

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES

No. 21

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 8 March 2000 at 2:30 pm

Members present:

President

The Hon Mrs Rita FAN, GBS, JP

The Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou, JP

The Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, JP

The Hon David CHU Yu-lin

The Hon HO Sai-chu, SBS, JP

The Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan

The Hon Edward HO Sing-tin, SBS, JP

The Hon Albert HO Chun-yan

The Hon Michael HO Mun-ka

Ir Dr the Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, JP

The Hon LEE Wing-tat

The Hon LEE Cheuk-yan

The Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming, SC, JP

The Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung, JP

The Hon LEE Kai-ming, SBS, JP

Dr the Hon David LI Kwok-po, JP

The Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP

Dr the Hon LUI Ming-wah, JP

The Hon NG Leung-sing

Prof the Hon NG Ching-fai

The Hon Margaret NG

The Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee, JP

The Hon Ronald ARCULLI, JP

The Hon MA Fung-kwok

The Hon James TO Kun-sun

The Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong

The Hon HUI Cheung-ching

The Hon Christine LOH

The Hon CHAN Kwok-keung

The Hon CHAN Yuen-han

The Hon Bernard CHAN

The Hon CHAN Wing-chan

The Hon CHAN Kam-lam

Dr the Hon LEONG Che-hung, JP

The Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, JP

The Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung

The Hon Gary CHENG Kai-nam, JP

The Hon SIN Chung-kai

The Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat, JP

Dr the Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong

The Hon WONG Yung-kan

The Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, JP

The Hon Howard YOUNG, JP

Dr the Hon YEUNG Sum

The Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung
The Hon LAU Chin-shek, JP
The Hon LAU Kong-wah
The Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBS, JP
The Hon Mrs Miriam LAU Kin-yee, JP
The Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen, JP
The Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
The Hon CHOY So-yuk
The Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
The Hon SZETO Wah
The Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, SBS, JP
The Hon LAW Chi-kwong, JP
The Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP
The Hon FUNG Chi-kin
Dr the Hon TANG Siu-tong, JP

Public officers attending:

The Honourable Mrs Anson CHAN, GBM, JP
The Chief Secretary for Administration

The Honourable Donald TSANG Yam-kuen, JP
The Financial Secretary

The Honourable Elsie LEUNG Oi-sie, JP
The Secretary for Justice

Mr Michael SUEN Ming-yeung, GBS, JP
Secretary for Constitutional Affairs

Mr CHAU Tak-hay, JP
Secretary for Trade and Industry

Mr Gordon SIU Kwing-chue, JP
Secretary for Planning and Lands

Mr Nicholas NG Wing-fui, JP
Secretary for Transport

Mr Dominic WONG Shing-wah, JP
Secretary for Housing

Mr Rafael HUI Si-yan, GBS, JP
Secretary for Financial Services

Mr Joseph WONG Wing-ping, GBS, JP
Secretary for Education and Manpower

Miss Denise YUE Chung-yee, JP
Secretary for the Treasury

Mr LAM Woon-kwong, JP
Secretary for the Civil Service

Mr Stephen IP Shu-kwan, JP
Secretary for Economic Services

Mr David LAN Hong-tsung, JP
Secretary for Home Affairs

Mrs Lily YAM KWAN Pui-ying, JP
Secretary for the Environment and Food

Dr YEOH Eng-kiong, JP
Secretary for Health and Welfare

Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee, JP
Secretary for Security

Mr LEE Shing-see, JP
Secretary for Works

Ms Eva CHENG, JP
Secretary for Information Technology and Broadcasting

Dr Edgar CHENG Wai-kin, JP
Head, Central Policy Unit

Clerk in attendance:

Mr Ricky FUNG Choi-cheung, JP, Secretary General

Tabling of Papers

The following papers were laid on the table pursuant to Rule 21(2) of the Rules of Procedure:

<u>Subsidiary Legislation</u>	<u>L.N. No.</u>
1. District Court (Fixed Costs in Matrimonial Causes) (Amendment) Rules 2000 (gazetted on 3.3.2000)	52/2000
2. Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes (Exemption) Regulation (Specification of Date under Sections 5 and 16) Notice (gazetted on 3.3.2000)	53/2000
3. Tax Reserve Certificates (Rate of Interest) (No. 2) Notice 2000 (gazetted on 3.3.2000)	54/2000
4. Elections (Corrupt and Illegal Conduct) Ordinance (10 of 2000) (Commencement) Notice 2000 (gazetted on 3.3.2000)	55/2000
5. Exchanges and Clearing Houses (Merger) Ordinance (12 of 2000) (Commencement) Notice 2000 (gazetted on 3.3.2000)	56/2000
6. Licensing Appeals Board Rules (L.N. 43 of 2000) (Commencement) Notice 2000 (gazetted on 3.3.2000)	57/2000
7. Electronic Transactions (Exclusion) Order (gazetted on 3.3.2000)	58/2000
8. Electronic Transactions Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 2) Order 2000 (gazetted on 3.3.2000)	59/2000
9. Electronic Transactions Ordinance (1 of 2000) (Commencement) (No. 2) Notice 2000 (gazetted on 3.3.2000)	60/2000
10. Legislative Council (Amendment) Ordinance 1999 (Amendment) Ordinance 2000 (15 of 2000) (Commencement) Notice 2000 (gazetted on 4.3.2000)	61/2000

Other Papers

No.80 - Hospital Authority Annual Report 1998-1999 with Statement of Accounts and Auditors' Report

(published on 28.2.2000)

- No.81 - Report and Statement of Accounts of the Samaritan Fund together with the Director of Audit's Report for the year ended 31 March 1999 (published on 28.2.2000)
- No.83 - Draft Estimates for the year ending 31 March 2001; Volume IA and Volume IB - General Revenue Account (published on 3.3.2000)
- No.84 - Draft Estimates for the year ending 31 March 2001; Volume II - Fund Accounts (published on 3.3.2000)

Questions

Written replies to Questions 1 to 17 were tabled for Members' information.

Bill

First Reading

Appropriation Bill 2000

The Bill was read the first time and ordered to be set down for Second Reading pursuant to Rule 53(3) of the Rules of Procedure.

Second Reading

Appropriation Bill 2000

The Financial Secretary moved the Second Reading and addressed the Council.

At 3:54 pm, while the Financial Secretary was addressing the Council, there was an uproar in the Public Gallery caused by a woman yelling noisily. In spite of the President's order for silence, she continued to yell and refused to sit down. The President ordered that the woman be removed. The Security staff removed her from the Chamber accordingly.

The Financial Secretary resumed his address to the Council.

Question on the Second Reading proposed. The President stated that in accordance with Rules 67 and 71 of the Rules of Procedure, the debate on the second reading of the Bill was

adjourned. The draft Estimates were referred to the Finance Committee for examination before the debate on the Bill resumed.

Next Meeting

The President declared that the next meeting of the Council would be held on 15 March 2000 at 2:30 pm.

The Council was adjourned at 4:28 pm.

(Mrs Rita FAN)
President

Council Chamber
Hong Kong