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Panel on Public Service

Minutes of meeting
held on Thursday, 7 October 1999, at 11:40 am
in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building

Members present : Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Hon Michael HO Man-ka
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
Hon LEE Kai-ming, SBS, JP
Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong
Hon CHAN Kwok-keung
Hon CHAN Wing-chan
Hon Howard YOUNG, JP
Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen, JP

Member absent : Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat, JP

Clerk in attendance : Miss Salumi CHAN
Chief Assistant Secretary (1)5

Staff in attendance : Ms Pauline NG
Assistant Secretary General 1

Mr Matthew LOO
Senior Assistant Secretary (1)7

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I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman
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Election of Chairman

In accordance with Rule 77(5) of the Rules of Procedure, Mr TAM Yiu-chung, current Chairman of the Panel, presided over the election of Chairman of the Panel for the 1999-2000 session.

2. Mr TAM Yiu-chung drew members' attention to the terms of reference of the Panel and the list of Government advisory bodies relevant to the Panel. He pointed out that in accordance with Rule 77(6) of the Rules of Procedure, a Member who was the chairman or deputy chairman of a Government advisory body in respect of matters which a Panel considered to be directly related to the terms of reference of the Panel should not be the chairman or deputy chairman of the Panel. Rule 77(7) of the Rules of Procedure also stipulated that a Member should not be chairman or deputy chairman of more than one Panel at the same time.

3. Mr TAM Yiu-chung then invited nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel.

4. Mr CHAN Wing-chan nominated Mr TAM Yiu-chung and Mr CHAN Kwok-keung seconded the nomination.

5. In accordance with the election procedure set out in Appendix IV of the House Rules, Mrs Sophia LEUNG, current Deputy Chairman of the Panel, took over from Mr TAM Yiu-chung to preside over the election. As there were no other nominations, Mrs Sophia LEUNG declared that Mr TAM Yiu-chung was elected Chairman of the Panel. Mr TAM Yiu-chung then took the chair and presided over the election of the Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 1999-2000 session.

Election of Deputy Chairman

6. The Chairman invited nominations for the deputy chairmanship of the Panel.

7. Mr Howard YOUNG nominated Mrs Sophia LEUNG and Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong seconded the nomination.

8. As there were no other nominations, the Chairman declared that Mrs Sophie LEUNG was elected Deputy Chairman of the Panel.

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II. Schedule of meetings for the 1999-2000 session

9. Members agreed that regular meetings of the Panel be held at 10:45 am on the third Monday of each month for the 1999-2000 session. They noted that the third Monday of October 1999 would be a public holiday and agreed that the next regular meeting be held on 15 November 1999.

III. Items for discussion at the next meeting

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Meeting on 15 November 1999

10. Members noted the list of outstanding items and agreed to discuss with the Administration and civil service unions on the consultative machinery of the civil service at the next regular meeting on 15 November 1999. The discussion would be focused on the following two aspects:

- (a) consultative machinery at the central level of the civil service; and
- (b) consultative machinery at the departmental level, with particular reference to the case of corporatization of the Housing Department.

Civil service unions would be invited to attend the meeting and submit their written views on the subject.

Meeting on 20 December 1999

11. Members agreed to invite the Administration to brief the Panel on the following two items at the meeting on 20 December 1999:

- (a) result of staff consultation on the Civil Service Starting Salaries Review 1999 and the way forward; and
- (b) current civil service promotion system, including the selection procedure and criteria involved, and details of the Administration's proposal/plan on the changes to be made to the system (item proposed by the Deputy Chairman).

(Post-meeting note : The Administration subsequently advised that it would be ready to brief the Panel on the result of staff consultation on the Civil Service Starting Salaries Review 1999 at the meeting on 15 November 1999. With the concurrence of the Chairman, the agenda items for the two regular meetings scheduled for November and December were swapped.)

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Other items

12. Assistant Secretary General 1 advised that as agreed by the House Committee at its meeting on 24 September 1999, individual Panels were invited to consider the need to conduct a meeting before the end of October 1999 to follow up the progress of the Y2K Compliance Exercise. In view of the fact that all mission critical systems under the purview of the Secretary for the Civil Service had been confirmed Y2K compliant, she suggested that the outstanding issue of contingency plans could be dealt with by the Information Technology and Broadcasting Panel. The Chairman added that all mission critical systems in the Treasury relating to the payment of civil service salaries and allowances had also been tested successfully through all Y2K high risk dates and confirmed Y2K compliant. The Panel agreed that since all aspects of Y2K compliance work had been dealt with, it was not necessary for the Public Service Panel to conduct further meetings on the subject.

IV. Any other business

13. The Chairman reminded members that the briefing on the Chief Executive's Policy Address 1999 by the Secretary for the Civil Service had been scheduled for Monday, 11 October 1999 at 2:30 pm.

14. The meeting ended at 12:00 noon.

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