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Finance Committee of the Legislative Council

Minutes of the 22nd meeting
held at Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex
on Friday, 17 May 2019, at 4:40 pm

Members present:

Hon CHAN Kin-por, GBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon CHAN Chun-ying, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, GBS, JP
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, GBS, JP
Prof Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long, SBS, JP
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
Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP
Hon WONG Kwok-kin, SBS, JP
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee, GBS, JP
Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP
Hon Claudia MO
Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP
Hon Steven HO Chun-yin, BBS
Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP
Hon WU Chi-wai, MH
Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS
Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP
Hon Charles Peter MOK, JP

Hon CHAN Chi-chuen
Hon CHAN Han-pan, BBS, JP
Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, SBS, MH, JP
Hon Kenneth LEUNG
Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, BBS, JP
Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki
Hon KWOK Wai-keung, JP
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 Elizabeth QUAT, BBS, JP
Hon Martin LIAO Cheung-kong, SBS, JP
Hon POON Siu-ping, BBS, MH
Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, SBS, JP
Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, SBS, MH, JP
Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan
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 Holden CHOW Ho-ding
Hon SHIU Ka-fai
Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing, MH
Hon YUNG Hoi-yan
Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan, JP
Hon LUK Chung-hung, JP
Hon LAU Kwok-fan, MH
Hon Kenneth LAU Ip-keung, BBS, MH, JP
Dr Hon CHENG Chung-tai
Hon KWONG Chun-yu
Hon Jeremy TAM Man-ho
Hon Gary FAN Kwok-wai
Hon AU Nok-hin
Hon Vincent CHENG Wing-shun, MH
Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen, BBS
Hon CHAN Hoi-yan

Members absent:

Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon Dennis KWOK Wing-hang
Hon LAM Cheuk-ting
Hon SHIU Ka-chun
Dr Hon Pierre CHAN
Hon Tanya CHAN
Hon HUI Chi-fung

Public officers attending:

Ms Alice LAU Yim, JP	Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury)
Ms Kinnie WONG	Acting Deputy Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury) 1
Mr Mike CHENG Wai-man	Principal Executive Officer (General), Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau (The Treasury Branch)
Miss Hinny LAM Shuk-yee	Deputy Secretary for Security (3)
Miss Winnie CHUI Hiu-lo	Principal Assistant Secretary for Security (C)
Mr AU Ka-wang	Acting Director of Immigration
Mr Gavin HO Ka-wing	Assistant Director of Immigration (Management and Support)
Mr Ken TSE Shing-ngai	Assistant Principal Immigration Officer (Planning), Immigration Department
Mrs Sylvia LAM YU Ka-wai, JP	Director of Architectural Services
Mr Frank WONG Tak-choi, JP	Project Director (1), Architectural Services Department
Ms Florence CHAN Kwan-fong	Senior Project Manager 127, Architectural Services Department
Dr CHOI Yuk-lin, JP	Under Secretary for Education
Mrs Elina CHAN NG Ting-ting	Principal Assistant Secretary for Education (Infrastructure and Research Support)
Ms Winnie HO Wing-yin, JP	Deputy Director of Architectural Services
Ms Maria TSANG Pui-shan	Chief Project Manager 102, Architectural Services Department

Mr Vitus NG

Assistant Director of Water Supplies
(Urban)

Clerk in attendance:

Ms Anita SIT

Assistant Secretary General 1

Staff in attendance:

Miss Bowie LAM

Council Secretary (1)1

Miss Queenie LAM

Senior Legislative Assistant (1)2

Mr Frankie WOO

Senior Legislative Assistant (1)3

Miss Yannes HO

Legislative Assistant (1)7

Action

The Chairman reminded members of the requirements under Rule 83A and Rule 84 of the Rules of Procedure.

Rearranging the order of agenda items

2. The Chairman drew members' attention to the letter dated 17 May 2019 from Dr Pierre CHAN tabled at the meeting proposing that item 16 (FCR(2019-20)18) be dealt with first before proceeding to other agenda items, as no member had requested that the recommendation under item 16 be put to vote separately at the Finance Committee ("FC") meeting. On the Chairman's enquiry, no member indicated opposition to Dr CHAN's proposal. The Chairman directed that FC would deal with item 16 first.

