

# Legislative Council

## Annual Report 2000 – 2001

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### **Legislative Council**

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## President's Foreword



*"...My colleagues and I will do our utmost to discharge our duties and to fulfil the high expectations of the people of Hong Kong."*

The legislature which was returned in September 2000 marks another significant step in the political development of Hong Kong. In accordance with Annex II of the Basic Law, the number of seats returned by geographical constituencies through direct elections increased from 20 to 24, while the number of seats returned by the Election Committee decreased from 10 to 6.

I was honoured to be elected again as President for the second term of the Legislative Council. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Members for their continuous support and I shall continue to discharge my duties without fear or favour.

The 2000-2001 session was a busy year for the Legislative Council. 37 meetings were held. A total of 57 bills, including 3 Members' bills, were introduced into the Council and 41 bills committees were set up to examine some of them in detail. During the session, 29 bills were enacted. The remaining 28 are carried forward to the next session for scrutiny. In addition, Members completed the scrutiny of 249 of the 273 items of subsidiary legislation submitted to the Council. 238 of these were by the negative vetting procedure: 223 items were not amended; 6 items were amended and 9 were repealed by resolution of the Council. The other 11 items submitted under the positive vetting procedure were passed by resolution.

The scrutiny of the remaining 24 items will continue in the next session.

Among the bills passed, one that attracted heated debate was the Chief Executive Election Bill, which provided the legal framework for conducting the election for the second term of the Chief Executive in 2002. Others that drew public concern included the Immigration (Amendment) Bill 2000 and the Telecommunications (Amendment) Bill 2001. The former sought to provide a statutory basis for prescribing genetic test arrangements for verifying the parentage of persons claiming right of abode in Hong Kong; while the latter prepared for the issue of carrier licences for the third generation mobile services and future licensing exercises.

During the session, Members were not only confronted with a heavy agenda in the deliberation of bills, but also in monitoring the work of the Government. The Public Accounts Committee and 18 panels continued to monitor the Government and the various bureaux. In addition, the Council resolved to appoint a select committee to inquire into the building problems in the production of public housing units which had aroused grave public concern.

Views from the public are always welcome, and they are taken into consideration by Members in scrutinizing bills and monitoring Government policy. Besides the select committee, 13 committees of the Legislative Council invited views from the public during the session. These included the Bills Committee on Chief Executive Election Bill, the Bills Committee on Gambling (Amendment) Bill, and the Panel on Security with regard to the Public Order Ordinance.

During the session, a major step forward in enhancing the relations between the executive authorities and the legislature was the attendance of the new Chief Secretary at a special House Committee meeting to answer questions put forward by Members. It is hoped that mutual trust and respect would be gradually strengthened through more frequent dialogue and interaction with Government officials.

I would like to pay tribute to all Members for their contributions and hard work during the past year. It is with regret that I note Prof Hon NG Ching-fai has left our ranks to take up the post of President and Vice-Chancellor of the Hong Kong Baptist University. I wish Prof NG every success in his new endeavour.

Finally, I would also wish to record my appreciation to all staff of the Legislative Council Secretariat for their invaluable input during the session. Despite the pressure brought on by a heavy workload and tight resources as a result of the Enhanced Productivity Programme, staff of the Secretariat continued to perform their duties with professionalism and dedication.

The term of office of the second Legislative Council is four years. My colleagues and I will do our utmost to discharge our duties and to fulfil the high expectations of the people of Hong Kong.



Rita FAN  
President  
Legislative Council



**From left to right:**

**First row (seated):**

Hon Margaret NG  
 Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun  
 Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong  
 Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye  
 (President's Deputy)  
 Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai (President)  
 Hon Fred LI Wah-ming  
 Hon NG Leung-sing  
 Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing  
 Hon CHAN Yuen-han

**Second row:**

Hon LI Fung-ying  
 Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan  
 Dr Hon David LI Kwok-po  
 Hon LAU Ping-cheung  
 Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai  
 Hon Mrs Miriam LAU Kin-ye  
 Hon WONG Yung-kan  
 Hon IP Kwok-him  
 Hon CHAN Kam-lam  
 Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee

**Third row:**

Hon LEUNG Fu-wah  
 Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting  
 Hon SIN Chung-kai  
 Hon CHEUNG Man-Kwong  
 Dr Hon YEUNG Sum  
 Hon Michael MAK Kowk-fung  
 Dr Hon David CHU Yu-lin  
 Hon TAM Yiu-chung  
 Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung  
 Hon James TO Kun-sun  
 Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung  
 Hon LAU Kong-wah

**Fourth row:**

Hon CHAN Kwok-keung  
 Hon Albert HO Chun-yan  
 Hon LAU Wong-fat  
 Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong  
 Hon LAU Chin-shek  
 Hon Bernard CHAN  
 Hon WONG Sing-chi  
 Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat  
 Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming  
 Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him  
 Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip  
 Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung  
 Hon CHOY So-yuk

**Fifth row:**

Hon Howard YOUNG  
 Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing  
 Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan  
 Hon Henry WU King-cheong  
 Prof Hon NG Ching-fai (up to 14.07.2001)  
 Hon LAW Chi-kwong  
 Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen  
 Hon HUI Cheung-ching  
 Hon SZETO Wah  
 Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo  
 Hon James TIEN Pei-chun  
 Dr Hon LO Wing-lok  
 Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou  
 Hon LEE Cheuk-yan  
 Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah

**Note:** Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee is not in the photo because she assumed office after the photo was taken.

## Major Events in Pictures

### Familiarizing New Members



*A 3-day orientation seminar organized for Members-elect of the Second Legislative Council starts with a briefing by Mr Ricky FUNG, Secretary General of the Legislative Council Secretariat (first on right).*



*During their familiarization tour of the Legislative Council Building, Members-elect visit a conference room.*



*Mr Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, Member-elect of the Legislative Council, rehearses the taking of the Legislative Council Affirmation in the Legislative Council Chamber.*

## The 2000 – 2001 Session Begins



*Taking the Legislative Council Oath or Affirmation, Members pledge to “serve the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region conscientiously, dutifully, in full accordance with the law, honestly and with integrity”.*





*At the first meeting of the Second Legislative Council on 4 October 2000, Members cast their ballots to elect the President of the Legislative Council.*



*Hon Mrs Rita FAN (in blue blazer) shakes hands with the Clerk to the Council after being elected the President.*



*"I hope that with your co-operation, and with your joint efforts, the work of the Legislative Council can strike deep roots in the community and win due understanding and recognition by the public," says Hon Mrs Rita FAN, President of the Legislative Council, in her inaugural speech.*

For the Community Good



Members and The Community Chest representatives at the Dress Casual Day promotion event.



Members support Helping Hand's fund-raising event, Cookie Days, by selling cookies to the public.



## Major Events in Pictures

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*Give Blood, Save Lives – Members set examples to the public.*



*Dress Sporty Day – Members show their vitality when posing for publicity photographs with representatives of the Hong Kong Sports Development Board.*



## LegCo Fun Day

The LegCo Fun Day 2000-2001 met the requirements of both football fans and party lovers. It included a football match and goal-shooting game held on 10 February 2001 at Siu Sai Wan Sports Ground and a dinner gathering held on 16 February 2001 in the Dining Hall of the Legislative Council Building.

### At Siu Sai Wan Sports Ground



Mr TUNG Chee-hwa, Chief Executive, kicks off the football match between Members and reporters.



On the attack.



A timely save by goalkeeper Hon Bernard CHAN.

The match was won 2:1 by the LegCo Team.

Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye, Chairman of the House Committee, starts the ladies' goal-shooting game.



*In the Dining Hall of the Legislative Council Building*



*Reunion with former Members (from left): Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong, Dr Hon YEUNG Sum and Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun with Dr LEONG Che-hung and Mr LEE Wing-tat.*

*A prelude to an enjoyable evening – a “treasure hunt” inside the Legislative Council Building.*



*We’ve found the treasure – the winning team.*



*Guess who they are impersonating!*

## Legislative Council Building Open Day

*The Legislative Council Building Open Day was held on 31 March 2001 to give the public both a closer look at various meeting facilities and a better understanding of the work of the Council. More than 2,600 visitors were received, a record for the Open Day, which was first held in 1998.*



*The opening ceremony outside the Legislative Council Building is attended by Members and a large number of spectators.*



*Visitors queue up for admission.*



*Hon Mrs Rita FAN, President of the Legislative Council, explains to students the functions of the Dining Hall.*

*Hon Fred LI Wah-ming briefs visitors on how committee meetings are conducted in Conference Room A.*



*Hon HUI Cheung-ching (above) and Hon Henry WU King-cheong (right) tell visitors about the voting procedures at Council meetings.*





## Mrs Anson CHAN's Retirement



*At a farewell dinner held in her honour by Hon Mrs Rita FAN, President of the Legislative Council, retiring Chief Secretary for Administration Mrs Anson CHAN, who is a Pisces, receives a twin-fish-shaped crystal vase as retirement souvenir from Members.*



*Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye presents a tea set to Mrs Anson CHAN, along with her good wishes for Mrs CHAN to have more leisure time to enjoy tea with Mr CHAN (right in picture).*

## Football Matches

*A friendly football match between Members of the Legislative Council and senior Government officials was held on 2 June 2001.*



*Despite the heavy rain, members of both teams are in high spirit.*



*Spectators and substitutes find the match amusing, and the LegCo Team won by 2:1.*

*The first friendly football match between Members of the Legislative Council and Consuls General in Hong Kong was held on 12 May 2001.*



*Members of the LegCo (in blue) and the Consuls General (in white) teams in a pre-game group photo, with captains Hon Bernard CHAN (centre in red T-shirt) and Dr Helmut BOCK, Consul General of Austria, in the middle.*



*Hon Mrs Rita FAN, President of the Legislative Council, presents the trophy to Dr Helmut BOCK after the Consuls General Team won the match by 8:3.*

## Social functions



Chairmen of five charitable organizations pay a courtesy call to the Council. (From left): Mr Rinco CHAN Fook-wing, Chairman, Yan Oi Tong; Mr TSANG Yuen-hung, Chairman, Pok Oi Hospital; Mr Stephen CHOW Chun-kay, Tung Wah Group of Hospitals; Hon Mrs Rita FAN, President of the Legislative Council; Mr WOO Wai-man, Chairman, Po Leung Kuk; and Mrs Christina CHENG So-mei, Chairman, Yan Chai Hospital.



A “change of face” performance thrills all guests attending a Spring Reception hosted by Hon Mrs Rita FAN, President of the Legislative Council, for the Chief Executive, Executive Council members and senior Government officials.

## Chapter 1 The Legislative Council



The Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) stipulates that the HKSAR shall be vested with legislative power and the Legislative Council (LegCo) shall be the legislature of the Region.

### POWERS AND FUNCTIONS

As provided for in Article 73 of the Basic Law, the LegCo of the HKSAR exercises the following powers and functions:

- To enact, amend or repeal laws in accordance with the provisions of the Basic Law and legal procedures;
- To examine and approve budgets introduced by the Government;
- To approve taxation and public expenditure;
- To receive and debate the policy addresses of the Chief Executive;
- To raise questions on the work of the Government;
- To debate any issue concerning public interests;
- To endorse the appointment and removal of the judges of the Court of Final Appeal and the Chief Judge of the High Court;
- To receive and handle complaints from Hong Kong residents;
- If a motion initiated jointly by one-fourth of all the Members of the LegCo charges the Chief Executive with serious breach of law or dereliction of duty and if he or she refuses to resign, the Council may, after passing a motion for investigation, give a mandate to the Chief Justice of the Court of Final Appeal to form and chair an independent investigation committee. The committee shall be responsible for carrying out the investigation and reporting its findings to the Council. If the committee considers the evidence sufficient to substantiate such

charges, the Council may pass a motion of impeachment by a two-thirds majority of all its Members and report it to the Central People's Government for decision; and

- To summon, as required when exercising the above-mentioned powers and functions, persons concerned to testify or give evidence.

### COMPOSITION

According to the Basic Law, the LegCo of the HKSAR is to be constituted by election and shall be composed of Chinese citizens who are permanent residents of Hong Kong with no right of abode in any foreign country. However, permanent residents of the Region who are not of Chinese nationality or who have the right of abode in foreign countries may also be elected Members of the LegCo of the Region, provided that the proportion of such Members does not exceed 20 percent of the total membership of the Council. The method for its formation is to be specified in the light of the actual situation in the HKSAR and in accordance with the principle of gradual and orderly progress.

There are 60 Members for the second term of the LegCo of the HKSAR (2000-2004), where 24 Members were returned by geographical constituencies through direct elections, 30 Members by functional constituencies, and six Members by an Election Committee comprising 800 elected representatives of the community. The election for the second term of the LegCo was held on 10 September 2000. The term of office of the Members is four years.

The President of the Council is elected by and from among Members of the LegCo.

The composition and biographies of Members who served on the LegCo in 2000-2001 are in *Appendices 1 and 2* respectively.

## Chapter 2 Legislative Council Meetings



**M**eetings of the LegCo are open to the public. They may be conducted in either Cantonese, Putonghua or English, with simultaneous interpretation provided. The proceedings of the meetings of the Council are broadcast live and are reported by the mass media. They are also recorded verbatim in the Official Record of Proceedings of the Meetings of the Council.

The business transacted at a regular Council meeting mainly comprises the tabling of subsidiary legislation and other papers and reports; asking of questions for replies by the Government; the consideration of bills; and debates on motions. During the period from October 2000 to July 2001, the Council held 37 meetings and sat for more than 257 hours.

### **TABLING OF SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION AND OTHER PAPERS**

Subsidiary legislation made by the relevant authorities is tabled in the Council for Members' scrutiny after its publication in the Gazette. Members and public officers may address the Council on the subsidiary legislation tabled and may, through the moving of motions in Council within a prescribed time limit, resolve to amend or repeal it where the Council considers appropriate. The other papers tabled in the Council include the annual reports of Government departments and public bodies, Government consultative documents, and reports of the Council's committees. The Members and public officers presenting the reports may address the Council.

During the session from October 2000 to July 2001, the scrutiny of 238 of the 262 items of subsidiary legislation tabled in the Council was completed, of which six items were amended, and nine were repealed by resolution of the Council. The scrutiny of the remaining 24 items by negative vetting will continue in the next session.

### **QUESTIONS**

Members' concern for the well being of the community may be reflected through questions asked at Council meetings. The questions are aimed at seeking information on Government actions on specific problems or incidents and on Government policies or actions. They are also raised for the purpose of monitoring the effectiveness of the Government.

Some questions originate from complaints handled under the Council's redress system; others are on problems that come to Members' attention in the course of their work in the Council or through their contacts with the public.

During the period under report, Members asked 159 oral questions on a wide range of subjects, and followed up with 986 supplementary questions at Council meetings. Another 451 questions seeking written replies of the Government were also asked.

### **STATEMENTS**

Statements may be made by public officers on issues of public concern at Council meetings. Two statements were made during the period under report.



## PETITIONS

Petitions may be presented by Members. The Member presenting a petition may make a speech giving a summary statement of the number and description of the petitioners and the substance of the petition. One petition was made during the period under report.

## BILLS

The Government is primarily responsible for proposing new legislation or amendments to existing legislation in the form of bills for consideration by the Council. Members of the Council may also introduce bills into the

Council for consideration. Broadly speaking, bills have one or more of the following purposes:

- to introduce new measures or policies, to create new organizations or institutions, or to make changes to existing organizations or institutions;
- to extend the scope of existing legislation;
- to improve and update existing legislation;
- to modify or reform the machinery of Government; or
- to appropriate funds for public expenditure and to raise revenue.

