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Panel on Environmental Affairs

Minutes of meeting
held on Thursday, 17 October 2019, at 5:30 pm
in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex

Members present : Dr Hon Junius HO Kwan-yiu, JP (Chairman)
Hon Steven HO Chun-yin, BBS (Deputy Chairman)
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, GBS, 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
Hon CHAN Kin-por, GBS, JP
Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP
Hon WONG Kwok-kin, SBS, JP
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-ye, GBS, JP
Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP
Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP
Hon WU Chi-wai, MH
Hon CHAN Chi-chuen
Hon CHAN Han-pan, BBS, JP
Hon Kenneth LEUNG
Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, BBS, JP
Hon KWOK Wai-keung, JP
Hon Elizabeth QUAT, BBS, JP
Hon Martin LIAO Cheung-kong, GBS, JP
Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, SBS, MH, JP
Hon Jimmy NG Wing-ka, BBS, JP
Hon SHIU Ka-fai, JP
Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing, MH

Hon YUNG Hoi-yan, JP
Hon Tanya CHAN
Hon HUI Chi-fung
Hon LAU Kwok-fan, MH
Hon Kenneth LAU Ip-keung, BBS, MH, JP
Hon Vincent CHENG Wing-shun, MH, JP
Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen, BBS
Hon CHAN Hoi-yan

Members absent : Hon Dennis KWOK Wing-hang
Hon CHU Hoi-dick

Clerk in attendance : Ms Angel SHEK
Chief Council Secretary (1)1

Staff in attendance : Ms Anita SIT
Assistant Secretary General 1

Mr Jason KONG
Senior Council Secretary (1)1

Miss Bowie LAM
Council Secretary (1)1

Mr Frankie WOO
Senior Legislative Assistant (1)3

Miss Mandy POON
Legislative Assistant (1)1

Miss Yannes HO
Legislative Assistant (1)7

Ms PANG Yin-shan
Clerical Assistant (1)1

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I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

Election of Chairman

Dr Junius HO, the incumbent Panel Chairman, presided over the election of Chairman of the Panel for the 2019-2020 session and invited nominations for the chairmanship.

2. Dr Junius HO was nominated by Dr Priscilla LEUNG and the nomination was seconded by Mr SHIU Ka-fai. Dr Junius HO accepted the nomination. In accordance with the election procedure set out in Appendix IV of the House Rules, the incumbent Deputy Chairman Mr HUI Chi-fung took the chair.

3. Mr HUI Chi-fung invited other nominations for the chairmanship. Mr CHAN Chi-chuen was nominated by Mr Kenneth LEUNG and the nomination was seconded by Ms Tanya CHAN. Mr CHAN Chi-chuen accepted the nomination. There was no further nomination.

4. Mr CHAN Chi-chuen enquired whether he and Dr Junius HO would be allowed to present their platforms for about one minute each before the announcement of a vote. Mr HUI Chi-fung invited Dr Junius HO and other members to give views on the time limit of the presentation of platforms. Mr Steven HO suggested one minute and Ms Tanya CHAN suggested five minutes. Mr Steven HO raised strong objection to the five-minute time limit, and pointed out that the time limit for presentation of platforms during the elections of chairmen or deputy chairmen of Legislative Council ("LegCo") committees was usually one minute. Dr Junius HO agreed to the presentation of platform by each candidate for about one minute. Mr HUI Chi-fung also consulted the Panel on whether the candidates should answer questions from members. Both candidates considered it unnecessary to have a question-and-answer session and no other member spoke on this issue.

5. After considering members' views, Mr HUI Chi-fung instructed that each candidate be invited to present his platform for not more than five minutes. He said that as there were only two candidates, there should be enough time for the Panel to finish all business on the agenda even if each candidate made a five-minute presentation of his platform.

6. Dr Junius HO and Mr CHAN Chi-chuen presented their respective platforms. Mr HUI Chi-fung then announced a vote by secret ballot. After members present had cast their votes, Mr HUI Chi-fung invited the nominators Dr Priscilla LEUNG and Mr Kenneth LEUNG to monitor the

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counting of votes. Of the members present, 24 voted for Dr Junius HO and 5 voted for Mr CHAN Chi-chuen. Mr HUI Chi-fung declared that Dr Junius HO was elected Chairman of the Panel. Dr Junius HO then took the chair.