Item 16 —FCR(2019-20)18

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT
SUBCOMMITTEE MADE ON 30 APRIL 2019**

EC(2018-19)34

HEAD 37 —DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

**HEAD 140 —GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT: FOOD AND
HEALTH BUREAU (HEALTH BRANCH)**

Subhead 000— Operational expenses

3. The Chairman advised that the item sought FC's approval for the recommendation made by the Establishment Subcommittee at its meeting held on 30 April 2019 regarding EC(2018-19)34 for the establishment changes arising from the re-organization of the Department of Health ("DH") to take forward new statutes being introduced to step up protection of public health, as well as new initiatives and expanded services relating to Chinese medicine, disease prevention and health promotion, and strategic information technology development in DH.

Voting on FCR(2019-20)18

4. At 4:42 pm, the Chairman put item FCR(2019-20)18 to vote. At the request of members, the Chairman ordered a division. The Chairman declared that 55 members voted in favour of and no member voted against the item. The votes of individual members were as follows:

For:

Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung
Mr Tommy CHEUNG
Mr Jeffrey LAM
Mr CHAN Hak-kan
Mr WONG Kwok-kin
Mr Paul TSE
Mr Michael TIEN
Mr YIU Si-wing
Mr Charles Peter MOK
Mr CHAN Han-pan
Ms Alice MAK
Mr KWOK Wai-keung
Dr Fernando CHEUNG
Mr IP Kin-yuen
Mr POON Siu-ping
Mr Dr LO Wai-kwok
Mr Alvin YEUNG
Mr CHU Hoi-dick
Dr Junius HO
Mr Holden CHOW
Mr Wilson OR
Mr CHAN Chun-ying
Mr LUK Chung-hung
Mr Kenneth LAU
Mr KWONG Chun-yu
Mr Gary FAN
Mr Vincent CHENG

Mr Abraham SHEK
Prof Joseph LEE
Ms Starry LEE
Dr Priscilla LEUNG
Mrs Regina IP
Ms Claudia MO
Mr Frankie YICK
Mr MA Fung-kwok
Mr CHAN Chi-chuen
Mr LEUNG Che-cheung
Dr KWOK Ka-ki
Mr Christopher CHEUNG
Dr Helena WONG
Dr Elizabeth QUAT
Dr CHIANG Lai-wan
Mr CHUNG Kwok-pan
Mr Andrew WAN
Mr Jimmy NG
Mr HO Kai-ming
Mr SHIU Ka-fai
Ms YUNG Hoi-yan
Mr CHEUNG Kwok-kwan
Mr LAU Kwok-fan
Dr CHENG Chung-tai
Mr Jeremy TAM
Mr AU Nok-hin
Mr Tony TSE

Ms CHAN Hoi-yan
(55 members)

5. The Chairman declared that the item was approved.

Item 1 — FCR(2018-19)93

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS
SUBCOMMITTEE MADE ON 20 FEBRUARY 2019**

PWSC(2018-19)39

HEAD 703

— BUILDINGS

Government Offices

— Intra-governmental services

130KA

**— Immigration Headquarters in Tseung
Kwan O**

Continuation of the discussion on FCR(2018-19)93

6. FC continued with the discussion on item FCR(2018-19)93.
7. The Chairman advised that the item sought FC's approval for the recommendation made by Public Works Subcommittee ("PWSC") at its meeting on 20 February 2019 regarding PWSC(2018-19)39 for the upgrading of 130KA—Immigration Headquarters in Tseung Kwan O to Category A at an estimated cost of \$6,806 million in money-of-the-day prices for the construction of the Immigration Headquarters ("HQ") in Area 67, Tseung Kwan O. PWSC had spent about 3 hours 20 minutes on scrutinizing the above proposal. FC had also spent 38 minutes on discussion of the above proposal.
8. The Chairman declared that he was an independent non-executive director of The Bank of East Asia and a senior advisor of Well Link Insurance Group Holdings Limited.

Services and facilities provided at the proposed Immigration Headquarters

Engaging social enterprises for ancillary services

9. For the ancillary services which might be provided at the proposed HQ such as kiosks and catering services, Dr Fernando CHEUNG suggested that the Administration should follow its policy on promoting the development of social enterprises and impose relevant restrictions in the tendering procedures, such as allowing only social enterprises to bid the

provision of services, or requiring the successful tenderer to employ a certain percentage of the underprivileged. Acting Director of Immigration ("D of Imm (Atg)") responded that the Administration would, in accordance with the Government's tendering procedures, invite and engage services contractors (including social enterprises operated by non-profit-making organizations) to provide the ancillary services required at the proposed HQ in due course.