*Twenty Members speak during the Second Reading debate on the Chief Executive Election Bill on 11 July 2001. They include Hon James TIEN Pei-chun (right), Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing (below) and Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing (lower right).*





*Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming (top left), Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee (above) and Hon Margaret NG (left) move Committee Stage amendments to the Chief Executive Election Bill.*

A bill is normally published in the Gazette before it is introduced into the Council. It has to be given three readings for its passage by the Council. The First Reading is a formality, with the Clerk reading the short title of a bill at a Council meeting. The public officer or Member introducing the bill then moves the Second Reading of the bill and explains what the bill is about. Normally, after the Second Reading has been moved, the debate is adjourned with the bill referred to the House Committee to allow Members more time to study it, either in the House Committee or in a bills committee set up by the House Committee specifically for it.

The debate on the Second Reading resumes at a subsequent Council meeting after the bill has been studied. During the resumed debate, Members present their views on the merits and principles of the bill and indicate whether they support the bill or otherwise. If the bill is given a Second Reading, the Council will sit as a “Committee of the whole Council” during which the Committee goes through the bill clause by clause, making amendments where necessary. After the bill has passed through the Committee of the whole Council with or without amendments, it is reported back to the Council for the Third Reading. If the motion for the Second Reading of a bill is not passed, the bill cannot proceed further.

Where the Council considers that the passage of a bill is sufficiently urgent, it may pass the three readings of the bill at a single meeting.

When a bill passes the three readings, it becomes a piece of enacted law and may take effect after it is signed by the Chief Executive and promulgated in the Gazette.

During the period under report, the Council completed proceedings on 29 bills, all of which were passed, with or without amendments proposed by the Government or Members. The list of the bills passed is in *Appendix 3*.

### MOTIONS AND DEBATES

Motions are the mechanism through which most of the Council's business is transacted. The enactment of a bill is by way of a series of motions moved and agreed to by the Council. Amendments to bills and the approval of or

amendments to subsidiary legislation are also effected by way of motions.

In regard to subsidiary legislation which requires the Council's positive approval by resolution, 11 motions were moved by public officers. Another four motions were moved by public officers to amend the subsidiary legislation which had been tabled in the Council. All were passed by the Council. During the same period, Members moved 60 motions with legislative effect and five motions relating to procedural matters. Of these, 22 were passed and 43 were not passed by the Council.

Members also express their views on issues of public interest through debating motions which do not have legislative effect. In the session under report, 53 such motions (including one moved by a public officer) were debated, 35 of which were passed with or without amendments. The wording of the motions debated and the decisions of the Council on these motions are in *Appendix 4*.



*Mr Tung Chee-hwa, Chief Executive, delivers his fourth Policy Address "Serving the Community, Sharing Common Goals" to the Legislative Council on 11 October 2000.*

### POLICY ADDRESS DEBATE

The Chief Executive addresses the Council every year on various policy proposals for administering the HKSAR. At a meeting not less than 14 days after the Chief Executive has addressed the Council, a motion is moved by the Chairman of the House Committee to thank the Chief Executive for his Address. The debate that follows provides an opportunity for Members to comment on the Chief Executive's Address and for senior Government officials to respond to these comments. During the session, the Chief Executive delivered his Address on 11 October 2000 and the debate on the Motion of Thanks was held on 25 and 26 October and 1 November 2000.

### BUDGET DEBATE

Shortly before a financial year ends in March, the Financial Secretary presents his Budget to the Council in the form of an Appropriation Bill and the Draft Estimates, which are followed closely by legislative measures for implementing the Government's revenue proposals. These set out the Government's annual revenue and expenditure proposals for the following financial year. Since 1999, legislation required for implementing the revenue proposals has been presented in the form of Revenue Bills. After the proposed estimates of expenditure have been examined by the Finance Committee at its special meetings, the

Appropriation Bill is brought back into the Council for consideration and passage. For the 2001-2002 Budget, the Financial Secretary introduced the Appropriation Bill 2001 on 7 March 2001. The debate on the Budget took place on 28 and 29 March and 4 April 2001. The Appropriation Bill 2001 was passed on 4 April 2001. The Revenue Bill 2001 and the Revenue (No. 2) Bill 2001 were passed on 20 June 2001 and the Revenue (No. 3) Bill 2001 on 12 July 2001.

### CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSIONS

Three meetings of the Council were held during the period under report to enable the Chief Executive to answer questions put to him by Members on a variety of subjects.



*Humorous quips and remarks are not unusual in the Chief Executive's Question and Answer Sessions.*

## Chapter 3 Committees



Through a system of committees Members perform the critical roles of scrutinizing bills, controlling public expenditure, and monitoring the work of the Government. There are three standing committees, namely the Finance Committee, Public Accounts Committee, and Committee on Members' Interests. Moreover, the House Committee co-ordinates matters relating to the business to be considered at Council meetings and decides whether bills committees or subcommittees should be formed as appropriate. The scrutiny of bills which require in-depth study is done through bills committees which present reports to the Council after they have completed their tasks. Panels are committees which monitor and examine policy issues. The panels to be formed and their terms of reference are recommended by the House Committee to the Council for approval.



*Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong (centre), as Chairman of the Finance Committee, chairs the election of the Deputy Chairman.*

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee consists of all Members of the Council except the President. The chairman and deputy chairman of the committee are elected by and from among its members.

The Finance Committee is vested with the responsibility of scrutinizing public expenditure proposals. It holds special meetings after the introduction of the Appropriation Bill to examine the Draft Estimates of Expenditure for the coming financial year. It meets on Fridays to consider proposals which entail changes to the approved Estimates each year, or note financial implications of new policies.

During the 2000-2001 session, the Finance Committee held 19 regular meetings and examined a total of 77 items of proposals, including 21 items containing 138 proposals which had been considered and supported by its two subcommittees, namely the Establishment Subcommittee and the Public Works Subcommittee.

The Finance Committee held six special meetings consisting of 18 sessions from 20 to 23 March 2001 to examine the Draft Estimates of Expenditure for the 2001-2002 financial year. In addition to the 1,501 written questions raised by members prior to the special meetings, members further raised 124 supplementary questions and made 23 verbal requests for additional information which were subsequently dealt with by the Administration in writing. In this year's exercise, the Finance Committee put on trial the simultaneous provision of hard and soft copies of the Administration's replies to written questions prior to the special meetings to further enhance the electronic transfer of



*At the request of Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, Chairman of the Public Works Subcommittee, a visit to the Kowloon Area Traffic Control Centre is arranged for members to look at the centre's computer system, which controls about 560 air traffic control junctions and 60 closed circuit television cameras.*

documents. Policy issues arising from the special meetings were referred to the relevant Panels. The committee also held two special briefings on the 2001-2002 Budget and the Draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-2002.

The Establishment Subcommittee examines and makes recommendations to the Finance Committee on the Administration's proposals for the creation, redeployment, and deletion of permanent and supernumerary directorate posts, and for changes to the structure of civil service grades and ranks. During the current session, the subcommittee, consisting of 21 members, held 10 meetings and examined a total of 43 items of proposals put forward by the Administration. The membership of the subcommittee is in *Appendix 5*.

The Public Works Subcommittee examines and makes recommendations to the Finance

Committee on the Administration's proposals for the upgrading of projects to, or downgrading from, Category A of the Public Works Programme, or changes to the scope and approved estimates of projects already in that Category. During the current session, the subcommittee, consisting of 26 members, held 21 meetings and examined a total of 102 items of proposals put forward by the Administration. Where it is found necessary to understand the actual operation of facilities in considering the funding proposals concerned, the Subcommittee may conduct site visits. In this session, the subcommittee visited the Kowloon Area Traffic Control Centre to observe the operation of the Area Traffic Control System. The membership of the subcommittee is in *Appendix 5*.

### **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE**

The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) is responsible for considering the reports of the



*Mr TSANG Yam-pui, Commissioner of Police (first from left), gives evidence during a Public Accounts Committee public hearing on the interdiction of Government officers.*

Director of Audit on the accounts and the results of value for money audits of the Government and other organizations which are within the purview of public audit. The committee may call for explanation and obtain evidence from public officers, management personnel of public organizations and other relevant persons, if deemed necessary. The committee comprises seven members elected by Members and appointed by the President. The membership of the committee is in **Appendix 5**.

During the 2000-2001 session, the committee examined the Director of Audit's Report on the Accounts of the Government of the HKSAR for the year ended 31 March 2000 and the Reports on the Results of Value for Money Audits (Reports Nos. 35 and 36). The conclusions and recommendations of the committee are contained in PAC Reports Nos. 35 and 36, tabled in the Council on 14 February 2001 and 4 July 2001 respectively.

### COMMITTEE ON MEMBERS' INTERESTS

The committee considers matters pertaining to Members' declaration of interests and matters of ethics in relation to their conduct, and makes recommendations relating to Members' interests. It also examines arrangements for the compilation, maintenance and accessibility of the Register of Members' Interests. The seven members of the committee are elected by Members and appointed by the President. The membership of the committee is in **Appendix 5**.

During the 2000-2001 session, the committee reviewed the registration system for declaration of interests by Members, consulted Members about the minimum value of \$10,000 set for registrable one-off material benefits received by them and the definition of the term 'advantage', and found these still applicable to present-day needs.





*Shortly after taking up the post of Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Donald TSANG (second from left in the inset) attends a House Committee special meeting to present and discuss his vision and priorities.*

The committee updated and issued to Members the Advisory Guidelines on Matters of Ethics in relation to the conduct of Members in their capacity as such, and arranged for uploading the Register of Members' Interests onto the LegCo web site.

The committee has deliberated whether the drafting of Rule 84 of the Rules of Procedure on disclosure of personal pecuniary interest could be improved, and would continue the deliberation in the next session.

## HOUSE COMMITTEE

The House Committee comprises all Members, except the President, who elect from among themselves the chairman and deputy chairman.

While the LegCo is in session, the House Committee normally meets weekly and meetings are open to the public.

The House Committee prepares for meetings of the Council and considers matters relating to the business of the Council. One important function of the House Committee is to scrutinize bills introduced into the Council and subsidiary legislation tabled in Council or presented to the Council for approval. The House Committee may form bills committees to scrutinize bills, or appoint subcommittees to study some of the subsidiary legislation in greater detail. The House Committee then monitors progress and studies reports from the bills committees and subcommittees concerned in preparation for the debates on such bills and subsidiary legislation in Council.

The House Committee may refer to relevant panels for consideration any policy matters relating to the business of the Council. The House Committee may also consider, in such manner as it thinks fit, any other item relating to the business of the Council.

The House Committee also serves as a focal point for establishing a formal and regular dialogue with the Administration. The chairman and deputy chairman of the House Committee meet the Chief Secretary for Administration on a regular basis to discuss matters of mutual concern.

During the 2000-2001 session, a total of 36 regular meetings of the House Committee were held. A special meeting was also held to discuss with the Chief Secretary for Administration his plans and aspirations and other issues of public concern.

### *Other Subcommittees of the House Committee*

The House Committee may appoint subcommittees to assist in the consideration of any other items relating to the business of the Council. The following subcommittees were in operation during the 2000-2001 session:

- Parliamentary Liaison Subcommittee;
- Subcommittee on the draft Copyright (Suspension of Amendments) Bill 2001;
- Subcommittee to follow up the outstanding capital works projects of the former municipal councils;
- Subcommittee on Members' Remuneration and Operating Expenses Reimbursement; and

- Subcommittee on overseas duty visits undertaken by Panels and other committees.

The membership of these subcommittees is in *Appendix 5*.

### **COMMITTEE ON RULES OF PROCEDURE**

The Committee on Rules of Procedure is responsible for reviewing the Rules of Procedure of the Council and the committee system, and proposing to the Council such amendments or changes as are considered necessary.

The committee consists of a chairman, a deputy chairman and 10 members appointed by the President in accordance with the recommendations of the House Committee. For the term commencing October 2000, the membership of the committee is in *Appendix 5*.

From October 2000 to September 2001, the committee held a total of nine meetings and deliberated on a wide range of subjects in particular those which would enhance the effectiveness of the Council in examining Government policies and scrutinizing legislative and financial proposals. In this connection, the committee conducted a review on the working mechanism of panels and bills committees for the scrutiny of legislative and financial proposals, and recommended a series of measures to ensure early consultation with the relevant panels on such proposals and to allow more thorough discussion of the proposals.

The committee, following a comprehensive study of overseas practices in debating policy addresses, recommended to the House Committee the introduction of a new mode of

debate on the Chief Executive's Policy Address, aiming at making the debate more focused on specific policy areas. Subject to the agreement of the House Committee of the detailed arrangements at the start of the new session, the new mode of debate would be tried out in October 2001.

The committee also reviewed the procedures for allocating debate slots for motions with no legislative effect at Council meetings, and the arrangement for recommending speaking time limits for debates on such motions. The committee also fine-tuned the provisions of the Rules of Procedure and the wording of the Chinese text of the House Rules.

The committee presented four reports to the House Committee recommending changes to current procedures, and tabled a report in the Council on 11 July 2001 summarizing its deliberations on specific subjects. The Rules of Procedure were amended by resolution of the Council on 12 July 2001.

### BILLS COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES ON SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION

The House Committee may allocate bills, except the Appropriation Bill and bills not referred to the House Committee by the Council, to bills committees for detailed scrutiny. All Members, other than the President, may join any bills committee. The chairman of each bills committee is elected from among its members. Government officials and members of the public may be invited to attend its meetings.

A bills committee will consider the principles and merits of the bill concerned as well as its detailed provisions, and may propose amendments relevant to the bill. It may also appoint subcommittees for the purpose of assisting it in the performance of its functions. After a bills committee has completed scrutiny of a bill, it will notify the House Committee and advise the committee in writing of its deliberations. The bills committee will be dissolved on the enactment of the bill concerned or as decided by the House Committee.



*Members of the Bills Committee on Rehabilitation Centres Bill observe young offenders studying at Lai King Training Centre in Kwai Chung.*

During the 2000-2001 session, 41 bills committees were formed to scrutinize 43 bills introduced into the Council. Of these 41 bills committees, 17 had completed work and reported to the House Committee. Fifteen bills committees were still in action and eight Government bills were on the bills committee waiting list. In addition, the work of the Bills Committee on Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill 2000 was held in abeyance.

There were also 18 subcommittees which considered 69 items of subsidiary legislation tabled in the Council and two proposed resolutions presented by the Administration for the Council's approval. The membership of these bills committees and subcommittees is in *Appendix 5*.

Reports of these bills committees and subcommittees are available on the LegCo web site at <http://www.legco.gov.hk>.

## PANELS

Panels are committees of the Council tasked to monitor and examine Government policies. Each panel deliberates on policy matters and issues of public concern relating to the policy areas of its corresponding bureau(x). The items for discussion can be brought up by members of the panel, referred to it by the House Committee or other committees, raised by other Members following meetings with District Councils or upon receipt of complaints or representations, or proposed by the Administration. Panels also give views on major legislative and financial proposals before their introduction into the Council or Finance Committee. To enhance the effectiveness of panels in scrutinizing such proposals, a series of measures agreed by the House Committee on the recommendation of the Committee on Rules of Procedure have been implemented in the 2000-2001 session to ensure early consultation with the relevant panels on such proposals and to allow more thorough discussion of the proposals.

A panel may appoint subcommittees to study specific issues and present reports to the Council as it considers appropriate.

