Procedure for election of members of the Public Accounts Committee, the Legislative Council Supervisory Committee, the Committee on Rules of Procedure and the Committee on Access to the Legislature's Documents and Records

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Submission of nominations

The elections of members of the Public Accounts Committee ("PAC"), the Legislative Council Supervisory Committee ("Supervisory Committee"), the Committee on Rules of Procedure ("CRoP") and the Committee on Access to the Legislature's Documents and Records ("CoA") shall be presided over by the President's Deputy referred to in Rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure. The date, time and venue of each of such elections shall be determined by the President's Deputy. All Legislative Council Members (other than the President) ("all Members") will be invited to attend the elections.

- 2. The committee clerks shall each issue a circular and a nomination form to all Members at least five clear days before the election date to invite nominations for members of the committees.
- 3. Nominations shall be submitted via electronic means specified by the Legislative Council Secretariat ("Secretariat"). A valid nomination shall be made by a Member, seconded by at least one other Member, and accepted by the Member being nominated.
- 4. The name of a Member shall not appear on more than one submission of nomination for the office as a member of a committee, whether in the capacity as a Member being nominated, or as a Member making the nomination, or as a Member seconding the nomination; otherwise, only the first such nomination received by the Secretariat shall be valid. However, a Member may nominate himself for the office as a member of a committee, provided that such nomination is seconded by at least one other Member. In such a case, the name of the Member concerned will appear on a submission of nomination in the capacities as a Member making the nomination and a Member being nominated. The Secretariat shall notify the Member who submitted any invalid nomination(s).
- 5. Nominations shall reach the Secretariat at least two clear days before the election date.

After the close of nominations

- 6. If, by the deadline:
 - (a) the number of valid nominations received in respect of **PAC**, the **Supervisory Committee** or **CRoP** is **less than the number of seats**: or
 - (b) **no valid nomination is received** in respect of **CoA**,

the deadline will **automatically be extended** to one clear day before the election date. If such an extended deadline for submission of nomination falls on a Saturday or public holiday, the deadline shall be advanced to the first preceding day that is not a Saturday or public holiday. All Members will be so notified by the Secretariat. If, by the extended deadline, the number of valid nominations received in respect of PAC, the Supervisory Committee or CRoP is still less than the number of seats, or there is still no valid nomination received in respect of CoA, the President's Deputy shall determine another date for the election.

- 7. If, by the deadline referred to in paragraph 5 or the extended deadline referred to in paragraph 6 above:
 - (a) the number of valid nominations received in respect of PAC, the Supervisory Committee or CRoP is equal to the number of seats; or
 - (b) the number of valid nominations received in respect of **CoA** is **equal to or less than 10**,

the President's Deputy shall **notify all Members in writing that the nominees are duly elected, and no election will be held**.

Election of members

8. If the number of valid nominations received exceeds the number of seats, a poll shall be taken at the election; Members shall cast their votes by open ballot with the use of the Electronic Voting System. The number of nominees to be voted for by a Member may not be more than the number of seats. The nominees who get the highest number of votes will be declared elected.

- 9. In the case where a nominee would have been elected but for there being one or more other nominees having been given the same number of votes, a separate poll shall be taken in respect of that nominee and such other nominee(s) in accordance with the manner of election provided in paragraph 8 above.
- 10. If, after a separate poll is held under paragraph 9 above, there is still a nominee who would have been elected but for there being one or more other nominees having been given the same number of votes, lots shall be drawn by the President's Deputy among such nominees to determine which of them will take up the remaining place(s).
- 11. The voting records will be uploaded onto the Legislative Council website after the election.