No. CB(2)10/17-18]

7. Members agreed to discuss the following items proposed by the Administration at the next regular meeting on 16 October 2017 at 2:30 pm:

- (a) briefing on the Chief Executive's 2017 Policy Address; and
- (b) 2018 voter registration campaign.

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Issues raised by members

Computer theft incident of the Registration and Electoral Office ("REO")

8. Regarding the computer theft incident of REO during the Chief Executive election in March 2017, Mr Charles MOK proposed to discuss the implementation progress of the recommendations made by the Task Force concerned and those by the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data, as well as the outcome of the internal investigation conducted by REO. Members agreed to include the subject on the list of outstanding items for discussion.

Clerk

Political reform

9. Dr Helena WONG suggested that the CA Panel should revisit the issue of political reform.

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women ("CEDAW")

10. Dr Helena WONG suggested that the Panel should enquire with the Administration on the deadline for submission of the next report of the Hong Kong Special Administration Region ("HKSAR") under CEDAW and convene a meeting to discuss the work of the Women's Commission ("WoC"). She further suggested that deputations should be invited to give views on WoC's work. At the invitation of the Chairman, the Clerk clarified that while the implementation of CEDAW in HKSAR fell under the purview of the CA Panel, women welfare fell under the purview of the Panel on Welfare Services ("WSP"). WoC was only relevant to CA Panel as far as matters relating to the implementation of CEDAW were concerned. Dr Helena WONG then suggested that a joint meeting might be convened with WSP to discuss CEDAW with WoC and the Equal Opportunities Commission ("EOC") as the two bodies were involved in the implementation of CEDAW. The Chairman replied that he would discuss the proposal with the Chairman of WSP.

11. Dr Helena WONG further proposed that the CA Panel should conduct a duty visit with WSP to Sweden to study issues relating to gender mainstreaming and equality, promotion of women's well-being and interests (such as enhancing women's participation in politics), as well as other welfare issues relating to support for carers (including strengthening day child care and elderly care services). Dr WONG added that she would submit her proposal in writing.

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Anti-discrimination and Discrimination Law Review ("DLR")

12. Mr IP Kin-yuen suggested that the CA Panel should follow up on DLR conducted by EOC. Mr CHAN Chi-chuen said that as mentioned in the Policy Agenda, the Administration would seek to submit the legislative amendment proposals for implementing nine prioritized recommendations under DLR in the form of a composite bill to the Legislative Council in the 2017-2018 session. He requested that the Administration should collect views from the CA Panel before it commenced drafting the bill, and that a public hearing should be held by the Panel.

13. Mrs Regina IP said that Hong Kong had been shortlisted as one of the final three locations contesting to host the 2022 Gay Games. She considered that the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau ("CMAB") should render great support for Hong Kong's bid to host the event which, in her view, would be a major event in promoting equal rights and she would like to be briefed on CMAB's plan in this regard.

Work of the HKSAR Government's Offices in the Mainland

14. Dr Helena WONG suggested that the CA Panel should discuss the work of the HKSAR Government's five offices and their 11 liaison units in the Mainland, particularly their work in assisting students' exchanges with the Mainland.

IV. Any other business

15. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 1:13 pm.