Each panel is headed by a chairman elected from among its members. The membership of the 18 panels in the 2000-2001 session and their subcommittees is in *Appendix 5*.

### *Panel on Manpower*

According to the findings of the Manpower Projection to 2005, there would be a projected surplus of manpower supply of 136,700 at lower secondary education level or below up to 2005. On the other hand, a shortfall of manpower supply at post-secondary level or above was projected at 116,900. To address the projected mismatch in manpower requirement and supply, members urged the Administration to increase the provision of post-secondary education, provide more training opportunities and undertake effective measures to upgrade the skills of workers of low skill and low education attainment.

The panel jointly discussed with the Panel on Welfare Services the 13 different programmes introduced by the Government to help the unemployed find employment. Members were assured that there was no wastage or duplication of resources as each of these programmes served a distinct client group and a different purpose. Members urged the Government departments and service providers concerned to maintain close cooperation to avoid duplication of efforts and to optimize available resources.

Some members expressed concern that employees who were forced by their employers to change to the status of self-employed to evade employers' Mandatory Provident Fund contributions would be deprived of the rights and protection as provided in the various labour legislation. The Administration told

members that under the Employment Ordinance, an employer could not unilaterally vary the terms of employment. Even if an employer had changed the status of his employee to self-employed, he still had to fulfil his obligations under the various labour legislation if the employer-employee relationship had not changed in essence. To deter non-compliance, members urged the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority and the Labour Department to step up proactive inspections and prosecutions.

Some members were in support of the Admission of Mainland Professionals Scheme. Some other members, however, were concerned that as no quota or minimum wage would be imposed, the unlimited admission of Mainland professionals would adversely affect the employment opportunities and wage level of the local workforce. The panel passed a motion requesting the Government to impose a quota on the number of Mainland professionals to be admitted; set up a vetting committee with representatives from the labour sector to monitor the Scheme; stipulate that the salaries to be paid by the employers to the admitted Mainland professionals should not be lower than the median market wages of the same trade; and increase vocational training and university places to meet the projected shortfall.

The panel discussed the various measures proposed by the Administration to restore the financial viability of the Employees Compensation Assistance (ECA) Scheme. Members considered that the fines collected for non-compliance with the statutory insurance requirements should be paid to the ECA Fund for the compensation payments under the ECA Scheme. Members urged the Administration to consider increasing such fines and step up

enforcement action. Members also considered that the operating costs of the ECA Board should not be charged to the Fund. In addition, members suggested that the bridging loan of \$60 million to be provided to the ECA Board should be a capital injection by the Government.

### *Panel on Commerce and Industry*

The Intellectual Property (Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance 2000, which amended the Copyright Ordinance to strengthen the criminal provisions against copyright piracy in business, came into effect on 1 April 2001 and gave rise to much concern and discussions within the community. The panel conducted a series of special meetings to address the concerns of different sectors of the community. The main concern of the business community was that the threat of criminal proceedings and the absence of a convenient mechanism to obtain the required authorization for the photocopying and use of newspapers had hampered the dissemination of information in enterprises. The panel also noted that small and medium enterprises (SMEs) had experienced particular difficulties in complying with the law, as there was an inadequate supply of computer programmes and the prices of software had gone up considerably. The panel welcomed the Government's decision to introduce the Copyright (Suspension of Amendments) Bill 2001 to suspend the application of parts of the amendments made to the key criminal provisions in the Copyright Ordinance for certain copyright works. The panel also noted the Administration's intention to liberalize the parallel importation of computer software to increase competition and the availability of products, thus relieving the financial burden of SMEs.

The panel welcomed the establishment of the Small and Medium Enterprises Committee (SMEC) to study the overall strategy for supporting SMEs. As there were over 300,000 SMEs in Hong Kong engaging in various trades and industries, the panel urged the SMEC to conduct more extensive consultation with the relevant organizations and bodies, so that the unique problems faced by the SMEs and the support they required could be fully considered. The panel noted that in its report to the Chief Executive, the SMEC had proposed a series of new supporting measures for SMEs in the areas of business environment, financing, corporate governance and culture, human resources, technology applications and market expansion.

In reviewing the progress of the Innovation and Technology Fund and the Applied Research Fund, the panel was particularly concerned about the cost-effectiveness of the funds in promoting technology development and about the quality of the projects concerned. The panel noted that the Administration had adopted various measures to ensure that the limited resources were focused on research areas in which Hong Kong had a competitive edge and that the quality of the investment projects would be monitored closely.

The panel supported the Administration's plan to introduce competition in Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) services for the benefit of consumers and reviewed with the Administration the future arrangement for the provision of Government EDI services after the expiry of Tradelink's exclusive franchise by the end of 2003.

To enhance Hong Kong's position as a pre-eminent service centre in the region, the panel

examined the need for additional convention and exhibition facilities in Hong Kong. While different views were expressed on whether additional facilities would be conducive to the development of tourism and commerce in Hong Kong, there was no question on the need to promote Hong Kong as a trade fair capital vigorously.

### *Panel on Public Service*

The panel noted the Administration's initiative in containing the size of the civil service but expressed concern about the impact of the substantial reduction of civil service posts on the quality of public services and workload of the remaining staff. Noting that approval had been given to some 11,000 applicants to retire under the Voluntary Retirement (VR) Scheme, the panel called for careful planning for the release of the VR-takers, and the training and redeployment of the remaining staff of the 59 designated grades covered by the Scheme.

The panel also monitored the progress of the initiatives in the Civil Service Reform. As the Administration had taken forward the Management-initiated Retirement (MIR) Scheme to provide for the early retirement of directorate officers where necessary and justified to facilitate improvement in the Government organization, the panel urged the early disclosure of the information on the number of cases approved under the Scheme and the amount of ex gratia payment involved in the cases. As regards the proposed Civil Service Provident Fund (CSPF) Scheme for new recruits to the permanent terms of appointment, the panel was concerned whether the proposed CSPF Scheme would be more effective than the existing pension schemes in retaining quality staff and maintaining the

integrity of the civil service. The panel called for a comparison of the proposed CSPF Scheme and the existing pension schemes, in terms of Government's financial commitment and employees' ultimate benefit. It also asked for a comparative study of the proposed CSPF Scheme with the existing provident fund schemes for subvented organizations, so as to ensure that the retirement benefits of civil servants and staff in subvented organizations were comparable.

While the panel supported the upward adjustment of civil service pay with effect from 1 April 2001, some members were concerned that offering a higher pay adjustment to the directorate and upper pay band would have an adverse effect on the morale of the civil servants at the junior and middle ranks, and also widen the wealth gap in the community. On housing allowances, the panel supported the Administration's proposal to revise the mechanisms for adjusting the Home Financing Allowance, Home Purchase Allowance, Rent Allowance, Private Tenancy Allowance and Accommodation Allowance. On the pay and fringe benefits for non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff, the panel stressed that the Government, as a good employer, should offer reasonable pay and fringe benefits to them. Having regard to the panel's concern and the experience in the recent two years, the Administration relaxed the employment arrangements for NCSC staff to allow Heads of Departments greater flexibility to offer better terms and conditions based on market conditions.

On the proposed corporatization of the Survey and Mapping Office (SMO) of the Lands Department, the panel shared SMO staff's concern

about the cost-effectiveness of the proposal and their job security after corporatization. A majority of panel members had reservations about the need to corporatize SMO and urged the Administration to consider alternative options.

The panel was briefed on the outcome of a comprehensive review of the system on declaration of investments by civil servants. In response to the panel's suggestion to expand the scope of the system to cover declaration of civil servants' liabilities, the Administration undertook to review its guidelines on indebtedness with a view to strengthening measures to manage indebtedness in the civil service.

#### *Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services*

The panel expressed concern about the slow progress of work in amending and adapting the relevant Ordinances for application to the offices set up by the Central People's Government in the HKSAR. Members noted that the Administration had yet to come up with a formulation for amending the 15 ordinances that expressly bound the Government. Regarding the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance, the Administration was still awaiting the result of its consultation with the Central Authorities. As regards the 53 ordinances that were expressed to bind, or apply to, the "Crown", only 18 had been either wholly or partly adapted. The panel made a report to the House Committee on the unsatisfactory state of affairs and would continue to follow up the matter in the next session.

Arising from previous discussions of the panel on how the LegCo should discharge its function

under Article 73(7) of the Basic Law to endorse the appointment of seven judges of the Court of Final Appeal, the panel decided to review the process of appointment of judges. The two main concerns of the panel were the lack of information and procedure as a basis for LegCo to perform a meaningful role, and the lack of transparency and accountability in the present system of appointing judges. The panel agreed to propose options to address the two main concerns for consultation with the relevant parties.

The panel closely monitored the progress of the comprehensive review of legal education and training in Hong Kong which involved a consultancy stage and a further study by a Review Panel. In November 2000, the panel was briefed on the consultation paper released by the two overseas consultants engaged for the review. The panel noted that following publication of the final report of the consultants in August 2001, there would be a period of about three months for interested parties to give their views on the final report. The Steering Committee which was responsible to oversee the review would then decide on how it would proceed with the second stage of the review.

In view of wide public concern about the decision of the Department of Justice not to pursue further the prosecution of the accused persons in two cases, the panel held a meeting with the Administration. Members were briefed on the principles and factors which regulated general prosecution policy, with particular reference to public interest factors, and the use of the binding over procedure in the situation where the decision was taken not to pursue a prosecution which was in train.

The panel expressed concern that “unlawful sexual intercourse” in the offence of rape under section 118 of the Crimes Ordinance might still mean intercourse outside the bounds of matrimony, and suggested that the Administration should amend the Ordinance to make it clear that marital rape was an offence. The legislative proposal was introduced into LegCo on 4 July 2001.

The panel requested the Administration to consider whether the court in Hong Kong should be given a discretionary power to order refund of deposit to purchasers where a sale and purchase transaction of real property had failed in circumstances where the refund was required by justice. The panel noted that despite the mixed responses received by the Administration in its consultation with the relevant organizations, the Administration decided to proceed with the proposal by amending section 12 of the Conveyancing and Property Ordinance. The legislative proposal was introduced into LegCo on 4 July 2001.

### *Panel on Home Affairs*

Discrimination issues were high on the agenda of the panel. The panel discussed discrimination on the ground of sexual orientation and racial discrimination with concerned organizations and the Administration. The panel also set up a subcommittee to follow up the issue of discrimination on the ground of sexual orientation. Some members expressed strong disappointment that the Administration had maintained that the recommendations of the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights were not binding on the HKSAR Government. They were also very





*At the invitation of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, members of the Panel on Home Affairs visit the Hong Kong Central Library before its official public opening. The event includes tests of the computer-controlled book conveyance system.*

dissatisfied with the Government's failure to extend the prohibition of racial discrimination to the private sector and to establish a human rights institution as recommended by the Committee.

The panel held a discussion on "the definition of religious bodies" with representatives from various religious bodies and the Administration. Members were of the view that there was adequate legislation against illegal activities of religious bodies and the Government did not need to legislate on religion. They urged the Administration not to do anything to compromise religious freedom in Hong Kong.

The panel was briefed on the recommendations of a consultancy study on the requirements for major new sports and recreation venues. Members felt strongly that plans for sports facilities must dovetail with sports policy. The Administration should not make any decision on building major new sports and recreation venues until the completion of the sports policy

review. The Administration assured members that the findings of the consultancy study would be considered in the context of the overall sports policy review and wide public consultation would be conducted.

As regards district and rural affairs, the panel discussed with the Administration the roles and functions of District Councils (DCs) and the need for additional support to DC members. Members expressed great disappointment that after having reviewed the roles and functions

of DCs, the Government had failed to propose any substantive measures to enhance the powers of DCs, and that DCs would remain of an advisory nature. They were of a strong view that some of the functions and powers of the two former municipal councils should be transferred to DCs. The panel was also very concerned about the implications of the judgment of the Court of Final Appeal (CFA) concerning the right of non-indigenous inhabitants to vote and to stand as a candidate in village representative (VR) elections. Members requested the Administration to expedite the consultation and legislative process for devising a new system for VR elections which was compatible with the CFA judgment.

Members expressed dissatisfaction that the Administration had already demonstrated in the consultation paper on the Gambling Review a stance in favour of authorized soccer betting despite its claim of being neutral. While many members expressed objection to the provision

of authorized outlets for soccer betting, a member considered that betting duty could subsidize the development of local soccer. Members noted that the Administration had commissioned a study of gambling behaviour and pathological gambling in Hong Kong. They stressed that no decision should be made until the possible social costs of authorized soccer betting were thoroughly considered after completion of the study.

Building management was also a major concern to the panel. Members considered that the Building Management Ordinance had a lot of room for improvement. The panel set up a subcommittee to discuss the review of the Ordinance with the Administration.

### *Panel on Transport*

One of the major tasks of the panel in this session was to oversee the implementation of a number of Hong Kong's most strategic transport infrastructural projects, namely the planning and construction of railway projects and major highway projects such as Route 7 (section between Kennedy Town and Aberdeen), Route 9 (Tsing Yi to Shatin) and Route 10 (North Lantau to Yuen Long Highway), to ensure the timely delivery of the transport infrastructure within the environmental constraints.

To facilitate close monitoring of the implementation programme of railway development projects, a subcommittee was formed under the panel to monitor the related issues. The subcommittee reviewed with the Administration issues which might affect the progress of the

implementation of five railway projects, including the MTR Tseung Kwan O Extension due for completion by the end of 2002, the West Rail by the end of 2003, the Ma On Shan to Tai Wai Rail Link and KCR Extension to Tsim Sha Tsui by 2004, and the Penny's Bay Rail Link by 2005 to coincide with the opening of the Disney Theme Park.

On public transport, the panel continued to monitor the regulatory regime governing bus fare revisions proposed by franchised bus operators. The panel also urged the Administration to provide a more conducive environment for franchised bus operators to expand their network so as to relieve the pressure for fare increase and to enhance competition. In addition, the panel reviewed the policy to restrict the operating areas of red minibus by preventing their penetration into new towns and new public housing estates and prohibiting them from using new expressways, taking into account the changing circumstances over the years.



*Out of concern for the adequacy of train service during the morning peak hours, members of the Panel on Transport make an early visit to the Tai Wai Station to observe railway operation.*

When consulted on railway fare review for 2001, the panel expressed grave concern about the justifications for the proposals from the MTR Corporation Limited and the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation (East Rail and Light Rail) for fare increases. In the light of the prevailing economic climate and the impact of the proposals on the livelihood of the general public, the panel considered it inappropriate for the companies to adjust their fares at the time. The panel was pleased to note that the two railway companies had subsequently agreed to defer the introduction of fare increases from 1 September 2001 to 1 April 2002.

The panel supported the initiative to develop an intelligent transport system to achieve better use of existing transport infrastructure and greater efficiency in traffic management, and to enable road users to have access to real-time traffic information. However, the panel was concerned about the cost effectiveness of the proposed system, the private sector initiative in developing value-added application systems, and how the general public could benefit from the various systems and at what cost. The

panel would continue to monitor the implementation programme of the system.

Investigations into a preferred toll pricing strategy for competing tolled facilities remained a concern of the panel. In order to promote more equitable use of precious social resources and to spread out the traffic among various tunnels to ease congestion, the panel urged the Administration to review the toll charging policy, and to propose new measures for diverting traffic among different tunnels.

