

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES

No. 27

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 10 May 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 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 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 LAW Chi-kwong, JP

The Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP

The Hon FUNG Chi-kin

Dr the Hon TANG Siu-tong, JP

Members absent:

The Hon Bernard CHAN

The Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung

The Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, SBS, JP

Public officers attending:

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

Mr Rafael HUI Si-yan, GBS, JP
The Financial Secretary

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

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

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

Miss Denise YUE Chung-yee, JP

Secretary for the Treasury

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 Clement MAK Ching-hung, JP
Secretary for Constitutional Affairs

Mr Stephen Frederick FISHER
Secretary for Planning and Lands

Clerks in attendance:

Mr Ricky FUNG Choi-cheung, JP, Secretary General

Mr LAW Kam-sang, JP, Deputy Secretary General

Mr Ray CHAN Yum-mou, Assistant Secretary General (3)

Tabling of Papers

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

<u>Subsidiary Legislation / Instruments</u>	<u>L.N. No.</u>
1. Rules of the High Court (Amendment) Rules 2000 (gazetted on 5.5.2000)	129/2000
2. Factories and Industrial Undertakings (Confined Spaces) Regulation (L.N. 18 of 1999) (Commencement) Notice 2000 (gazetted on 5.5.2000)	130/2000
3. Factories and Industrial Undertakings (Safety Management) Regulation (Cap. 59 Sub. Leg.)(Commencement) Notice 2000 (gazetted on 5.5.2000)	131/2000
4. Electricity Supply Lines (Protection) Regulation (L.N. 96 of 2000) (Commencement) Notice 2000 (gazetted on 5.5.2000)	132/2000

Other Papers

- No.97 - Traffic Accident Victims Assistance Fund Annual Report by the Director of Social Welfare Incorporated for the year from 1 April 1998 to 31 March 1999 (published on 4.5.2000)
- No.98 - The Government Minute in response to the Report No. 33 of the Public Accounts Committee dated February 2000 (published on 10.5.2000)

Address

The Chief Secretary for Administration addressed the Council on the Government Minute in response to Report No. 33 of the Public Accounts Committee dated February 2000.

Questions

1. Hon Martin LEE asked Question 1.

The Secretary for the Environment and Food replied.

Nine Members asked supplementaries and the Secretary for the Environment and Food replied.

2. Dr Hon LEONG Che-hung asked Question 2.

The Secretary for Health and Welfare replied.

Nine Members asked supplementaries and the Secretary for Health and Welfare replied.

3. Hon HUI Cheung-ching asked Question 3.

The Secretary for Trade and Industry replied.

Five Members asked supplementaries and the Secretary for Trade and Industry replied.

4. Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah asked Question 4.

The Secretary for Planning and Lands replied.

Four Members asked supplementaries and the Secretary for Planning and Lands replied.

5. Hon Albert HO asked Question 5.

The Secretary for Security replied.

Four Members asked supplementaries and the Secretary for Security replied.

6. Hon Ambrose LAU asked Question 6.

The Secretary for the Environment and Food replied.

Eight Members asked supplementaries and the Secretary for the Environment and Food replied.

Written replies to Questions 7 to 20 were tabled for Members' information.

Bills

Second Reading

Revenue (No.2) Bill 2000

Resumption of Second Reading debate

The debate on the Second Reading which had been moved on 5 April 2000 resumed.

A Member spoke on the Bill.

The Secretary for the Treasury replied.

Question on the Second Reading put and agreed to.

Bill read the second time and committed to a Committee of the whole Council.

Committee Stage

The Council went into Committee and considered the **Revenue (No.2) Bill 2000**.

Question that clauses 1, 2 and 3 stand part of the Bill proposed, put and agreed to.

The Council then resumed.

Third Reading

The Secretary for the Treasury reported that

the **Revenue (No.2) Bill 2000**

had passed through the Committee without amendment. She moved that the Bill be read the third time and do pass.

Question on the Third Reading proposed, put and agreed to.

Bill read the third time and passed.

Motions

Proposed resolution under the Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance

The Secretary for Health and Welfare moved the following motion and addressed the Council:

Resolved that the following Regulations, made by the Pharmacy and Poisons Board on 5 April 2000, be approved -

- (a) the Pharmacy and Poisons (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulation 2000; and
- (b) the Poisons List (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulation 2000.

Question on the motion proposed, put and agreed to.

Members' Motions

Encouraging people to achieve continuous self-improvement

Hon Ambrose LAU moved the following motion and addressed the Council:

That, as the report of the Commission on Strategic Development has pointed out that 'the "bubble economy" has generated a "get rich quick" mindset that could seriously undermine the strong work ethic that has long been associated with the Hong Kong workforce. There is also concern that, in some quarters, a dependency culture has developed and with it, increasing and sometimes unrealistic expectations as to both the role of the Government and its ability to provide additional services', this Council urges the Government, while introducing appropriate policies to improve people's livelihood, to adopt positive measures to encourage the community to give full play to the Hong Kong spirit which embodies continuous self-improvement, assiduousness and adaptability.

At 4:46 pm, the President's Deputy took the chair during the temporary absence of the President.

Question on the motion proposed.

Seven Members, the Secretary for Education and Manpower and the Secretary for Health and Welfare spoke on the motion.

At 5:56 pm, the President resumed the chair.

Hon Ambrose LAU replied.

Question on the motion put and agreed to.

Opposing Taiwan becoming independent

Hon TSANG Yok-sing moved the following motion and addressed the Council:

That this Council opposes Taiwan becoming independent.

Question on the motion proposed.

26 Members and the Secretary for Constitutional Affairs spoke on the motion.

Hon TSANG Yok-sing replied.

Question on the motion put.

Hon TSANG Yok-sing claimed a division. The President then ordered the Council to divide under Rule 47(1) of the Rules of Procedure.

The President announced that among the Members returned by functional constituencies, 23 were present, 22 were in favour of the motion and one abstained; while among the Members returned by geographical constituencies through direct elections and by the Election Committee, 22 were present and 21 were in favour of the motion. (Voting record in the Appendix.) Since the question was agreed by a majority of each of the two groups of Members present, she declared that the motion was carried.

Next Meeting

The President declared that the next meeting of the Council would be held on 17 May 2000 at 2:30 pm.

The Council was adjourned at 8:49 pm.

(Mrs Rita FAN)
President

Council Chamber
Hong Kong