Car parking spaces

10. Mr Gary FAN declared that he was a member of Sai Kung District Council and a resident of Tseung Kwan O. Mr KWONG Chun-yu, Dr Elizabeth QUAT, Ms YUNG Hoi-yan, Ms Claudia MO and Mr FAN were concerned that car parking spaces at the proposed HQ were insufficient. Mr KWONG expressed concern that car parking spaces at the proposed HQ could not meet the demand for departmental use as well as the needs of members of the public who sought immigration-related services at the proposed HQ. Ms YUNG asked whether the car parking spaces would be open to the public, and asked about the details of the car parking spaces.

11. In response, D of Imm (Atg) said that:

- (a) there would be 100 car parking spaces and 5 motorcycle parking spaces at the proposed HQ ;
- (b) compared with the original proposal of 70 car parking spaces, additional car parking spaces would be provided by installing double decker parking systems. As such, the Administration believed that the number of car parking spaces provided at the proposed HQ could meet the demand for departmental use;
- (c) the car parking spaces at the proposed HQ would not be open to the public due to operation and security reasons; and
- (d) members of the public would be encouraged to take public transport to the proposed HQ which was within five to 10 minutes walking distance from Tseung Kwan O or Tiu Keng Leng MTR stations and accessible by several bus routes.

12. Mr Holden CHOW expressed support for the proposed project. He asked whether the number of car parking spaces at the proposed HQ could be increased in the future after the car park was open.

13. In response, Director of Architectural Services ("D of ArchS") said that:

- (a) the proposed number of car parking spaces had already been increased from 70 to 100 and there was little room to further increase the number of car parking spaces. The height constraints of the building also made it difficult to further increase the number of car parking spaces; and
- (b) it was not practicable to add car parking spaces in other areas of the project site e.g. ground floor within the proposed HQ.

14. Mr Jeremy TAM asked whether adding an extra one level to the basement for providing additional car parking spaces would be feasible. He also queried that the Administration did not adopt the Government's policy of "single site, multiple uses" in the development of the proposed HQ. Mr Gary FAN expressed similar views.

15. Mr WU Chi-wai enquired whether the design of the proposed HQ was provided with spare capacity to cater for future expansion needs. He further asked about the increase in cost if the extent of basement excavation was increased.

16. In response, D of ArchS said that:

- (a) the plot ratio of the proposed HQ had already been fully utilized. Besides, a number of conditions such as requirement on natural ventilation had to be fulfilled under the approval conditions imposed by the Town Planning Board. Members of the Sai Kung District Council also expressed concern about the ventilation impact of the proposed HQ. As such, it was not feasible to increase the floor area/level and add additional facilities in the proposed HQ;
- (b) when planning the car parking spaces at the proposed HQ, it was considered that no public car parking spaces would be provided due to operation and security reasons;

- (c) the Administration would provide about 200 additional car parking spaces in the adjacent Joint-user Government Office Building; and
- (d) the Administration would adopt the Government's policy of "single site, multiple uses" if circumstances permitted.

Indoor fire range

17. Mr KWONG Chun-yu, Dr Fernando CHEUNG and Mr AU Nok-hin queried the necessity of providing an indoor fire range at the proposed HQ. Dr CHEUNG and Mr AU pointed out that the number of immigration staff required to receive firearms and ammunition training or to station at the Castle Peak Bay Immigration Centre ("CIC") was limited.

18. In response, D of Imm (Atg) said that:

- (a) the provision of the indoor fire range at the proposed HQ was necessary so as to enhance the training efficiency and strengthen the Immigration Department's ("ImmD") capabilities in handling emergency situations in detention facilities;
- (b) there were currently about 170 posts under CIC's establishment;
- (c) before deployment to the CIC, it was necessary for Immigration Service staff responsible for CIC's operation to receive relevant training including management of the detention centre, tactical and anti-riot training and use of anti-riot equipment, thereby ensuring the effective discharge of relevant duties; and
- (d) currently, frontline officers were required to receive firearms and ammunition training with assistance of other disciplinary forces.

Toilets

19. Dr KWOK Ka-ki asked whether toilets on the ground floor of the proposed HQ would be open to the public. D of ArchS replied that there would be toilets for the public including those on the ground floor, and the design of which would comply with the relevant statutory requirements.

Catering facilities

20. Dr Elizabeth QUAT expressed support for the proposed project. She asked whether the capacity of the canteen at the proposed HQ could meet the demand of civil servants working there. D of Imm (Atg) responded that a floor area of about 1 100 sq m was earmarked for accommodating catering facilities which could provide about 750 seats. It was estimated that about 3 000 immigration staff would work at the proposed HQ. In view of their working hours, mealtimes, scope of work and shift duties, the Administration believed that the catering facilities provided at the proposed HQ could meet their demand.