### *Panel on Housing*

Concerns over building problems in public housing were high on the agenda of the panel. To follow up on the construction problems identified in Tin Chung Court, Shatin Area 14B Phase 2, Tung Chung Area 30 Phase 3 and the Redevelopment of Shek Yam Estate Phase 2, the panel set up a working group to consider the way forward. The working group studied the information provided by the Administration in relation to the incidents, including some of the investigation/study reports. Notwithstanding



*To compare the living conditions of new-design small public housing units with those in existing two-person elderly households in small harmony flats, six members of the Panel on Housing visit a two-person mock-up flat at the Housing Authority Mock-up Centre (left) and the home of a two-person elderly family at Tsz Lok Estate. They are briefed by Mr LAU Kai-hung, Business Director/Allocation and Marketing of Housing Department (far right in both photos), on the new design.*

the Administration's undertaking to take on board a series of new measures to improve the building quality, the working group considered it necessary to first understand the circumstances leading to the four incidents before considering the effectiveness of the new measures. Based on the recommendation of the working group, the panel reported to the House Committee the need to conduct an independent and comprehensive enquiry on the matter. A select committee was subsequently set up by resolution of the Council on 7 February 2001.

The panel continued to monitor the site settlement problem in Tseung Kwan O, which affected the housing developments in the area, resulting in the need for rectification works. The findings of the investigation conducted by the Administration confirmed that the unusual settlement was due to a significant groundwater drawdown in the lower strata of the Tseung Kwan O Reclamation caused by the construction of the Harbour Area Treatment Scheme Stage I tunnel outside the reclamation. In view of the findings, the panel considered that the affected residents should be duly compensated. It also suggested that an independent arbitration mechanism should be set up to engage independent experts to determine the liability of the parties concerned.

Rehousing arrangements for residents affected by clearances and redevelopment programmes was a major concern to the panel. A Subcommittee on Rehousing Arrangements for Residents Affected by Clearance of Temporary Housing Areas, Squatter Areas and Cottage Areas was set up under the panel with a view to providing necessary assistance to the affected residents. Given that the rates of *ex gratia*

allowances for operators of business undertakings affected by clearances were determined in 1988, the panel urged the Administration to review the formula for calculating the allowances. As for commercial tenants displaced by redevelopment operations, the panel considered that they should be given the opportunity to participate in restricted tender exercises and be offered the same amount of lump sum payment in lieu of the restricted tender opportunity as that offered to affected tenants in previous redevelopment operations.

On public housing issues, the panel expressed strong dissatisfaction at the decision of the Housing Authority to lower the income and asset limits for Home Ownership Scheme and Waiting List applicants without consultation. This decision affected the eligibility of thousands of prospective buyers and tenants. The panel passed a motion reproving the Housing Authority for hastily endorsing the lowering of the income and asset limits for households applying for public rental housing and Home Ownership Scheme flats before public consultation. It also demanded the Housing Authority to suspend the implementation of the new limits, review the current mechanism and conduct full consultation. In response, the Housing Authority undertook to review the current mechanism before setting the limits for next year.

The panel also studied the problem of overcrowding in public housing units, reviewed the rehousing arrangements for two-person elderly households affected by redevelopment, and examined the Tenants Purchase Scheme, the Rental Assistance Scheme and the pilot scheme for Rent Allowance for the Elderly.

### *Panel on Security*

Some members expressed reservations about the need for the introduction of a smart identity (ID) card with multiple applications capacity in early 2003. These members were concerned about how personal data privacy and security would be safeguarded and whether adequate measures would be in place to prevent possible abuse. Some other members, while expressing support for the proposed smart ID card, also stressed the need to put in place sufficient security measures to protect personal data privacy. The Administration assured members that a package of security measures would be adopted to safeguard personal data privacy. As the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance applied to the Government, personal data would only be released according to the law.

The panel held a series of meetings to gauge public views on the Public Order Ordinance (POO) relating to the regulation of public meetings and public processions. Some members and several deputations criticized the requirement of giving seven days' notice unnecessary. They were of the view that the Police power of prohibition and the system of notice of no objection denied the rights of the public to hold public processions and public meetings, and contravened the Basic Law and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. They also criticized the heavy custodial penalty imposed on both the organizer and participants of an unauthorized assembly. They urged that the notification period should be

shortened, the system of notice of no objection should be abolished, and the penalty provisions should be amended so that failure to comply with the notification requirement would not be a criminal offence.

Some members and deputations, on the other hand, considered that no amendment should be made to the POO. They shared the view of the Administration that the seven days' notice requirement was reasonable and necessary to allow the Police to make the necessary preparation. They also considered that there was a need to strike a balance between safeguarding the right of an individual to demonstrate and protecting the interests of the community at large.

In the view of the Administration, the system of notice of no objection did not deny the right of the public to hold public meetings and processions. The criminal sanction was also necessary and reasonable to uphold the integrity of the notification system.



*Hon LAU Kong-wah (fourth from left), Chairman of the Panel on Security places his thumb on the fingerprint matching machine while other panel members watch with interest as an Immigration Department official demonstrates the smart card system.*

The panel discussed the security arrangements for the FORTUNE Global Forum and the Police's strategy of maintaining public order in public meetings and demonstrations. Some members criticized the Police for using excessive force in the handling and arrest of protesters during the incidents of confrontation between protesters and Police officers when the FORTUNE Global Forum was held in Hong Kong in May 2001. They also criticized the Police for using stringent measures against protesters when there was no indication that the protesters would use violence. They considered that with the remote "demonstration areas", the right of protesters to express their views freely was hampered. Some other members, however, shared the view of the Administration that tight security measures were necessary in order to ensure that the Forum proceeded smoothly, protect the personal safety of the participants, and facilitate protesters to conduct demonstrations peacefully and lawfully.

The panel noted that an independent consultant would be engaged to examine the implications and resource requirements for providing paramedic care on all ambulances and to develop a detailed implementation plan. The panel urged the Administration to expedite the proposed four-year timeframe to extend the paramedic ambulance service to all ambulances.

The majority of members expressed reservations about the proposal to construct a large prison complex for accommodating a penal population of 15,000. Members were concerned about the security and management of a large prison complex, and the possible adverse psychological impact on inmates, especially the young offenders and those convicted of minor offences.

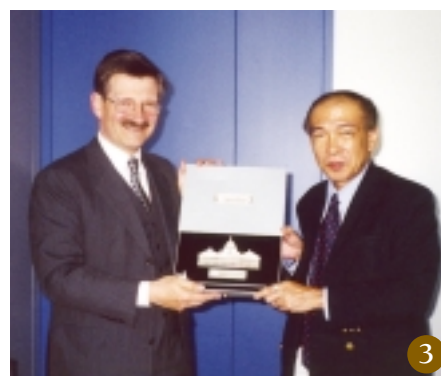
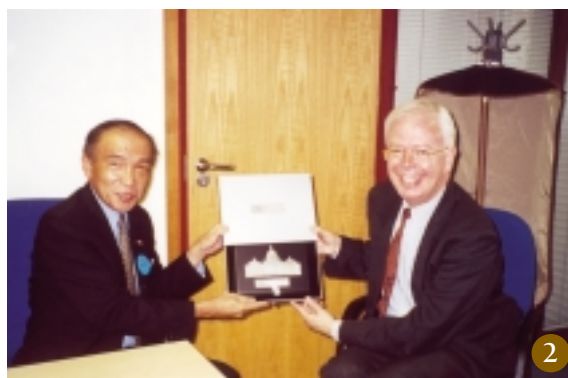
Some members also expressed doubt about the accuracy of the Administration's projection that some 3,800 additional penal places would need to be provided by 2024. Most members considered that four to five medium-sized penal complexes would provide flexibility. The panel requested the Administration to consider members' views in its long-term plan for prison development.

### *Panel on Constitutional Affairs*

The panel examined the existing "extended by one-Council meeting" provision for the scrutiny of subsidiary legislation. As most subsidiary legislation which required extension could be complicated and/or lengthy or could have significant impact on the affected parties, the panel recommended that the "extension period" should be modified from the existing provision to "21 days and, if there is no meeting on the day of the expiry of the 21-day period, the vetting period is deemed to be extended to the Council meeting next following the 21-day period". The Administration agreed to make amendments to the relevant provisions of section 34 of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance to give effect to the revised extension period.

Following the Chief Executive (CE)'s announcement in his Policy Address that the Government would study how the accountability of principal officials at Secretary and Director of Bureau rank for their respective policy portfolios could be enhanced, the panel agreed to make recommendations on the proposed accountability system for the consideration of the Administration. In this connection, the

A delegation of the Panel on Constitutional Affairs, led by panel Chairman Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat, visited Edinburgh, London, Paris, Berlin and Heidelberg in June 2001 to study developments of the executive accountability systems in the United Kingdom, France and Germany. The Panel considers that references drawn from overseas experience will be useful to its deliberations on the development of a system most suitable to the circumstances of the HKSAR and in the best interest of the community as a whole.



The delegation meets with Ministers, members of parliaments, senior civil servants and academics to gather information and exchange views on executive accountability. Shown with panel Chairman Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat are (clockwise from top left): 1. Sir David STEEL, Presiding Officer, Scottish Parliament; 2. Mr Jim WALLACE, Deputy First Minister and Minister of Justice, Scottish Executive; 3. Dr Hermann Otto Solms, Vice President of the German Bundestag; and 4. Members of the Internal Affairs Committee of the German Bundestag.

panel sought public views on the proposed accountability system in March 2001. A delegation of the panel also visited the United Kingdom, France and Germany from 13 to 24 June 2001 to study their systems of accountability.

The issue of whether certain provisions of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance should be applicable to CE had been discussed since

February 1999. The Administration agreed to introduce legislative amendments to extend the applicability of section 10 of the Ordinance concerning the possession of unexplained wealth and property to CE. The panel requested the Administration to consider codifying the common law offences on bribery for exclusive application to CE, and to put in place the new legal framework before the election of the second term of the CE.

Under Article 50 of the Basic Law, if LegCo refuse to pass a budget or any other important bill introduced by the Government, and if consensus still could not be reached after consultations, CE may dissolve LegCo. Members considered that whether or not a bill was important should be determined and declared prior to its introduction into LegCo. Given the constitutional implications of Article 50 of the Basic Law, they also considered that there should be a mechanism for defining whether a bill fell under “any other important bill” referred to in Article 50 of the Basic Law so as to prevent disputes or abuse of power by CE. The Administration agreed to take into account members’ views in considering the matter.

The question of an appropriate mechanism for amending the Basic Law was followed up by the panel. The panel noted that as some of the issues identified for further study were related to the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress (NPC), the State Council, the local NPC deputies and the Basic Law Committee, discussion with the Central Authorities was required. The panel expressed concern about the slow progress of consultation with the Central Authorities and would continue to monitor further developments.

The panel considered the issue of the precedence order of LegCo Members on the HKSAR Precedence Table. Despite the Administration’s explanation that the HKSAR Precedence

Table was basically used as a guideline in organizing Government and official functions, some members remained of the view that the Government had introduced a fundamental change to the order of precedence after 1 July 1997 which was unjustified. On behalf of Members, the Chairman of the House Committee raised a question on the matter at the CE’s Question and Answer Session on 14 June 2001. CE agreed to follow up.

### *Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene*

The panel was set up in December 2000 to monitor Government’s work in relation to food safety, environmental hygiene and agriculture and fisheries, following the dissolution of the two Provisional Municipal Councils (PMCs).

The food surveillance system and food safety were of major concern to the panel. Meetings



*During a visit to the Sheung Shui Slaughterhouse, members of the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene are briefed on the cattle slaughtering process and the prevention of E.coli O157:H7 contamination during the process.*



were held with the Administration to discuss the surveillance on live food animals, frozen meat/poultry and food products imported or produced locally. For the protection of public health, members called on the Administration to step up enforcement against illegal importation of frozen meat and poultry which evaded the food surveillance checks. The panel also suggested that the Administration's food sampling results should be publicized.

The panel expressed grave concern about the recurrence of the avian flu in May 2001, which led to the mass culling of chickens. Members urged the Administration to provide reasonable compensation to both the operators and the employees of the affected trades; and a revised compensation package was approved by the Finance Committee in June 2001. To control the spread of avian flu and to prevent recurrence, the panel urged the Administration to strictly enforce the hygiene requirements for the transportation and storage of live chickens, improve the congested state and sanitary conditions of public markets and upgrade the ventilation systems. Some members however expressed reservations about introducing a central slaughtering system for chickens as a long-term solution.

The panel supported a mandatory labelling system for genetically modified (GM) food, which should be introduced after the implementation of a voluntary labelling system for 18 months. Some members also suggested that a more stringent threshold of GM food content, say 3% or 1%, should be adopted.

As regards public markets, the panel agreed with the Administration that the different rental adjustment mechanisms of the former PMCs should be aligned, but disagreed that there should be a rental increase under the present economic situation. The Administration subsequently decided to "freeze" the current rental of the market stalls until the end of 2001, and undertook to revert to the panel after consulting the market stalls and parties concerned on the proposed rental adjustment mechanism. In view of members' concerns about the outdated facilities and operational difficulties of some public markets, the Administration proposed a series of improvement measures for the management of public markets.

While members of the panel had different views about the proposed Open Classification Scheme for food establishments, they supported improvements to the inspection system and Demerit Points System which placed more emphasis on food safety education. The panel also welcomed the Administration's proposals to streamline the licensing procedures for food businesses.

Regarding itinerant hawker licences (IHL), the panel did not consider it necessary to set a timetable to phase out all such licences. Members suggested increasing the amount of ex gratia payment as a means to encourage more IHL holders to surrender their licences. The panel also discussed the Administration's proposals to improve the hawker control operations and the management of the hawker control teams. The panel noted that the Administration would consult the staff concerned before implementation.

### Panel on Financial Affairs

During the session, the panel continued to provide a forum for LegCo Members to discuss with the Financial Secretary matters relating to the economic development in Hong Kong. The Financial Secretary told the panel that the Government's strategy for taking the economy forward was to invest in high-value-added industries, which in turn would spearhead the development of other industries, such as the service industry which provided employment opportunities for low-skilled workers. Hong Kong should be positioned as the "Manhattan Plus" in the South-east Asian region, aiming at becoming a centre for international finance, trade and telecommunications, tourism, transport services, health care services and higher education.

The management of public finance, in particular the level of fiscal reserves to be maintained, was a major concern to the panel. In view of the



*Mr Antony LEUNG Kam-chung (front), Financial Secretary, attends a meeting of the Panel on Financial Affairs to report on Hong Kong's latest economic situation.*

fact that Hong Kong's fiscal reserves had reached over \$440 billion, some members considered that the fiscal management policy ought to be relaxed and the Government should earmark more public funds to introduce new initiatives to improve the livelihood of the general public. The panel noted that at present, the purposes of the fiscal reserves were to meet the operating and contingency requirements of the Government, as well as to maintain the exchange rate stability of the Hong Kong dollar.

In respect of promoting banking stability, the panel noted that the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) would pursue a number of banking reform measures to increase the competitiveness and to strengthen the soundness and robustness of the banking system. The proposed measures included the introduction of a deposit protection system and the establishment of a Commercial



*Members of the Panel on Financial Affairs visit the Hong Kong Exchange and Clearing Limited (HKEx) and receive a briefing by Mr Charles LEE Yeh-kwong, Board Chairman of HKEx (centre); and Mr KWONG Ki-chi, Chief Executive of HKEx (first from right), on the latest market regulation and market infrastructure developments.*

A delegation comprising members of the Panel on Financial Affairs and the Bills Committee on Securities and Futures and Banking (Amendment) Bill 2000 visited London, Washington DC and New York for the purpose of understanding the financial infrastructures of the United Kingdom (UK) and the United States of America (USA) and sharing the two countries' experiences in bringing changes to their financial systems.



