

**Paper for the House Committee meeting
on 25 September 1998**

**Questions scheduled for the
Legislative Council meeting on 30 September 1998**

Questions by:

- (1) Hon CHAN Kwok-keung (Oral reply)
- (2) Prof Hon NG Ching-fai (Oral reply)
- (3) Dr Hon HO Chung-tai (Oral reply)
- (4) Hon Andrew CHENG (Oral reply) (New question)
(Replacing the question previously placed under this number)
- (5) Hon James TO (Oral reply)
- (6) Hon Mrs Selina CHOW (Oral reply)
- (7) Hon CHENG Kai-nam (Written reply)
- (8) Hon NG Leung-sing (Written reply)
- (9) Hon Fred LI (Written reply) (New question)
(Replacing the question previously placed under this number)
- (10) Hon CHAN Kam-lam (Written reply)
- (11) Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (Written reply)
- (12) Hon HO Chun-yan (Written reply)
- (13) Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Written reply)
- (14) Hon Eric LI (Written reply)
- (15) Hon Mrs Miriam LAU (Written reply)
- (16) Hon Emily LAU (Written reply)
- (17) Hon Howard YOUNG (Written reply)
- (18) Dr Hon David LI (Written reply)
- (19) Hon Christine LOH (Written reply)
- (20) Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong (Written reply)

註：
NOTE：

議員將採用這種語言提出質詢

Member will ask the question in this language

#(4) 鄭家富議員（口頭答覆）

本年 7 月 28 日，大埔廣泛地區的電力供應中斷十多小時；供應該區電力的中華電力有限公司（以下簡稱“中電”）事後公布調查結果，指該區三條地底電纜相繼失靈因而導致意外發生。就此，政府可否告知本會：

- (a) 是否知悉過去 5 年，中電對有關電纜進行過多少次保養工程；以及中電近年曾否削減負責有關保養工程的部門員工數目；若有，削減員工數目為何及有否評估電纜失靈事故與此是否有關；
- (b) 因應此事件，當局有否要求中電全面檢討維修保養工程；若有，詳情為何；若否，原因為何；及
- (c) 會否考慮檢討有關法例，藉以加強對該公司的規管，以減低電纜失靈的機會？

(4) Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo (Oral Reply)

On 28 July this year, an extensive area in Tai Po experienced power failure for more than 10 hours. According to the findings of the investigation announced subsequently by China Light & Power Company, Limited (CLP), the power supplier for that district, the incident was caused by the consecutive failure of 3 underground cables in the district. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council whether:

- (a) it knows how frequently maintenance works were carried out by CLP for the cables in question in the past 5 years; and whether the CLP has cut down the number of staff in the Department responsible for relevant maintenance works in recent years; if so, of the number of staff reduced and whether an assessment has been made on whether the cable failure was related to such staff reduction;
- (b) the Administration has, in response to this incident, required the CLP to conduct an overall review on its repair and maintenance works; if so, what the details are; if not, what the reasons are; and
- (c) it will consider reviewing the relevant legislation, so as to step up the regulation of the company, thus minimizing the possibility of cable failure?

#(9) 李華明議員 (書面答覆)

去年 6 月通過的《1997 年精神健康 (修訂) 條例》(1997 年第 81 號條例) 規定設立一個監護委員會 (“委員會”), 由具備適合的法律經驗的人士擔任該委員會的主席。據悉, 由於當局未能覓得合適人選擔任委員會主席一職, 令委員會至今仍然未能組成。就此, 政府可否告知本會:

- (a) 有否考慮修訂上述條例以放寬對委員會主席人選資格的規定;
- (b) 計劃何時委任該委員會的主席及成員; 及
- (c) 有何方法協助委員會盡快開始運作?

(9) Hon Fred LI Wah-ming (Written Reply)

The Mental Health (Amendment) Ordinance 1997 (Ordinance No. 81 of 1997) enacted in June last year stipulates that a Guardianship Board ("the Board") shall be established and that the chairperson of the Board shall have suitable legal experience. However, it is learnt that to date the Board has still not been established because the Administration cannot identify a suitable person as the chairperson. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council:

- (a) whether it has considered amending the above Ordinance, in order to relax the eligibility requirements in respect of the chairperson of the Board;
- (b) according to its plan, the date of appointment of the chairperson and members of the Board; and
- (c) of the measures to be adopted to facilitate the commencement of operation of the Board at the earliest possible date?