Provision of a child care centre

21. Dr Elizabeth QUAT and Ms YUNG Hoi-yan asked whether a child care centre would be provided at the proposed HQ, and if so, whether it would be open to the public and its location. Dr Fernando CHEUNG suggested that the Administration should replace the proposed indoor fire range with a child care centre, thereby meeting the Government's policy of "single site, multiple uses". D of ArchS clarified that no child care centre was planned in the proposed HQ. Deputy Secretary for Security (3) ("DS(S)3") and D of Imm (Atg) supplemented that while the proposed HQ would be reserved entirely for providing immigration-related services, there was plan for the provision of a child care centre at the adjacent site reserved for constructing a Joint-user Government Office Building .

Self-service facilities

22. Mr YIU Si-wing expressed support for the proposed project. He noted that smart elements (such as the provision of a self-service station with diversified services) would be introduced into the proposed HQ. As such, less manpower and office space should be required. He asked about the main cause of the increasing requirement for office space at the proposed HQ.

23. In response, D of Imm (Atg) said that:

- (a) the daily average number of visitors to the existing HQ and relevant offices and facilities was about 6 500;
- (b) while members of the public might need to visit the proposed HQ in person for certain immigration-related services, such as collecting their travel documents, the provision of a self-service station could alleviate the pressure

from the increasing service demand;

- (c) the existing HQ did not have adequate space to cope with the growing operational needs of ImmD; and
- (d) some ImmD's offices and facilities in various districts and leased premises, including those in Kowloon Bay and the Ma Tau Kok Road Government Offices, could be integrated into the proposed HQ to help increase ImmD's command and operational efficiency.

24. Mr CHAN Chi-chuen asked about the types of services provided by the self-service facilities, and whether the self-service station would be made available for use by the public on a 24-hour basis. D of Imm (Atg) replied that the self-service facilities would provide diversified services for the public to submit applications and collect documents or visas. The Administration would aim at extending the service hours of the self-service facilities to 24 hours.

Immigration-related services

25. Mr Holden CHOW asked whether branch offices in ImmD providing immigration-related services would be relocated to the proposed HQ in one-go or in phases.

26. In response, D of Imm (Atg) said that the Administration would ensure that public services would not be affected because of the relocation of offices and facilities to the proposed HQ. The various offices that provided immigration-related services for the public including Registration of Persons Office, Travel Documents and Nationality (Application) Section, Travel Documents (Issue) Section, Right of Abode Section, Assistance to Hong Kong Residents Unit and Information and Liaison Section, etc. would be accommodated in the proposed HQ. The offices and facilities of ImmD currently accommodated in leased premises in Kowloon Bay and the Ma Tau Kok Road Government Offices would also be integrated into the proposed HQ.

Detention cells

27. Mr Jeremy TAM asked whether detention cells would be situated at the proposed HQ. D of Imm (Atg) replied that offices and facilities of ImmD currently accommodated in the Ma Tau Kok Road Government Offices, including detention cells, would be integrated into the proposed HQ.

Construction cost and recurrent expenditure

28. Mr KWONG Chun-yu and Dr KWOK Ka-ki considered that the construction cost of the proposed HQ was on the high side, and asked whether the construction cost could be lowered.

29. In response, D of ArchS said that:

- (a) the construction cost of the proposed HQ was lower than some of the headquarters of other disciplined services and government office buildings as quoted in paragraph 2 of the enclosure in LC Paper No. PWSC160/18-19(01);
- (b) compared with the Customs Headquarters Building (paragraph 2 of the enclosure in LC Paper No. PWSC160/18-19(01)) which was completed in the third quarter of 2010, the proposed HQ had to comply with the most updated statutory requirements e.g. those for the barrier-free access facilities and fire safety, which had become more stringent. This contributed to the comparatively higher construction cost for the proposed HQ; and
- (c) the project estimate had reflected the current market prices, as it was prepared based on the returned tender price received through the parallel tendering approach adopted for this project.

30. Mr Alvin YEUNG asked about the breakdown of the annual recurrent expenditure of \$177.6 million arising from the proposed project, and the comparison between the annual recurrent expenditure of the proposed project and those of the headquarters of other disciplined services such as Hong Kong Police Force and Customs and Excise Department.

31. In response, D of ArchS said that the annual recurrent expenditure included, among others, the maintenance cost of about \$96 million for electrical and mechanical facilities as well as other facilities such as toilets, and the electricity charge of about \$20 million.