The delegation receives a briefing by representatives of the Financial Services Practitioner Panel and the Financial Services Consumer Panel, UK Financial Services Authority, on the representation of industry and consumer interests in the UK financial system.

Meeting with Mr Mervyn KING, Deputy Governor, Bank of England (centre) to discuss the bank's role in maintaining the stability of the financial system of the UK.



In New York, the delegation meets with Mr William J MCDONOUGH, President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Reserve Bank of New York (fifth from right), and other representatives of the bank to receive a briefing on the relationship between the bank and the Federal Reserve Board.



Members visit the NASDAQ Market Site at Times Square in New York to look at the trading facilities and services provided by the company.

Credit Reference Agency. Following the implementation of the final phase of interest rate deregulation, some members expressed concern about the plan of some banks to raise charges for basic banking services. The panel agreed to study the practices in other economies and further examine the subject in relation to consumer protection in the next session.

In order to understand the financial systems and regulatory regimes of major international financial centres, the panel, together with the Bills Committee on the Securities and Futures Bill and the Banking (Amendment) Bill 2000, visited London, Washington DC and New York in April 2001. In the nine-day visit, the delegation met with the Government authorities and legislative committees responsible for financial services, regulators, major financial institutions and market players, and shared their experiences in introducing changes to the financial systems in the face of challenges arising from globalization and the diversification of businesses of enterprises. A report containing the findings of the visit and recommendations of the delegation was tabled at the meeting of the Council on 4 July 2001.

Members of the panel were seriously concerned about the Financial Secretary's decision to use \$3.699 billion from the Exchange Fund to purchase permanent office accommodation for the HKMA. The Legal Adviser of LegCo Secretariat and the General Counsel of HKMA separately provided views on the legality of charging the expenditure to the Exchange Fund as staff costs. The panel would consider the matter further.

### *Panel on Education*

Members discussed with the Education Commission (EC) and the Administration the EC's report on "Reform Proposals for the Education System in Hong Kong" as well as the detailed arrangements for implementing the various reform measures.

The panel welcomed the introduction of a new recurrent grant for all public sector schools so that these schools would be able to hire additional staff or procure various services to relieve teachers' workload. However, members considered the new grant inadequate. They suggested that those schools with a large intake of students with lower academic ability should be provided with additional resources and support. Members were also of the view that reducing the class size was more fundamental because teachers would be able to devote more time to individual students.

Members considered the target of upgrading 35% of the teaching posts in primary schools to graduate posts by the 2001-2002 school year too low. The Administration advised the panel that it would conduct a review before making a decision on a further increase in the proportion of graduate posts. The panel requested the Administration to expedite the review.

As regards the "through-train" mode recommended by EC, the panel discussed the implementation arrangements put forward by the Administration. Members were concerned that as those secondary schools which switched to the "through-train" mode were only required to reserve not less than 7% of their total number of Secondary One places

for admitting students of other primary schools, the number of applicants for popular “through-train” secondary schools would far outnumber the places available. The parents’ choice of students of other primary schools would therefore be restricted. Members urged the Administration to carefully consider the possible problems which could arise from the implementation process.

The panel supported the direction of expanding the provision of post-secondary education. However, they were concerned about the financial implications and the standard of post-secondary graduates if the number of post-secondary places had to be substantially increased for 60% of secondary school leavers. A subcommittee was set up by the panel to discuss the Administration’s proposals to achieve the target. Members stressed that the quality of students and post-secondary programmes should be ensured while increasing quantity.

The panel was briefed on the curriculum reform proposals put forward by the Curriculum Development Council after a holistic review of the school curriculum. Members considered that adequate training and support must be provided so that teachers would have the expertise and time to design school-based curriculum. Members were also of the view that the senior secondary curriculum and university admission system should be carefully designed to align with the new curriculum for basic education.

The panel discussed the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on School-based Management in detail with the Administration and representatives from school sponsoring

bodies, parent-teacher associations and concern organizations. While some members welcomed the proposal of a one-tier school governance structure comprising teacher and parent managers, some members considered that the Administration should not impose a one-tier governance structure across-the-board.

The Administration also briefed the panel on the provision of school sites for achieving various education initiatives. Members urged the Administration to give priority to allocate sites for school development because education was paramount to the future development of Hong Kong. The panel would closely monitor the progress on the availability of reserved school sites.

### *Panel on Planning, Lands and Works*

In the 2000-2001 session, the panel was consulted on a number of major planning proposals. The panel supported the study on “Hong Kong 2030: Planning Vision and Strategy” to provide a long-term land use-transport-environmental planning framework to guide the development of Hong Kong over the next 30 years. The panel concurred with the proposal in the “Planning Study on the Harbour and its Waterfront Areas” to make the Victoria Harbour more attractive, vibrant and symbolic of Hong Kong. As regards the “Study on Review of Metroplan” to formulate an up-to-date development strategy for the Metro Area for the period up to 2016, the panel urged the Administration to plan for an environmental-friendly and convenient city, and to expedite urban renewal.

On the revised proposed compensation package for owners and tenants affected by land

resumption, the panel had extensive discussions with the Administration and concerned parties, and stressed that the acquisition offers should be fair and reasonable. To address the panel's concern, the Administration undertook to make a number of recommendations to the Urban Renewal Authority, including the recommendation that its acquisition offer should be more favourable than the Government's land resumption offer.

The panel appreciated the Government's determination and efforts in tackling unauthorized building works (UBWs) and supported the comprehensive strategy and implementation plan to promote timely maintenance of buildings, to tackle UBWs including illegal rooftop structures, and to control advertisement signboards.

The flood control and prevention strategy remained an issue of concern of the panel. In view of the extensive flooding in the low-lying areas of Northern and North Western New Territories in June 2001 which resulted in the evacuation of some residents concerned, the panel urged the Administration to examine the causes of the flooding incidents, to compensate the residents/fish farmers affected for losses arising from the flooding, and to monitor the performance of its flood prevention works contractors.

On the financial proposal relating to the construction of infrastructure and associated works for Penny's Bay Development, Package 2, the panel shared the concern of mariculturists about the implications of the proposed dredging and reclamation works at Yam O on the marine environment, having regard to the fish loss

allegedly caused by dredging works at Ma Wan and Cheung Sha Wan Fish Culture Zones (FCZs). To address this concern, the Administration undertook to appoint an independent expert to investigate the causes of the fish kill incidents in these areas, and to implement all necessary preventive measures to minimize the impact of the proposed dredging and reclamation works at Yam O on Ma Wan FCZ. The panel also reminded the Administration of the importance of exercising cost control in undertaking the project.

The panel expressed grave concern about the impact of the unusual ground settlement in Tseung Kwan O on the safety of buildings in the area. The Administration undertook to monitor any ground settlement and the groundwater condition until March 2009, and to introduce a 10-year remedial works scheme to rectify any defects in the ground-level open areas of Beverly Garden and Tong Ming Court which were caused by the unusual ground settlement.

### *Panel on Economic Services*

During the session, the panel expanded its scope of work in meeting the changes in the responsibilities of the Economic Services Bureau. Apart from overseeing the policy matters relating to the development of the economic infrastructure and services to support the overall development of Hong Kong, the panel also took up the responsibility for monitoring the work of the Government in respect of consumer protection and competition policy.

The panel recognized the need and importance of safeguarding the legitimate interests of consumers while preserving the freedom of

business transactions. It therefore took every opportunity to remind Government entities, and public- and private-sector bodies to adhere to the pro-competition principles for the purpose of enhancing economic efficiency and free trade, thereby benefiting consumer welfare.

The panel closely monitored the pricing of ultra low sulphur diesel (ULSD) and whether oil companies had passed on the full benefit of the concessionary duty on ULSD to consumers. With efforts from the parties concerned, the four major oil companies reduced their pump prices for ULSD, since its introduction in July 2000, by about \$0.6 per litre up to mid January 2001.

The panel reviewed the work of the Competition Policy Advisory Group chaired by the Financial Secretary and looked into a number of competition-related complaints. The panel called on the Administration to promote competition by identifying obstacles and

constraints imposed by different entities which limited market accessibility and contestability.

The panel also reviewed with the Administration the latest cargo demand for Hong Kong's container terminals, mid-stream sites and river trade terminals, and the need for additional infrastructure. The panel called on the Administration to formulate strategies to maintain the competitive edge of Hong Kong, lower the terminal handling charges, improve the business operating environment of the industries and gear towards the provision of a "total logistics solution" to users, taking into account the competition from other major ports in the Mainland.

The contention between major stakeholders in the container freight industry over the imposition of a mid-stream fee by mid-stream operators gave rise to vigorous protests by container truck drivers. Noting the disruptions caused to port operation and the general public, the

panel held a series of meetings with representatives of the industry and the Administration to understand the matter and explore ways to prevent the recurrence of similar incident in future.

The panel recognized the importance of the tourism industry as one of the economic pillars and a major foreign exchange earner. The panel continued to monitor the development of tourism infrastructure, facilities and products in Hong Kong. In



*Members of the Panel on Economic Services are briefed by Government officials on the duties of air traffic controllers at the Air Traffic Control Tower of the Hong Kong International Airport.*

order to achieve the target opening date of the Hong Kong Disneyland theme park in 2005, the panel regularly reviewed the progress of the development of the project, including the necessary infrastructure and Government, institution and community facilities to support the development of the project.

### *Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting*

The licensing framework for Third Generation (3G) mobile services in Hong Kong was one of the issues of major concern to the panel. During the session, the panel exchanged views extensively with the Administration and deputations on the hybrid method of bidder pre-qualification and spectrum auctioning based on royalty percentage bids. In view of the novelty of the auctioning method, members urged the Administration to exercise caution in formulating the 3G-specific legislation. They also stressed the need for adequate consultation and early promulgation of the detailed auctioning

arrangements for the guidance of interested bidders.

On the liberalization of the telecommunications market, the panel examined the difficulties reported by the three new fixed telecommunications network services licensees in effecting the necessary interconnection arrangements with the incumbent dominant operator. Members reviewed with the Administration measures to facilitate prompt and efficient interconnection arrangements and would keep in view further developments.

The panel continued to monitor the progress of the Cyberport project to ensure that the project was serving its intended purpose of creating a strategic cluster of leading information technology (IT) and services companies in Hong Kong. Addressing members' concern about the demand for office space, the Administration had converted some areas earmarked for residential development in the

Cyberport Portion into office premises and would review whether more office space should be provided. Members also sought assurance on the financing arrangements for the Cyberport project. In response, the Administration confirmed that the project was progressing on schedule and the Cyberport developer had provided the necessary payment records and cashflow guarantee in accordance with the Project Agreement. The Administration would also consider members' suggestion



*At a demonstration on the Government's Electronic Service Delivery (ESD) Scheme, Hon SIN Chung-kai, Chairman of the Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting (left), tries out an ESD kiosk.*



to expand the membership of the board of directors of the relevant companies set up by the Government to undertake the Cyberport project so as to enhance transparency and representativeness.

The panel deliberated on key initiatives under the “2001 Digital 21 Strategy” which sought to develop Hong Kong into a leading digital city. Members noted the work of the Task Force on IT Manpower and urged the Administration to continue to explore measures to meet the shortfall in trained IT manpower. On the problem of digital divide faced by disadvantaged groups in society, the panel met with concern groups and pursued with the Administration suitable measures to bridge the digital gap. Members were keen to ensure that there would be effective co-ordination at the policy and operational levels and that the Government should continue with its efforts to build a digital inclusive society.

While agreeing with the policy objectives of digital broadcasting in widening programming choice and encouraging innovation, members expressed concerns about the future licensing method and the possible high costs to be borne by consumers when digital TV replaced analogue TV in the long run. The panel would follow up key issues such as compatibility of Hong Kong’s standard with that of the Mainland and the simulcast of digital and analogue services.

### *Panel on Welfare Services*

The review of family welfare services was an issue of major concern to the panel. Members were briefed on the progress as well as the findings and recommendations of an eight-month study on the subject commissioned by

the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and conducted by The University of Hong Kong.

Some members suggested that a wider prospective in supporting families should be adopted, the need for interfacing with different kinds of services should be examined and measures to enhance the resilience of families should be taken. In addition to taking these views on board, the study team had also, in accordance with members’ advice, consulted as many relevant organizations as possible, including meeting with women’s groups and labour unions to gather their views.

In the wake of a number of family tragedies since the beginning of the year, the panel discussed with the Administration the supportive services for families in crisis. Members noted that a Family Crisis Support Centre would be set up in 2001-2002 to act as a focal point for tackling family crises at an early stage. SWD would also encourage the development of district-based services and programmes with the participation of non-Government organizations, residents and local organizations to promote networking, volunteerism and formation of mutual help groups targeted at local needs to assist families in crisis.

Members considered that more help should be given to new arrival families, such as by organizing orientation programmes for people who had been granted permits to settle in Hong Kong. Members were pleased to note that resources had been allocated to SWD for setting up four offices in the Guangdong Province for the purpose, and that discussion was being held with the Mainland authorities concerned.

Services for the elderly was another issue of concern to the panel. During the year, the Administration briefed the panel on the implementation of the Standardized Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services, regulation of residential care homes for the elderly, development of integrated services for the elders and progress of the pilot scheme for contracting out home care and meal services.

Some members pointed out that the working hours of the staff of many private residential care homes for the elderly under the Bought Place Scheme and the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme far exceeded the eight-hour requirement under both schemes. Members shared the view that there was a need for further initiatives to improve the service standards of these homes.

As regards home care and meal services, members were of the view that there was a need to integrate the existing fragmented home care and meal services provided under different service modes. In the light of its recent experiences in contracting out meal and home care services, the Administration believed that all elderly services, from home care to residential care, were suitable for private sector participation and intended that competitive bidding should be applied to these services. The panel was concerned that the quality of such services would be compromised and passed a motion opposing the participation of profit-making organizations in the provision of subsidized elderly care services.

### *Panel on Health Services*

Following the release of the consultation document on health care reform in December 2000, the panel discussed in detail the proposed

reforms to the service delivery system, the system of quality assurance and the options for financing health care service. Members were concerned about the imbalance between the workload of the public and private sectors. They noted that as part of the Administration's efforts to address the problem, the Hospital Authority (HA) would explore with the private sector how both sides could collaborate and develop health care products with a view to providing patients with more choices in medical treatment.

As regards the financing of the public health care system in future, the Administration assured members that it would continue to invest in public health care service in accordance with the new population-based funding arrangement agreed with HA. In addition to adopting a number of cost-control measures and revamping the fee structure, the Administration also proposed to establish a Health Protection Account (HPA) scheme to strengthen the long-term sustainability of the public health care system. Most members expressed strong reservations about the proposed HPA scheme, given that the economy had not yet fully recovered, and that the working population had just started to contribute 5% of their salaries to the Mandatory Provident Fund schemes.

Members did not support the Administration's proposal to set up a Complaint Office in the Department of Health (DH) to assist patients in lodging complaints. They maintained the view that an independent mechanism should be established to handle medical complaints to ensure credibility and impartiality. A subcommittee set up under the panel to consider the issue invited submissions from health care

professional associations, patients and other organizations concerned and met with their representatives to listen to their views. The subcommittee would continue discussion with the Administration on the issue.

The Administration briefed the panel in July 2001 on the outcome of the consultation exercise and the way forward. Members noted that the Administration planned to commission further in-depth studies on the HPA so that with more details in hand, it would be in a better position to address the common concerns of the public.