(At 5:53 pm, the Chairman directed that the meeting be extended for 15 minutes beyond the appointed ending time.)

Election of Deputy Chairman

7. The Chairman invited nominations for the deputy chairmanship of the Panel for the 2019-2020 session. Mr CHAN Chi-chuen nominated Mr HUI Chi-fung and Mr Kenneth LEUNG seconded the nomination. Mr HUI Chi-fung accepted the nomination. Mr Martin LIAO nominated Mr Steven HO and Mr Tony TSE seconded the nomination. Mr Steven HO accepted the nomination.

8. There being no other nominations, the Chairman announced a vote by secret ballot. After members present had cast their votes, the Chairman invited Mr Kenneth LEUNG and Mr Martin LIAO to monitor the counting of votes. Of the members present, 3 voted for Mr HUI Chi-fung and 22 voted for Mr Steven HO. The Chairman declared that Mr Steven HO was elected Deputy Chairman of the Panel.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2019-2020 session

9. Members noted the proposed schedule of regular meetings of the Panel for the 2019-2020 session, which was tabled at the meeting.

10. Members agreed that all meetings of the Panel would be held on the fourth Monday of each month at 2:30 pm, except for the following:

- (a) the meeting on 28 October 2019 would start at 2:00 pm;
- (b) the meeting in December 2019 would be held on Monday, 16 December 2019, at 8:30 am; and
- (c) the meeting in January 2020 would be held on Wednesday, 22 January 2020, at 2:30 pm.

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(*Post-meeting note:* The schedule of regular meetings for the 2019-2020 session was circulated to members on 18 October 2019 vide LC Paper No. CB(1)20/19-20.)

III. Items for discussion at next meeting

(Appendix V to LC Paper No. — List of outstanding items for
CB(1)7/19-20 discussion)

Appendix VI to LC Paper No. — List of follow-up actions)
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Policy briefing-cum-meeting on 28 October 2019

11. Members agreed to discuss the following items at the regular meeting scheduled for Monday, 28 October 2019, at 2:00 pm:

- (a) briefing by the Secretary for the Environment ("SEN") on the Chief Executive's 2019 Policy Address; and
- (b) review of the Seventh Technical Memorandum for Allocation of Emission Allowances for Power Plants.

(*Post-meeting note:* The notice of meeting was circulated to members on 18 October 2019 vide LC Paper No. CB(1)21/19-20.)

Items for discussion at future meetings

12. Members gave the following views regarding the existing items on the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion:

- (a) *Excessive external lighting and noise pollution:* Mr HUI Chi-fung and Ms Tanya CHAN considered that this item should be discussed at an earlier meeting in the 2019-2020 session; and if this was not practicable, the Administration should provide an information paper to the Panel as early as possible to address members' concerns on related issues. Ms CHAN also mentioned that she was particularly concerned about the environmental nuisance caused by large external lighting installations at places frequented by tourists, such as Causeway Bay; and

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- (b) *Enhanced protection of green turtles*: Mr HUI Chi-fung considered that the Panel should further discuss the geographical coverage of the Sham Wan Restricted Area, which was designated for the protection of green turtles.

13. Members also proposed the following items for discussion by the Panel in future:

- (a) *Electric vehicle ("EV") charging-enabling infrastructure in car parks of private residential buildings*: noting that the Environment Bureau would formulate a pilot subsidy scheme for promoting the installation of EV charging-enabling infrastructure in car parks of existing private residential buildings, Mr Kenneth LEUNG suggested that the Panel should discuss the scheme and consider inviting public views thereon; and
- (b) *Environmental impact of the use of tear gas*: on behalf of Mr CHAN Chi-chuen, Ms Tanya CHAN suggested that the Administration should brief the Panel on the environmental and health impacts of the frequent use of tear gas in the community in recent months, and how it would tackle the environmental pollution, if any, caused by tear gas residues.

14. As there might not be sufficient time for the Panel to discuss all items on its list of outstanding items before the prorogation of the Sixth LegCo, Ms Tanya CHAN suggested that the Administration should consider providing information papers on selected items, so as to keep members abreast of the developments of the issues concerned. The Chairman advised that he would bring up Ms CHAN's suggestion when he and the Deputy Chairman discussed with SEN the Panel's work plan for the 2019-2020 session.

IV. Any other business

15. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 6:06 pm.