32. DS(S)3 supplemented that the property management fee for the proposed HQ would cost about \$55 million. Together with other expenditure mentioned and staff cost for property management, the annual recurrent expenditure arising from the proposed project would be around

\$177.6 million. However, the Administration did not have information on the annual recurrent expenditure of the headquarters of other disciplined services.

33. Referring to the capital cost (i.e. \$6,806 million) of the proposed project, Mr WU Chi-wai noted that \$3,423.2 million was attributed to building works and \$1,816.7 million to building services works. The ratio of the cost of building works to the cost of building services works was about two to one. He asked whether the aforesaid ratio was applicable to other construction works. D of ArchS replied that the aforesaid ratio was comparable to other office projects of similar nature. She supplemented that the ratio of the cost of building services works to that of building works would be higher for some buildings such as hospitals due to the special requirements on electrical and mechanical facilities; while for residential quarters, the ratio would be lower.

34. Regarding LC Paper No. FC182/18-19(01), Mr Gary FAN enquired about the increase in cost of the curtain walls after the design of the building facades had been enhanced (i.e. reducing the area of glass panels). D of ArchS replied that the cost might be slightly increased and could be absorbed by the contingencies. The cost would not be substantially different as the total façade area would approximately be the same.

Glass curtain walls

35. Mr KWONG Chun-yu and Dr KWOK Ka-ki queried whether the adoption of glass curtain wall design was the main cause of the expensive cost of the proposed project. Dr KWOK expressed concern on the adverse environmental impact caused by glass curtain walls, as they might absorb heat and thus led to greater use of air-conditioning and hence higher electricity consumption. Mr WU Chi-wai asked whether glass curtain walls could be replaced by other materials.

36. In response, D of ArchS said that:

- (a) taking into account members' views, the design of the building facades was enhanced by adopting cladding panel design in suitable areas to reduce the area of glass panels; and
- (b) the Administration would give careful and holistic considerations on various factors when using glass panels in the curtain wall system, e.g. including provision of sufficient natural lighting to the users inside the building.

37. Ms Claudia MO asked whether the glass curtain walls were made of tinted glass or toughened glass, and asked about the reflectance of the glass curtain walls. D of ArchS replied that the guidelines issued by the Buildings Department stipulated that the glass used in the curtain wall system of buildings should have an external reflectance of not more than 20%. The external reflectance of the glass used in the curtain walls of the proposed HQ would be about 19%.

Project timeline

The proposed Immigration Headquarters

38. Mr YIU Si-wing asked whether the construction of the proposed HQ could be completed in 2023 if the proposed project was approved by FC in the second quarter of 2019 as stated in paragraph 5 of PWSC(2018-19)39. D of Imm (Atg) replied in the affirmative. D of ArchS supplemented that since parallel tendering was adopted, the Administration was now evaluating the tenders received and would aim to complete the tendering process soon. As such, the Administration was confident that the aforesaid project timeline could be met if the proposed project was approved within the current Legislative Council session.

The proposed adjacent Joint-user Government Office Building

39. Mr Gary FAN asked about the project timeline of the proposed Joint-user Government Office Building adjacent to the proposed HQ. Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury) replied that the construction of the adjacent proposed Joint-user Government Office Building was expected to be completed in early 2025.

Accessibility of the proposed Immigration Headquarters

Public transport

40. Mr Alvin YEUNG stated that there would be about 3 000 staff working at the proposed HQ, while the daily average number of visitors to the proposed HQ would be about 6 500. He was concerned whether the carrying capacity of the MTR Tseung Kwan O Line would be sufficient to meet the anticipated passenger demand. D of Imm (Atg) responded that the traffic load of Tseung Kwan O would not be aggravated as residents living in Tseung Kwan O and staff working at and visitors visiting the proposed HQ would travel in opposite directions.

Connectivity with the surrounding areas

41. Mr Jeremy TAM asked whether the proposed HQ would be accessible at grade or should be reached via the bridge linked with the proposed adjacent Joint-user Government Office Building. D of ArchS replied that suitable pedestrian and vehicular access would be provided at grade. Also, connecting access would be provided between the proposed HQ and the proposed Joint-user Government Office Building at podium level.