In May 2001 the Administration briefed the panel on its proposals to extend the ban on smoking in public places to protect members of the public from passive smoking, and to close loopholes identified in the existing legislation to bring about more effective enforcement of the Smoking (Public Health) Ordinance.

Members generally supported the Administration's proposals, but had grave doubts about the enforcement arrangements. Members were concerned whether the management of the premises concerned would be willing or able to fulfil their expected enforcement role, even though some assistance and training would be given to them by the new Tobacco Control Office set up under DH. Some members suggested that the health inspectors of the Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene Department should also be empowered to take action against people who violated the ban on smoking in restaurants. Members urged the Administration to step up anti-smoking education to prevent young people from

becoming smokers and to provide additional resources for setting up more smoking cessation health centres to help smokers quit smoking.

### *Panel on Environmental Affairs*

The panel continued to monitor the progress of the Harbour Area Treatment Scheme (HATS). In the light of public concern about the delay in HATS Stage I and the continued criticism of the preferred treatment level and of reliance on large treatment plants and discharge arrangements, a new International Review Panel (IRP) had been appointed by the Government to re-examine subsequent stages of HATS taking into account the experience gained from HATS Stage I. The panel noted that IRP had recommended that Hong Kong should go for a higher level of wastewater treatment with a short and low dilution outfall, and that Biological Aerated Filters (BAF) treatment should be provided to all HATS flows. To ascertain the viability of using BAF technology in Hong Kong, the panel decided that an overseas duty visit be conducted to understand overseas experience in sewage treatment. A delegation comprising four members of the panel visited a number of prominent sewage treatment plants using BAF technology in London, Hamburg, Herford, Cologne, Wiesbaden and Paris in April 2001. The delegation generally concurred with IRP that BAF technology was viable for Hong Kong in view of its compactness, small land area requirement, high-rate treatment characteristics and flexible operation. However, pilot tests were strongly recommended prior to dimensioning, design and construction of BAF in Hong Kong in view of the distinct nature of sewage in Hong Kong. Water quality analysis

should also be conducted to assess the assimilation capacity of the receiving water bodies. The delegation held the view that the best way to contain treatment cost was to reduce pollution at source. To this end, education should be stepped up to promote public awareness on environmental protection and the need to save water.

The panel noted that the Trade Effluent Surcharge Scheme had aroused much public concern in the current legislative session. While supporting the polluter-pays principle, members had reservations about the use of Chemical Oxygen Demand as the parameter for the strength of effluent and the application of generic values for effluent strength to all trades in calculating the trade effluent surcharge. Given that the Administration was considering ways to revise the proposals on reassessment of Chemical Oxygen Demand, the panel urged the Administration to consult the trades before making any decision.

The panel also discussed with the Administration the progress in air pollution control, water quality improvement, waste management, noise control and energy efficiency. In view of the important role of the Advisory Council on the Environment in respect of environmental protection, members urged the Administration to take effective measures to increase

its transparency, including opening up meetings and announcing the criteria for appointment of members.

While appreciating the Administration's efforts in preserving wetlands, the panel considered that zoning a piece of wetland on private land as a conservation area without any compensation to the landowner was unfair, and that more support should be provided to encourage landowners to conserve the wetlands rather than selling them to developers. The panel also welcomed the establishment of the Sustainable Development Unit. However, as resources in Hong Kong were limited, strategy for sustainable development should be considered on a regional basis so that Hong Kong and the adjacent areas could complement each other.



*In order to understand more about Hong Kong's paper recycling industry, members of the Panel on Environmental Affairs observe the operation of a waste paper processor.*

An International Review Panel appointed by the Government to re-examine subsequent stages of the Harbour Area Treatment Scheme (HATS) recommended that Biological Aerated Filters (BAF) treatment should be provided to all HATS flows. To ascertain the viability of using BAF technology in Hong Kong, members of the Panel on Environmental Affairs conducted an overseas duty visit in April 2001 to Europe to understand overseas experience in using the technology and the latest developments in other aspects of refuse and sewage treatment.



At Herford Sewage Treatment Plant, Germany, the delegation inspects the quality of effluent from the BAF. Herford is the first municipality in Germany to adopt BAF in the public water-recycling services. The delegation comprises Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai (third from left in front row), Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan (fourth from right), Prof Hon NG Ching-fai, panel Chairman (third from right), and Hon LAU Ping-cheung (second from right).

The delegation meets with the Environmental Panel of the Parliament of Hamburg. Members are informed that green groups in Hamburg had accepted that incineration was a better waste treatment system than landfill.



### SELECT COMMITTEE

In response to public concern over the poor quality of public housing following the spate of building problems revealed since 1999, the Council appointed a select committee on 7 February 2001 to inquire into the building problems in the production of public housing units having regard to the circumstances

surrounding the incidents in Tin Chung Court, Shatin Area 14B Phase 2, Tung Chung Area 30 Phase 3 and Shek Yam Estate Phase 2. The Select Committee is also tasked to identify recommendations for a complete overhaul of the overall policies and system of public housing so as to raise the quality of public housing based on the findings on these incidents. The membership of the Committee is in **Appendix 5**.



Before conducting a series of public hearings, members of the Select Committee on Building Problems of Public Housing Units visit two public housing construction sites to see for themselves the process by which pilings are constructed.

Left: Members inspect a fabricated steel cage for piling while receiving a briefing by Mr Vincent TONG, Business Director/Development, Housing Department (in white wind-breaker).

Below: Members examine rock samples excavated by a hammer grab from the base of a pile.

For the purpose of conducting the inquiry in an effective and systematic manner, the Select Committee has drawn up a plan for its work and conducts the study by five phases. By July 2001, the Select Committee had completed two phases, including the identification of problem areas based on the findings of previous investigations into the four incidents conducted by other bodies, and the examination of the existing working mechanisms for the production of public housing units which fell outside the ambit of the Buildings Ordinance.

A series of public hearings were held between April and July 2001 to collect evidence on the organization structure and the internal working



in the Housing Authority, the Housing Department and the Housing Bureau, as well as the interface of these authorities in the planning and construction process. The witnesses summoned to give evidence included the former Chairman of the Housing Authority, the two former Chairmen of the Building Committee of the Housing Authority, the Secretary for Housing, the Director of Housing and other senior public officers who had served in the Housing Department in the relevant period. Staff unions of the Housing Department also provided evidence to the Select Committee. Representatives of two of these staff unions appeared before the Select Committee.



*Ms Rosanna WONG Yick-ming, former Chairman of the Housing Authority, gives evidence at a public hearing conducted by the Select Committee.*

Public hearings on the four incidents would resume in September 2001. It is expected that the Select Committee would continue until mid-2002.

## Chapter 4 Redress System



The Council operates a redress system under which the public can make representations on or seek solutions to problems arising from Government policies, decisions and procedures. Under the system, Members provide assistance, where justified, to members of the public who are aggrieved by Government actions or policies. They also deal with public representations on Government policies and legislation as well as other matters of public concern.

In groups of six, Members take turns to be on duty each week to oversee the system and to receive and handle representations and complaints made by deputations. In addition, they take turns to be on “ward duty” during their duty week to meet individual complainants and to give guidance to staff in processing cases. Staff of the Secretariat provide full-time support service for Members in the operation of the system.

In 2000-2001, a total of 1,136 new cases were received. Of these, 194 were group representations and 942 were cases brought up by

individual members of the public. Out of the 1,049 cases dealt with and concluded within the period, Members directly handled 660 cases which constituted 63% of the caseload. Of the remaining 389 cases, 174 were views which were circulated to Members for consideration, and 215 involved mainly enquiries and relatively simple cases which were handled by Secretariat staff on behalf of Members. In view of the increased complexity of the cases and the increasing awareness of public rights, the qualitative demand on the services grew considerably. In order to resolve cases expeditiously, Members held 83 case conferences with representatives of the Administration. In addition, over 1,367 telephone enquiries were handled during the year under review.

*Appendix 6* illustrates the nature and outcome of the cases completed. *Appendix 7* is a breakdown of these cases by Government policy bureaux/departments, independent organizations and non-Government organizations.



*A group of fishermen protest outside Citibank Tower (left), where the Legislative Council Secretariat Complaints Division is located, and meet with Members (below) about the adverse effects of the fishing moratorium on their livelihood and urge for financial assistance from the Government.*





## ANALYSIS OF SIGNIFICANT CASES DEALT WITH

Some of the more significant cases dealt with under the redress system are as follows:

### *Housing Cases*

Housing issues attracted the largest number of cases, totalling 325. These consisted mainly of individual complaints on the management of public housing estates, applications for public rental housing, the addition of family members to tenancy, splitting and termination of tenancy, sale and purchase of Home Ownership Scheme (HOS) units, requests for compensation upon clearance and allocation of interim housing.

Group cases were mostly on rehousing arrangements for rooftop dwellers and residents affected by the redevelopment of old public rental housing estates and clearance of squatter areas, the building quality of HOS units, and management of public housing estates. In respect of clearance operations, Members considered it unreasonable for residents who surrendered their homes as a result of such operations to have to be subject to the income and asset limit tests for applicants on the general waiting list for public rental housing. As the subject matter was a policy issue, it was referred to the Panel on Housing for further deliberation.

Residents from an HOS estate in Lam Tin, the Hong Pak Court, sought assistance on the Housing Department's (HD) refusal to bear the repair cost for certain building defects. The



*Members on a public housing estate site visit gather information about a complaint concerning rusting gates.*

residents pointed out that under a 10-year structural guarantee, the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) should be responsible for repairs to any structural component of the buildings to uphold their structural stability and integrity. However, defects such as leakage of the water tank in the pump room and irregularities detected on the external walls of some blocks were attributed by HD to be due to normal wear and tear. The residents were unconvinced that such defects should appear in buildings of only seven years. Pursuant to a case conference, HD agreed to take up the repair of the leakage of the water tank and refund the cost for rectification of the defects on the external walls to the owners for the reason that these were latent building defects.

A group of residents of Shek Yam Estate requested postponement of the clearance of Blocks 4 and 5 of Shek Yam Estate. Since some residents had purchased HOS flats which were not yet ready for occupation at the evacuation date of January 2001, the residents asked Members for assistance to defer the evacuation date so that they would not have to move twice

within a short period. Members held a case conference and urged HD to tie in the timing for clearance of the two blocks with the availability of the new HOS flats. The clearance date was eventually deferred to May 2001, which allowed some time for the residents to take up the HOS flats which were ready for occupation in April 2001.

The Coalition on Safeguarding the Rights of Cottage Areas (CA) in Hong Kong sought compensation for the loss of self-owned structures upon clearance of CAs. The Coalition argued that the obligation of CA residents to vacate their structures upon receipt of the three-month Notice-to-Quit was not in force when their structures were erected in the 1950s; they should hence be eligible for special *ex gratia* allowance upon demolition of their structures. At a case conference, HD clarified that CA residents did not hold legal title to the land they occupied. They were only authorized by permits to erect structures at their own cost and to live there, and the permits might be terminated by HA by giving three months' notice. Legislation applicable to CAs did not provide for compensation upon demolition of the structures, and legal advice also confirmed that HA was not liable to compensate clearers for the demolition. The subject matter was referred to the Panel on Housing which, after deliberation, requested the House Committee to take up the issue with the Chief Executive. In reply, however, the Chief Executive maintained the Administration's stance in not supporting the request.

As requested by members of the Shatin District Council during a regular meeting with Members, the problems of illegal hawking activities and shop-front and cooked food stall obstruction

affecting some public housing estates in Shatin and Ma On Shan were taken up by Members at a case conference. While Members appreciated the resource constraints faced by HD in totally eradicating illegal hawking activities, Members were also concerned with the nuisance caused to residents. Members obtained the agreement of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department and HD to enhance inter-departmental co-operation by increasing the frequency of joint operations, and reinforcing efforts by the estate management offices in eradicating illegal hawkers. HD would also take stringent enforcement actions against repetitive offenders of shop-front obstruction.

### *Social Welfare Cases*

Social welfare cases, totalling 51, were the second largest category of cases handled during the year. Most of the individual cases were related to applications for assistance under and views on the Social Security Assistance Scheme and the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme.

Residents of the Siu Hong Court in Tuen Mun enlisted Members' assistance for the provision of a social centre for the elderly. The Administration had once proposed the construction of a five-storey complex for welfare and community facilities including a social centre for the elderly, but the proposal was shelved pending the outcome of a consultancy study on day care centres, multi-services centres, social centres for the elderly, and development of integrated care services for the elderly. The elderly were disappointed as Siu Hong Court was in a remote community and they had to travel by Light Rail for participation in activities organized by other centres in Tuen Mun.

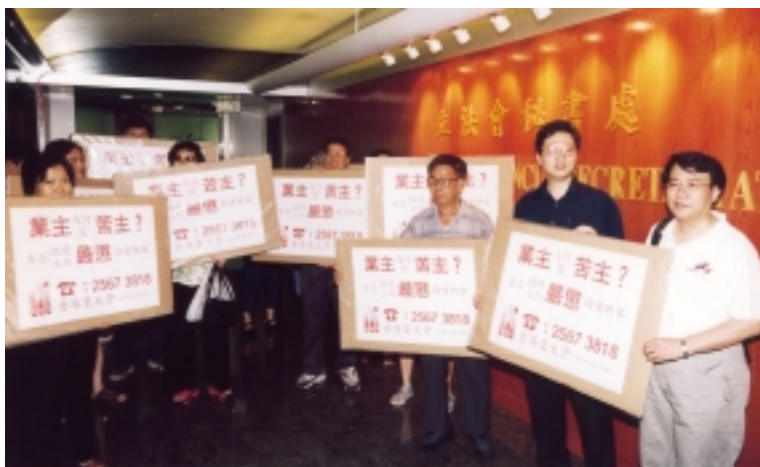
Pursuant to a case conference, the Social Welfare Department confirmed that a residential home for the elderly with a planned capacity of 150 persons had been included in the project of Joint User Complex at Siu Hong Court, and integrated elderly services would be provided in the residential home. The recommendations of the consultancy study and the needs of day service for the elderly in Siu Hong Court would be taken into consideration.

### Immigration Cases

The Immigration Department attracted the third largest number of cases, totalling 45. Most of the individual cases were concerned with entitlements to the right of abode in Hong Kong, applications for permanent stay or extension of stay, employment of foreign domestic helpers in non-domestic work, and complaints on services provided to members of the public.

Several deputations comprising Hong Kong permanent residents with children born in the Mainland solicited Members' assistance in

seeking relaxation of the conditions which must be satisfied to qualify for the Concession announced by the Administration in June 1999. The Concession allowed Mainland residents born of Hong Kong parents to have their status as permanent residents verified in accordance with the Court of Final Appeal decision on 29 January 1999 provided that they had arrived in Hong Kong between 1 July 1997 and 29 January 1999 and had lodged their right of abode claims with the Immigration Department during that period. As some 5,000 such Mainland residents had challenged the Concession in court, and sub judice matters were outside the scope of the redress system, Members advised the deputations that they should await the court's decision. The Court of First Instance and the Court of Appeal of the High Court upheld the Concession and the conditions which must be satisfied to qualify for the Concession. The applicants took the case to the Court of Final Appeal. The trial of the case by the Court of Final Appeal commenced in May 2001 and ended in September 2001; the judgment was still pending.



Representatives of the Hong Kong Owners Club complain that some clauses of the Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation) (Amendment) Bill 2001, which are under scrutiny by the Council, are unfair to landlords.

