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LegCo Panel on Environmental Affairs

**Subcommittee on matters
relating to environmental hygiene**

**Minutes of Meeting held on
Friday, 25 February 2000 at 2:30 pm
in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building**

Members Present : Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong, JP (Chairman)
Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP
Hon Christine LOH
Hon CHAN Wing-chan
Dr Hon LEONG Che-hung, JP

Members Absent : Hon WONG Yung-kan
Hon CHOY So-yuk

Clerk in Attendance : Mrs Constance LI
Chief Assistant Secretary (2)2

Staff in Attendance : Miss Betty MA
Senior Assistant Secretary (2)1

Action

I. Election of Chairman

Mr Fred LI, the member who had the highest precedence among the Members present, invited nominations for the chairmanship. Dr TANG Siu-tong was nominated by Mr CHAN Wing-chan and the nomination was seconded by Mr Fred LI. Dr TANG accepted the nomination.

Action

2. There being no other nomination, Mr Fred LI declared that Dr TANG Siu-tong was elected Chairman of the Subcommittee. Dr TANG Siu-tong then took over the chair.

II. Way Forward

3. The Chairman said that the Clerk to the Subcommittee had prepared a paper on the scope of discussion by the Subcommittee [Appendix I of LC Paper No. CB(2)1171/99-00], and the Administration had been consulted. The Administration advised that as slaughterhouse services set out in item (d) was more related to food safety, the subject could be discussed and followed up by the LegCo Panel on Health Services. As for restaurant licence and other licences issued by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, the Administration agreed that this was within the areas of work of the Subcommittee. Having considered the Administration's views, members agreed that except for item (d), all the eight items listed at Appendix I would be the scope of work of the Subcommittee.

4. The Clerk pointed out that the Administration had indicated in its reply [LC Paper No. CB(2)1198/99-00(01)] that it would like to brief members in late March this year on the provision of environmental hygiene services and facilities after the reorganisation of municipal services. In its reply, the Administration had also suggested on the timing for discussion of other items proposed by members.

5. Since members would like to follow up matters relating to environmental hygiene as early as possible, members agreed that a meeting would be held on 16 March 2000 at 8:30 am. Members also agreed that the following items would be discussed at the meeting:

- (a) Briefing on the provision of environmental hygiene services and facilities after the reorganisation of municipal services;
- (b) Open Categorization Scheme for food premises; and
- (c) Proposed legislation to close unlicensed food premises.

With regard to item (c), Mr CHAN Wing-chan suggested that the Administration should be requested to provide relevant information on the existing procedures for the licensing of food premises.

(Post-meeting note : At the Administration's request, the Chairman agreed to defer discussion of item (c) to the April meeting. The revised agenda was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1267/99-00.)

Action

6. Dr LEONG Che-hung proposed to discuss the problem of long queuing time for crematoria service in future meetings.

Clerk

7. Miss Christine LOH asked about the arrangement for the Panel on Environmental Affairs to follow up the work of the Subcommittee. Dr LEONG Che-hung said that to better utilize the meeting time of the Panel, it should not repeat discussion of those issues which had already been dealt with by the Subcommittee. Miss Christine LOH agreed with Dr LEONG and suggested circulation of agenda and relevant papers for Subcommittee meetings to members of the Panel on Environmental Affairs for information. The Chairman agreed to the arrangement. The Chairman added that the Subcommittee would submit report(s) on its work to the Panel.

8. Miss Christine LOH said that as there would be adequate communication between the Subcommittee and the Panel, she would withdraw from the Subcommittee.

III Any other business

9. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 2:55 pm.

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