42. Mr AU Nok-hin sought details of the "Government, Institution or Community" ("GIC") sites adjacent to the project site of the proposed HQ. D of ArchS replied that the GIC site located at the junction of Po Yap Road and Tong Yin Street was reserved for cultural facilities while the GIC site enclosed by Tong Yin Street and Chi Shin Street was reserved for the development of a school. Mr Gary FAN pointed out that the GIC site at the junction of Po Yap Road and Tong Yin Street was reserved for a civic centre but not a cultural centre and another GIC site was reserved for the second police station in Tseung Kwan O or law courts.

43. Mr AU Nok-hin asked whether the pedestrian ingress/egress of the proposed HQ would be made available for use by the public on a 24-hour basis. D of ArchS replied that the actual arrangement would be confirmed in the detailed design of the proposed HQ in consultation with ImmD.

Covered link bridge

44. Regarding the covered link bridge connecting Tower 1 and Tower 2 of the proposed HQ, Mr CHAN Chi-chuen sought explanation for constructing the link bridge, the construction cost of the bridge and whether the construction of the bridge was in line with the "value-for-money" principle.

45. In response, D of ArchS said that:

- (a) in order to fulfil the approval condition regarding natural ventilation imposed by the Town Planning Board, the Administration adopted a twin-tower building design instead of a single block building for the proposed HQ; and
- (b) constructing the link bridge at the ninth floor, the level accommodating most of the departmental communal facilities, could provide convenient access for staff.

The new Broadcasting House for Radio Television Hong Kong

46. Ms Claudia MO asked whether the new Broadcasting House for Radio Television Hong Kong would be accommodated in the proposed Joint-user Government Office Building adjacent to the proposed HQ. D of ArchS replied in the negative.

Arrangement of scrutiny of this item

47. At 6:09 pm, the Chairman advised that FC had spent more than two hours and PWSC had also spent more than three hours on this item. He considered that the item had been thoroughly discussed. The Chairman said that he would end the discussion and put the item to vote after all members currently on the wait-to-speak list had spoken.

Motions proposed by members under paragraph 37A of the Finance Committee Procedure

48. At 6:14 pm, FC started to vote on whether the motions proposed by members under paragraph 37A of the Finance Committee Procedure ("FCP 37A motions") should be proceeded with forthwith. The Chairman put to vote the questions, one by one, that these FCP37A motions should be proceeded with forthwith. At the request of members, the Chairman ordered a division. The Chairman announced that FC decided against proceeding with the first FCP 37A motion. Mr CHAN Hak-kan then moved a motion under paragraph 47 of the Finance Committee Procedure that in the event of further divisions being claimed in respect of any motions or questions under the same agenda item, FC should proceed to each of such divisions immediately after the division bell had been rung for one minute. The Chairman put Mr CHAN's motion to vote. The Chairman declared that the majority of the members present and voting were in favour of the motion. The motion was carried.

49. At the request of members, the Chairman ordered a division for each question on the proposed FCP 37A motions. The voting results were as follows:

Member proposing the motion	Serial number of motion	Motion be proceeded with forthwith
Mr Gary FAN	0001	No
Dr Fernando CHEUNG	0002	No
Mr AU Nok-hin	0003	No

Voting on FCR(2018-19)93

50. At 6:23 pm, the Chairman put item FCR(2018-19)93 to vote. At the request of members, the Chairman ordered a division. The Chairman declared that 37 members voted in favour of and 6 members voted against the item, and 3 members abstained from voting. The votes of individual members were as follows:

For:

Mr Tommy CHEUNG
Mr Jeffrey LAM
Mr CHAN Hak-kan
Mrs Regina IP
Mr Frankie YICK
Mr CHAN Han-pan
Ms Alice MAK
Mr Christopher CHEUNG
Mr IP Kin-yuen
Mr POON Siu-ping
Mr CHUNG Kwok-pan
Dr Junius HO
Mr Holden CHOW
Mr Wilson OR
Dr Pierre CHAN
Mr LUK Chung-hung
Mr Kenneth LAU
Mr Vincent CHENG
Ms CHAN Hoi-yan
(37 members)

Prof Joseph LEE
Mr WONG Ting-kwong
Mr WONG Kwok-kin
Mr Michael TIEN
Mr YIU Si-wing
Mr LEUNG Che-cheung
Mr KWOK Wai-keung
Dr Helena WONG
Dr Elizabeth QUAT
Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok
Mr Andrew WAN
Mr HO Kai-ming
Mr SHIU Ka-fai
Ms YUNG Hoi-yan
Mr CHAN Chun-ying
Mr LAU Kwok-fan
Mr KWONG Chun-yu
Mr Tony TSE

Against:

Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung
Mr CHAN Chi-chuen
Dr CHENG Chung-tai
(6 members)

Mr MA Fung-kwok
Dr Fernando CHEUNG
Mr Gary FAN

Abstain:

Mr Alvin YEUNG
Mr AU Nok-hin
(3 members)

Mr CHU Hoi-dick

51. The Chairman declared that the item was approved.

Item 2 — FCR(2019-20)2

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS
SUBCOMMITTEE MADE ON 13 FEBRUARY 2019**

PWSC(2018-19)38

HEAD 703

— BUILDINGS

Education

— Primary

358EP

**— A 30-classroom primary school at Shui
Chuen O, Sha Tin**

52. The Chairman advised that the item sought FC's approval for the recommendation made by PWSC at its meeting on 13 February 2019 regarding PWSC(2018-19)38 for the upgrading of 358EP—A 30-classroom primary school at Shui Chuen O, Sha Tin to Category A at an estimated cost of \$363.2 million in money-of-the-day prices. PWSC had spent about 1 hour 42 minutes on scrutinizing the above proposal. The Administration had also provided a number of information papers.

53. The Chairman declared that he was an independent non-executive director of The Bank of East Asia and a senior advisor of Well Link Insurance Group Holdings Limited.

Comparison between the proposed school and the two new primary schools
at Queen's Hill, Fanling

54. Mr AU Nok-hin pointed out that the recommendation made by PWSC regarding the proposal for two primary schools at Queen's Hill, Fanling was submitted to FC for scrutiny 35 days after the endorsement of PWSC, while the proposed project was submitted to FC for scrutiny 93 days after the endorsement of PWSC. Mr AU questioned about the long lead time for submission of the proposed project to FC, Under Secretary for Education ("US for Ed") replied that the Administration submitted the proposed projects to FC for scrutiny in accordance with the established procedure.

55. Mr AU Nok-hin enquired about the longer construction time needed for the proposed project (from the third quarter of 2019 to the first quarter of 2022) compared with the proposal for Queen's Hill (from the second quarter of 2019 to the third quarter of 2021). He also asked about the difficulties faced by the Administration in taking forward the proposed project. US for Ed replied that the two school premises at Queen's Hill were built concurrently, and the conditions of the construction site at

Queen's Hill and that of the proposed project were different. As such, the construction time of the two projects could not be compared directly.

Accessibility of the proposed school

Public transport

56. Mr AU Nok-hin pointed out that, at the PWSC meeting on 13 February 2019, the Administration said it would discuss with the Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited ("KMB") on providing direct bus services between Shui Chuen O and Mei Lam Estate, so as to facilitate students living in Shui Chuen O in commuting to and from the temporary school premises at Mei Lam Estate. He asked about the progress of the aforesaid discussion. Mr AU suggested that the Administration could collect information on the students' places of residence, so as to assess the demand for bus services when the proposed school commenced operation. US for Ed clarified that the aforesaid discussion with relevant public transport companies would be about the transport arrangements for students and teachers of the proposed school. Currently, there were two school bus routes providing school bus services to students living in Shui Chuen O to commute to Mei Lam Estate. Subject to the actual need of students, the Administration would continue to discuss with relevant public transport companies the provision of bus/minibus services between Shui Chuen O and Mei Lam Estate.

57. Mr IP Kin-yuen and Dr Fernando CHEUNG expressed grave concern that the proposed school was located at the hilltop. Mr IP considered that there was a need to ensure suitable and adequate commuting arrangements for teachers and students given the remote location of the proposed school. Dr CHEUNG asked whether any bus and green minibus services could be provided and asked about the bus and minibus frequencies.

58. In response, US for Ed said that the following suggestions were being considered:

- (a) extending existing green minibus routes and increasing their frequencies;
- (b) extending existing bus routes or introducing a special circular bus route travelling from Shui Chuen O Public Transport Interchange to the main entrance of the proposed school; and

- (c) enhancing school bus services.

59. Deputy Director of Architectural Services ("DD of ArchS") supplemented that:

- (a) the Administration had commissioned a consultant to conduct a survey to collect data about distribution of the students' places of residence, their travel patterns, etc. The questionnaires were distributed to students via the school; and
- (b) according to the survey, which saw a response rate of about 80%, the Administration estimated that the demand of students for minibus could be met by increasing 4 minibus trips during morning and afternoon peak hours. That said, as the actual demand after the school commenced operation might be different from the estimation, the Administration would keep abreast of the latest development of the traffic load.

60. Regarding the franchised buses with barrier-free access facilities travelling in Shui Chuen O Estate, Dr Fernando CHEUNG requested the Administration to provide details of those bus services (including the barrier-free access facilities installed, routes and frequencies, etc.). US for Ed undertook to provide written response. Mr AU Nok-hin called on the Administration to improve ancillary transport facilities for the proposed school.

[Post-meeting note: The supplementary information provided by the Administration was issued to members vide LC Paper No. FC223/18-19(01) on 5 August 2019.]

School bus services

61. Mr IP Kin-yuen was concerned that the School Sponsoring Body ("SSB") concerned might need to bear a substantial financial burden in order to provide school bus services. He was disappointed at the Administration's planning blunders and asked whether the Administration would provide financial assistance to the SSB concerned. US for Ed replied that if the school required financial assistance, it might apply to the Education Bureau for support. Currently, the Administration did not receive any such request from the school. She supplemented that it would be irresponsible for the Administration to offer any financial assistance at this stage when the demand for school bus services was uncertain.

Location of the proposed school premises, connecting roads and parking spaces

62. Ms YUNG Hoi-yan and Mr IP Kin-yuen expressed concern on the remote location of the proposed school premises. US for Ed replied that after discussing with the Architectural Services Department and the Housing Department, and taking into account the overall land use planning, the Administration considered that the proposed location was technically feasible for building the proposed school premises.

63. Ms YUNG Hoi-yan pointed out that the Pok Chuen Street connecting the proposed school and the community was narrow. She was concerned about the road safety problems arising from that and urged the Administration to widen the Pok Chuen Street. Mr IP Kin-yuen was worried that the road outside the proposed school premises was not wide enough to permit the passage of two lanes of traffic, making getting-about of students and teachers inconvenient.

64. In response, DD of ArchS said that:

- (a) having considered the views of the Transport Department, the Administration would further enhance road safety by implementing measures such as constructing an additional roundabout, installing railings along the pedestrian walkway to the proposed school to enhance pedestrian protection, and relocating a minibus stop near the main entrance of the proposed school premises, so that it would be more convenient for the students to get on and off the minibuses; and
- (b) the current temporary road leading to the proposed school premises would be widened so as to permit the passage of two lanes of traffic and provision of a pedestrian walkway for enhancement of road safety. The Water Supplies Department had agreed to set back their current allocation boundary to enable the aforesaid works.

65. Ms YUNG Hoi-yan asked whether there would be parking spaces for school buses, and if so, whether such parking spaces were sufficient.

66. In response, DD of ArchS said that according to the related planning standards, there would be 3 parking spaces for school buses,

8 parking spaces for private vehicles, and 15 pick-up and drop-off spaces for private vehicles and taxis.

Temporary school premises at Mei Lam Estate

67. Mr Tony TSE expressed support for the proposed project. He said the Administration should plan ahead the future uses of the temporary school premises at Mei Lam Estate after the school was relocated to the proposed school premises. Mr AU Nok-hin echoed Mr TSE's view and asked about the possible uses of the temporary school premises at Mei Lam Estate.

68. Mr IP Kin-yuen said that if the construction of the proposed school premises had tied in with the resident intake of Shui Chuen O Estate, there would have been no need to renovate the temporary school premises at Mei Lam Estate.

69. US for Ed noted members' views. She advised that the Administration would plan the future uses of the temporary school premises at Mei Lam Estate in accordance with the prevailing mechanism.

70. Mr IP Kin-yuen asked about the financial arrangement for the proposed school to procure furniture. He expressed the view that it was unfair for the SSB concerned to bear such cost. Given that the planning blunder of the Government had caused extra financial burden on the SSB concerned, he called on the Administration to render assistance to it.

71. In response, US for Ed said that:

- (a) under the prevailing mechanism, the Administration was responsible for the furniture and equipment ("F&E") cost for reprovisioning/redevelopment projects for existing schools, while that for a newly set up school was borne by the SSB concerned. For the proposed school, its SSB knew in advance that they had to bear the F&E cost (i.e. \$2.3 million);
- (b) the furniture currently used in the temporary school premises could be moved to and reused in the proposed school premises; and
- (c) the Administration was willing to support students in dealing with the difficulties that might arise in the new school environment, as well as provide assistance to the SSB

concerned in relocating the school premises.

Voting on FCR(2019-20)2

72. At 7:00 pm, the Chairman put item FCR(2019-20)2 to vote. The Chairman declared that the majority of the members present and voting were in favour of the item. The item was approved.

73. The meeting ended at 7:00 pm.

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