### Land Cases

The Lands Department attracted the fourth largest number of cases, totalling 41. Of these, 28 cases were related to the resumption of the Wah Kai Industrial Centre in Tsuen Wan. Still dissatisfied with the compensation offered by the Administration, former owners and business operators in the Industrial Centre who first sought assistance in 1999 continued to approach Members. At Members' request, the claimants' requests were



To collect on-site information about complaints on the proposed new mooring site for the Aberdeen – Yung Shu Wan ferry service of the Hong Kong & Kowloon Ferry Ltd., Members make a site inspection at Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter with Government officials and concerned parties. (From right): Hon Mrs Miriam LAU Kin-ye, Hon WONG Yung-kan, Hon CHOY So-yuk, Dr Hon YEUNG Sum and Mr LEE Ka-mo, Assistant Director of Marine (Port Control).

reviewed by the Administration. While higher rates of compensation for business loss were eventually offered to those who were able to justify their claims, other claims were turned down. As for the three cases which were referred by the Administration to the Lands Tribunal for determination of the amount of compensation for the properties resumed, the Tribunal delivered its judgment on one of the cases in August 2001 and decided that the Administration should increase the compensation offered to the concerned ex-owners by 14.5%; judgment on the remaining two cases were still pending. Having regard to the Tribunal's judgment, Members requested the Administration to adjust the compensation offered to all ex-owners to more reasonable rates. Separately and in response to a Member's motion which was carried at the LegCo meeting on 5 July 2001, the Secretary for Planning and Lands undertook to review the procedures and compensation for land resumption, the rates of and procedures for payment of ex gratia allowance, and the assistance for affected owner-occupiers and business operators including the establishment of a loan scheme.

The remaining cases were about allegations on the maladministration of district lands offices, removal of obstruction on road, illegal construction on Government land, small house applications, construction of emergency vehicle access, and compensation matters relating to land resumption.

### *Transport Cases*

Transport attracted the fifth largest number of cases, totalling 36. The most common topics were road traffic and parking, bus fares and bus services.

A number of complaints were on the volume of "infotainment" television broadcasting programmes on franchised buses. The complaints were referred to the Transport Department which had requested the bus operators to implement noise mitigation measures by lowering the volume of the broadcasting, confining the variations in pitch within a narrow range by means of a "compressor" device, and designating a quiet

zone on the left side of the lower deck of the buses where the speakers were turned off. The Department also advised that the bus operators would conduct regular passenger opinion surveys and introduce improvements where appropriate.

At a meeting between Members and members of the Sai Kung District Council, the latter expressed concern for expediting a number of road construction and improvement projects in Sai Kung and Tseung Kwan O in order to improve the transport link between these districts and Kowloon and alleviate traffic congestion. During an ensuing case conference, the Transport Department advised that the existing and planned road improvements in Sai Kung would have adequate capacity to cope with the projected traffic growth beyond the year 2011 after taking into account the availability of the Mass Transit Railway Tseung Kwan O extension by the end of 2002. The Department would closely monitor the need for widening the section of Hiram's Highway from Ho Chung to Sai Kung Town, and the section of Sai Sha Road from Tai Tung to Tai Mong Tsai. As regards road development in Tseung Kwan O, the road improvement scheme at Po Lam Road and its junction with Sau Mau Ping Road had been completed to cope with the projected traffic growth associated with the increasing population intake of Tseung Kwan O, and the development at Anderson Road had been planned for completion around 2009. Further studies on the alternative alignments for the Western Coast Road including both coastal and tunnel options, and on the connection of the Road with the road network in Tseung Kwan O and Sai Kung, were currently in progress. The Administration would finalize the alignments and undertake public consultation by the end of 2001 with a view to completion of the road project by 2011.

## OTHER SIGNIFICANT CASES

### *Exploitation of Workers by Cleansing Contractors of the Housing Department*

The Hong Kong Women Workers' Association conducted a survey on the working conditions and salaries of workers employed by cleansing contractors of the Housing Department (HD), which showed that many workers were deprived of the benefits and rights to which they were entitled under the Employment Ordinance and received remuneration at a level far below the market wage level of the trade. The Association attributed this to the ineffective supervision of cleansing contractors by HD and the inadequate frequency of inspection of work sites by the Labour Department. The Association presented their report on the survey to Members who discussed the issue with the Administration at a case conference and requested HD to consider means for eliminating the unsatisfactory situation.

Members also pursued the concern on specification of minimum wages in contracts for services procured by the Government. The Finance Bureau subsequently issued a circular requiring all Government departments to use a marking scheme for the evaluation of tenders for services which relied heavily on the deployment of non-skilled workers. Under the new tendering arrangements, controlling officers were requested to include in their assessment criteria an evaluation of the wage levels and working hours proposed in the tenders so as to determine whether the offers were in line with the market conditions for similar trade or industry and commensurated with the standards of services which the Government intended to procure. The Administration had, nevertheless, refused to specify minimum wages in contracts for services procured by the Government.

### *Letting Procedures of Commercial Premises of the Hong Kong Housing Authority*

A deputation made allegations against HD for maladministration in the tendering exercise for a commercial premises in a public housing estate in Lok Fu. They were dissatisfied with the lack of transparency of the letting policy and procedures, and took the view that they had been unfairly treated in the process.

Members held a case conference with HD representatives to understand the details of the case. Although the Department had followed the relevant guidelines laid down by the Housing Authority (HA), Members were concerned that essential information on the selection criteria for assessing the suitability of potential clients had been kept confidential, and that a proper balance had not been struck between providing all relevant information to potential clients and the protection of the interest of HA. As the subject matter was a policy issue, it was referred to the Panel on Housing for further deliberation. Members also referred the case to the Director of Audit for his attention as the premises in question was left vacant for an unduly long period of time. In response to Members' concern, the Director of Housing undertook to conduct a review into the aspect of transparency and to tighten up a number of internal administrative procedures.

### *Redevelopment of Stilt Houses at Tai O*

The Tai O Residents' Concern Group raised objection against restrictions imposed by the Administration on the height and the due date for the redevelopment of stilt houses in Tai O which were destroyed by fire in July 2000. Members held a case conference with the

Administration and were informed that The Hong Kong Institute of Architects was conducting a study to assist residents concerned to rebuild their houses. The Administration would consider the recommendations arising from the study including the residents' request to relax the height limit of the stilt houses. In the meantime, the Administration also agreed to extend the deadline for redevelopment of the stilt houses, and exercise flexibility and assist residents in the improvement of hygiene, fire safety and sewage-disposal facilities in the stilt structures in order to bring about better living conditions.

### *Reprovisioning of Stalls in Central Market*

Two deputations comprising stallholders of the Central Market approached Members to raise objection against the proposed demolition of the Market and the reprovisioning arrangements. The stallholders cited the proposal by the Secretary for Planning, Environment and Lands in 1998 to resite eligible stallholders in the Market to a new market at the ex-Police staff quarters site at Hollywood Road. The stallholders were of the view that the Government had reneged on its promise under the excuse of uncertainty in the viability of the new market. They insisted on the provision of a new market in Central District to enable them to continue to operate with their bulk sale operation.

At a case conference, the Administration explained that the suggestion made in 1998 was based on planning considerations, but after detailed architectural design, the site was found to be insufficient to accommodate all eligible stalls from the Central Market. Moreover, the Director of Audit had recommended in his

Report No. 29 in 1997 that “viability should be the overriding consideration in planning public markets”. The Administration pointed out that there was no viable site in the Central District for a new market, and the stallholders would, apart from ex gratia payment, be entitled to the right to restricted auctions of existing vacant stalls in public markets on preferential terms.

However, Members noted that most of the existing vacant stalls were at inconvenient locations and would not allow the stallholders to operate bulk sale. Members took the view that, with the economic downturn, there was no urgency to demolish the Central Market for commercial development. At Members’ request, the Administration agreed to defer the vacation date to 31 December 2001 to allow time for reprovisioning the stallholders according to their needs and demand.

### *Request for Retention of Practical Schools*

A concern group disagreed with the Board of Education’s recommendation for mainstreaming Practical Schools and requested to meet with Members to pursue their request and solicit assistance in staff redundancy problem.



*Left: Accompanied by Government officials, Members visit the Closed Area of Sha Tau Kok to collect on-site information about a complaint lodged by local business operators against the establishment of a new joint police-customs checkpoint (on right) at the entrance to Chung Ying Street.*

*Right: Members hear the grievances of business operators in the Closed Area of Sha Tau Kok, who complain that their businesses have been adversely affected by the establishment of the new checkpoint.*

After a thorough discussion with the Administration, Members shared the view that mainstreaming was a natural and necessary development in education. However, they saw a need for the Administration to give due regard to the need of students who were unmotivated towards the common-core curriculum and to accord a fair and practicable treatment for the affected staff. The Administration agreed with Members’ suggestions as regards a smaller class size as compared with ordinary schools, flexible class structure, the provision of adequate counselling service to students, and retention of the existing number of school social workers until the 2003-2004 school year. The mainstreaming proposal and the above suggestions would be implemented by phases as from the 2002-2003 school year.

### *Control of Access at the Closed Area of Chung Ying Street*

A deputation from Sha Tau Kok approached Members for assistance in connection with the tight control of access to and from the Closed Area of Chung Ying Street by the Hong Kong Police Force and the Customs and Excise Department. They were worried about the



inconvenience caused to the residents, and the effect on businesses in the region which were already suffering from the economic downturn. Members conducted a visit to Chung Ying Street and held a case conference with the Administration on the matter. While Members appreciated the need for security measures in the Closed Area, Members were concerned with the impact which such measures had on local residents and business operators, and urged the Administration to consider opening up the area to promote tourism.

### *Site for Flower Wholesale Activities*

The Hong Kong Flowers Wholesalers Association enlisted Members' assistance in resolving the dispute between florist operators and flower farmers over the venue for sale of flowers in Mongkok near Prince Edward Road West during the period before the Lunar New Year. The Association complained that flower farmers were allowed to park their goods vehicles at Prince Edward Road West to sell flowers four days before the Lunar New Year, while the florist operators had to pay rent and rates to operate their business. Although the dispute was satisfactorily resolved, Members considered the annual recurrence of the problem unsatisfactory. Members requested the Administration to find a permanent site as the long term solution to the problem, follow up at the district level, and report progress to the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene with a view to resolving the problem from the policy perspective.

### *T7 Trunk Road in Ma On Shan*

A group of owners of Monte Vista, a private residential development in Ma On Shan, sought



*In light of a complaint on the construction of Trunk Road T7 alongside Monte Vista, Ma On Shan, Members visit a residential unit in Monte Vista to ascertain its proximity to the trunk road and to collect related information.*

assistance in connection with the construction of the T7 Trunk Road and the Slip Road J22A. As the roads, due for completion in 2004, would be very close to the building blocks, the owners requested a re-alignment of the roads and enhancement of noise mitigation and safety measures to minimize the adverse effects on residents. Members conducted a site visit to facilitate their understanding of the problem. They also attended meetings with the residents, and convened a number of case conferences with representatives from relevant policy bureaux and departments. The Administration subsequently agreed to increase the distance between the Slip Road and the building blocks from one to nine metres, increase the height of the crash barrier, add sound absorbing material, plant vegetation on rock slopes, implement a programme of environmental monitoring and audit during construction, set up a complaints hotline and establish a liaison group to reinforce communication with the residents throughout the construction period. Although the proposed measures would minimize the environmental impact of the roads to some extent, Members remained concerned and would continue to monitor developments.



## Chapter 5 Liaison



### PARLIAMENTARY LIAISON SUBCOMMITTEE

The Parliamentary Liaison Subcommittee of the House Committee is responsible for the overall co-ordination of all parliamentary liaison activities between the Council and other parliamentary organizations outside Hong Kong, considering proposals for setting up friendship groups with such organizations, and making recommendations to the House Committee. During the reporting period, the subcommittee considered and recommended to the House Committee various proposals to foster closer links with other legislatures. The subcommittee also made recommendations on the size of the Council's delegations on parliamentary visits

organized by the subcommittee and on the criteria for selecting Members to join these delegations.

### LUNCHEONS WITH CONSULS GENERAL

To enhance contacts between Members and the diplomatic community in Hong Kong, regular luncheons were organized to provide opportunities for Members to make acquaintance of and to exchange views with consular officials on the work of the Council as well as matters of mutual concern. Between October 2000 and June 2001, six luncheons were held, which were attended by a total of 41 consular officials.

*Hon Mrs Rita FAN, President of the Legislative Council, hosts regular luncheons for Consuls General during the session to keep them informed about the Council's work.*

*From left to right: Hon Martin LEE; Mr Azmat Ali RANJHA, Consul General of Pakistan; Mr Pietro Giovanni DONNICI, Consul General of Italy; Hon Mrs Rita FAN; Mr Jainendra SHARMA, Consul General of Nepal; Hon CHOY So-yuk; and Mr Ebbnezer OLUSANMOKUN, Consul General of Nigeria.*



*Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting (left) speaks with Mr Tuigamala LAM SAM, Consul General of Samoa (right).*

### CONTACT WITH DISTRICT COUNCILS

Members hold on a roster basis a round of meetings with members of the District Councils to exchange views on matters of mutual concern. Each meeting is followed by a luncheon attended by the President and Members. Issues on matters of policy raised at these meetings are referred to the relevant panels for more in-depth study, while individual cases are taken up by the Complaints Division for follow-up with the Administration.



*Members of Central and Western District Council discuss the role of District Councils and other issues with Members, and express dissatisfaction with its advisory role.*

### CONTACT WITH HEUNG YEE KUK

Members also hold regular meetings with Councillors of Heung Yee Kuk to exchange views on matters of mutual concern. The first of such meetings between Members and Heung Yee Kuk Councillors was held on 13 February 2001. The Chairman of the House Committee presided at the meeting which was attended by the Chairman and 14 Councillors of Heung Yee



*Members meet with representatives from the Heung Yee Kuk to hear their views on issues of special concern to the rural community.*

Kuk as well as 21 Members. Policy issues raised at the meeting have been referred to the relevant panels.

### VISITORS

On a regular basis, Members and senior staff of the Council receive visiting parliamentarians, dignitaries and delegations referred by the Information Services Department and other departments of the HKSAR Government and by consuls general in Hong Kong. During the 2000-2001 session, a total of 119 meetings were held with visitors to brief them on the latest developments in Hong Kong. They included members of legislatures, political and business leaders, Government officials and prominent persons from various territories. A list of the visitors received during the session is in **Appendix 8**.



Led by Mr Vladimir P LUKIN, Vice-Speaker (fifth from left), a delegation from the State Duma of Russia calls on Hon Mrs Rita FAN, President of the Legislative Council (centre), for a useful exchange of information about the two legislatures.



Justice P N BHAGWATI (second from right) and Ms Christine CHANET (third from left), representatives from the United Nations Human Rights Committee, discuss constitutional and security issues with Members.



Members brief the delegation from the German Bundestag (above) and the Kingdom of the Netherlands (right) on the political situation in Hong Kong and the voting procedures of the Legislative Council.



## Chapter 6 Support Services for Members



### THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL COMMISSION

The Legislative Council Commission is a statutory body established under The Legislative Council Commission Ordinance (Cap. 443). Chaired by the President of the Council and comprising 12 other Members, the Commission exercises managerial and financial functions in providing, through the LegCo Secretariat, administrative support and facilities to the Council independent of the Government. There are three committees under the Commission to carry out specific delegated functions.

Membership of the Commission and its committees, and their terms of reference are set out in *Appendix 9*.

### THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SECRETARIAT

Headed by the Secretary General, the LegCo Secretariat comprises nine divisions. Staff of the Secretariat are appointed by the Commission. As at 30 September 2001, there were 304 staff in the Secretariat. The organization chart is shown in *Appendix 10*.

## Appendix 1

### Composition of the Legislative Council

#### PRESIDENT

Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU  
Lai-tai, GBS, JP  
(Election Committee)

#### MEMBERS

##### Functional Constituencies

Hon Kenneth TING  
Woo-shou, JP  
(Industrial – First)

Hon James TIEN Pei-chun,  
GBS, JP  
(Commercial – First)

Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO  
Chung-tai, JP  
(Engineering)

Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung, JP  
(Accountancy)

Dr Hon David LI Kwok-po,  
GBS, JP  
(Finance)

Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah, JP  
(Industrial – Second)

Hon Margaret NG  
(Legal)

Hon Mrs Selina CHOW  
LIANG Shuk-ye, JP  
(Wholesale and Retail)

Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong  
(Education)

Hon HUI Cheung-ching, JP  
(Import and Export)

Hon CHAN Kwok-keung  
(Labour)

Hon Bernard CHAN  
(Insurance)

Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG  
LAU Yau-fun, SBS, JP  
(Textiles and Garment)

Hon SIN Chung-kai  
(Information Technology)

Dr Hon Philip WONG  
Yu-hong  
(Commercial – Second)

Hon WONG Yung-kan  
(Agriculture and  
Fisheries)

Hon Howard YOUNG, JP  
(Tourism)

Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBS, JP  
(Heung Yee Kuk)

Hon Mrs Miriam LAU  
Kin-ye, JP  
(Transport)

Hon Timothy FOK  
Tsun-ting, SBS, JP  
(Sports, Performing Arts,  
Culture and Publication)

Hon LAW Chi-kwong, JP  
(Social Welfare)

Hon Abraham SHEK  
Lai-him, JP  
(Real Estate and  
Construction)

Hon LI Fung-ying, JP  
(Labour)

Hon Henry WU  
King-cheong, BBS  
(Financial Services)

Hon Tommy CHEUNG  
Yu-yan, JP  
(Catering)

Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung  
(Health Services)

Hon LEUNG Fu-wah, MH, JP  
(Labour)

Dr Hon LO Wing-lok  
(Medical)

Hon IP Kwok-him, JP  
(District Council)

Hon LAU Ping-cheung  
(Architectural, Surveying  
and Planning)

##### Geographical Constituencies

Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan  
(Hong Kong Island)

Hon Albert HO Chun-yan  
(New Territories West)

Hon LEE Cheuk-yan  
(New Territories West)

Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming,  
SC, JP  
(Hong Kong Island)

Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP  
(Kowloon East)

Hon James TO Kun-sun  
(Kowloon West)

Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP  
(Kowloon East)

Hon CHAN Kam-lam  
(Kowloon East)

Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung  
(New Territories West)

Hon Andrew WONG  
Wang-fat, JP  
(New Territories East)

Hon Jasper TSANG  
Yok-sing, JP  
(Kowloon West)

Dr Hon YEUNG Sum  
(Hong Kong Island)

Hon LAU Chin-shek, JP  
(Kowloon West)

Hon LAU Kong-wah  
(New Territories East)

Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP  
(New Territories East)

Hon CHOY So-yuk  
(Hong Kong Island)

Hon Andrew CHENG  
Kar-foo  
(New Territories East)

Hon SZETO Wah  
(Kowloon East)

Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP  
(New Territories West)

Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong, JP  
(New Territories West)

Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip  
(New Territories West)

Hon WONG Sing-chi  
(New Territories East)

Hon Frederick FUNG  
Kin-kee  
(Kowloon West)

Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee,  
SC, JP  
(Hong Kong Island)  
(since 11.12.2000)

#### ***Election Committee***

Dr Hon David CHU Yu-lin, JP

Hon NG Leung-sing, JP

Prof Hon NG Ching-fai  
(up to 14.07.2001)

Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung, BBS

Hon Ambrose LAU  
Hon-chuen, GBS, JP

## Appendix 2

### Members' Biographies

**Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU**

**Lai-tai, GBS, JP**

*President of the Legislative Council*

Date of Birth: 20 September 1945

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

- Master of Social Science (in Psychology), The University of Hong Kong (1970-73)
- Certificate in Personnel Management, The University of Hong Kong (1969-71)
- Bachelor of Science (in Chemistry and Physics), The University of Hong Kong (1964-67)
- St. Stephen's Girls' College, Hong Kong (1952-64)

**Occupation:**

Full-time Legislator

**Public Service:**

*Present Service*

- Hong Kong Deputy to the Ninth National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China
- Chairman of the Board of Trustee of the Association for Celebration of Hong Kong with China Charitable Trust Fund
- Honorary Adviser of the Hong Kong Federation of Women

*Past Service*

- President of the First Legislative Council (1998-2000)
- President of the Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- Member of the Preparatory Committee for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1995-97)
- Member of the Preliminary Working Committee for the Preparatory Committee for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1993-95)
- Member of the Executive Council (1989-92)
- Member of the Legislative Council (1983-92)
- Chairman of the Education Commission (1990-92)
- Chairman of the Board of Education (1986-89)

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**Hon Mrs Selina CHOW**

**LIANG Shuk-ye, JP**

*President's Deputy*

Date of Birth: 25 January 1945

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

- St. Paul's Co-Educational College (Primary and Secondary Levels)
- B.A. in English, The University of Hong Kong
- Post Graduation Diploma,

Rose Bruford College of Speech and Drama, UK

- A.D.B., L.R.A.M. in Drama (Teacher and Performer)

**Occupation:**

Full-time Legislator

**Public Service:**

*Present Service*

- Chairman, House Committee, Legislative Council
- Honorary Adviser, Against Child Abuse (1981 - present)
- Honorary Adviser, Hong Kong Retail Management Association
- Honorary Adviser, Association of Better Business and Tourism Services
- Director, Hong Kong Intellectual Property Society (1996 - present)
- Chairman, Hong Kong Tourism Board
- Board Member, Airport Authority Hong Kong

*Past Service*

- Chairman, Committee on Rules of Procedure, Legislative Council (1998-2000)
- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Security, Legislative Council (1998-2000)
- Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)



- Chairman, Committee on Rules of Procedure, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- Chairman, Panel on Security, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- Member, Legislative Council (1981-97)
- Member, Executive Council (1991-92)
- President, Zonta Club of Hong Kong (1976-77)
- Member, Fight Crime Committee (1976-81)
- Member, Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong (1980-84)
- Executive Member, Hong Kong Housing Society (1981-84)
- Member, Council for the Performing Arts (1982-86)
- Member, Council of The Hong Kong Academy for the Performing Arts (1984-88)
- Council Member, Family Planning Association of Hong Kong (1984-85)
- Chairman, Consumer Council (1984-88)
- Member, Hong Kong Housing Authority (1986-88)
- Member, Advisory Committee on Corruption, Independent Commission Against Corruption (1986-88)

- Member, Education Commission (1990-92)
- Member, Small and Medium Enterprises Committee (1996-2000)

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**Hon Kenneth TING**  
**Woo-shou, JP**

Date of Birth: 21 August 1942

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, University of Illinois, USA (1968)

**Occupation:**

Chairman, Kader Industrial Company Limited

**Public Service:**

*Present Service*

- Chairman, Panel on Commerce and Industry, Legislative Council
- Member, Operations Review Committee, Independent Commission Against Corruption
- Member, Selection Committee of the Admission of Talents Scheme
- Member, Information Infrastructure Advisory Committee
- President, Hong Kong Plastics Manufacturers Association Limited

- Chairman, Plastics Industry Training Board, Vocational Training Council
- Deputy Chairman, Federation of Hong Kong Industries
- General Committee Member, The Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong
- Honorary President, The Toys Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong Limited
- Member, Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce
- Member, Hong Kong Trade Development Council
- Member, Barristers Disciplinary Tribunal Panel
- Director and Executive Committee Member, Hong Kong Plastics Technology Centre
- Member, Council of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

*Past Service*

- Member, The Selection Committee for the First Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- Hong Kong District Affairs Adviser
- Member, Hong Kong Productivity Council (1987-90)

- Member, Trade Advisory Board (1984-88)
- Member, Hong Kong Examination Authority (1983-87)
- Member, Consumer Council (1980-87)
- Member, Advisory Committee on Second Market, The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
- Member, Plastics Committee, Industry and Technology Development Council
- Member, Board of Review, Inland Revenue

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**Hon James TIEN**  
*Pei-chun, GBS, JP*

Date of Birth: 8 January 1947

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

- M. Sc. in Chemical Engineering, San Jose State University, USA (1970)
- B. Sc. in Chemical Engineering, University of Illinois, USA (1968)
- Diocesan Boys' School, Hong Kong (1964)

**Occupation:**

- Chairman, Manhattan Holdings Limited
- Chairman, Manhattan Garments (Int'l) Limited

**Public Service:**

*Government Boards and Committees*

- Chairman, Panel on Economic Services, Legislative Council
- Member, Central and Western District Council (Constituency: Peak)

*Non-Government Boards and Committees*

- Member, National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference
- Chairman, Liberal Party
- General Committee Member, Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce
- General Committee Member, Federation of Hong Kong Industries
- Court Member, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- Member, Council of The Chinese University of Hong Kong

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**Dr Hon David CHU**  
*Yu-lin, JP*

Date of Birth: 5 March 1944

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

- Ph.D (Hon) Degree, Northeastern University, USA

- M.B.A., Harvard University, USA
- MS Degree in Management, Northeastern University, USA
- BS Degree in Electrical Engineering, Northeastern University, USA

**Occupation:**

- Chairman, Hong Kong Satellite Technology Holdings Limited
- Chairman, Wah Tak Fung Holdings Limited

**Public Service:**

- Member of Hong Kong Housing Authority
- Member of the Council of the Hong Kong Baptist University
- Chairman of Hong Kong War Memorial Pensions Advisory Committee (1999 - present)
- Member of the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Advisory Committee (1998 - present)
- Chairman of the Committee on Members' Interests of the Legislative Council (1998 - present)
- Executive Committee Member of the Helping Hand (12/1997 - present)
- Member of the Election Council for the Hong Kong Deputies to the Ninth National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China (11/1997)

- Honorary President of the Junior Police Officers' Association of the Hong Kong Police Force (1/1997 - present)
- Member of the Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- Member of the Selection Committee for the First Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- Member of the Preparatory Committee for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1995-97)
- Member of the Preliminary Working Committee for the Preparatory Committee for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1993-95)
- Member of the Legislative Council (1995-97)
- Hong Kong Affairs Adviser (1992-97)
- Member of the Consultative Committee on the New Airport and Related Projects (1991-98)
- Member of Hong Kong War Memorial Pensions Appeal Board (1991-99)
- Member of Action Committee Against Narcotics (1990-92)
- Representative of Advisory Council on AIDS (3/1990 - 2/1992)
- Lecturer of MED Programme, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (1985-89)
- Lecturer of Management Programme, Jiao Tong University, Shanghai (1985-89)
- Member of Special Committee on Noise, Environmental Protection Advisory Committee (7/1983 - 6/1984)
- Member of Hong Kong Pistol Shooting Team (1983-85)
- Hong Kong Auxiliary Police Officer (1982-85)
- The Hong Kong Council of Social Service (HKCSS)
  - Trustee of HKCSS Trust Fund (1989-93)
  - Member of the Executive Committee (1992-93)
  - Chairman of Committee on Hong Kong-Mainland China Exchange in Social Welfare (1991-95)
  - Chairman of Management Committee (1989-92)
  - Chairman of Executive Committee (1989-92)
  - Chairman of Finance Sub-Committee (1/1989 - 10/1989)
  - Honorary Treasurer (1988-89)
- Christian Family Service Centre
  - Convenor of Fund Raising Sub-Committee (1989-96)
  - Member of Board of Directors (1987-97)
  - Member of Finance and Personnel Sub-Committee (1987-88)
- Community Chest of Hong Kong
  - Vice Patron (1992/93 - present)
  - Member, Former Director Committee (1992/93 - 1997)
  - Member, Corporate Contribution Programme Organizing Committee (1992/93 - 1997)
  - Board Member (1981-87, 1990-92)
  - Member, Admissions, Budgets and Allocations Committee (1984-87, 1990-92)
  - Fourth Vice President (1989-90)
  - Chairman, Admissions, Budgets and Allocations Committee (1989-90)
  - Member, Executive Committee (1989-90)
  - Deputy Chairman, Admissions, Budgets and Allocations Committee (1987/88 - 1988/89)
  - Member, Campaign Committee (1984-86)

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**Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan**

Date of Birth: 24 July 1954

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

University of Waterloo,  
Canada

**Occupation:**

Legislative Councillor

**Public Service:**

- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Environmental Affairs, Legislative Council
- Member, Central Co-ordination Team on the Promotion of I.T. Usage Among Women

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**Hon Albert HO Chun-yan**

Date of Birth: 1 December 1951

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

- Bachelor of Laws (Hons.), The University of Hong Kong
- Post-graduate Certificate in Laws, The University of Hong Kong
- Solicitor, Supreme Court of Hong Kong
- Notary Public

**Occupation:**

Practising Solicitor and Notary Public

**Public Service:**

- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Housing, Legislative Council
- Member, Tuen Mun District Council (2000 - present)
- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Home Affairs, Legislative Council (1998-2000)
- Chairman, Panel on Home Affairs, Legislative Council (1995-97)
- Member, Provisional Regional Council (7/1997 - 12/1999)
- Member, Regional Council (1995 - 6/1997)
- Elected Member, Legislative Council (1995 - 6/1997)

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**Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, JP**

Date of Birth: 23 March 1939

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

- B.Sc. (Eng.), The University of Hong Kong
- D.A.S.E., University of Manchester, UK
- Ph.D., City University of London, UK
- Honorary Doctor of Business Administration, City University of Hong Kong

**Occupation:**

Engineer

**Public Service:**

*Present Service*

- Non-official Justice of the Peace
- Ex-officio Member, Election Committee of the Second Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- Member, Selection Committee for the First Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- Chairman, Public Works Subcommittee, Legislative Council
- Chairman, Association of Engineers in Society
- Advisory Professor, Shanghai Tongji University
- Deputy Chairman, Guangdong Daya Bay Nuclear Plant Safety Consultative Committee
- Member, Gas Safety Advisory Committee
- Member, Advisory Group on Road Openings

*Past Service*

- Member, First Legislative Council (Engineering Functional Constituency) (1998-2000)
- Deputy Chairman, Public Works Subcommittee, First Legislative Council

- Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- Deputy Chairman, Public Works Subcommittee, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- Ex-officio Member, Election Committee of the First Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- Deputy Chairman, Select Committee to Inquire into the Circumstances Leading to the Problems Surrounding the Commencement of the Operation of the New Hong Kong International Airport at Chek Lap Kok since 6 July 1998 and Related Issues, Legislative Council
- President, Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (1987-88)
- Member, Basic Law Consultative Committee (1986-90)
- Hong Kong Affairs Adviser (1994-97)
- Member, Election Council for Hong Kong Deputies to the Ninth National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China
- Council Chairman, City University of Hong Kong/ City Polytechnic of Hong Kong (1992-94)

- Chairman, Transport Advisory Committee (1995-97)
- Member, Industry and Technology Development Council (ITDC) (1992-94)
- Chairman, Technology Committee of the ITDC (1992-94)
- Chairman, Executive Committee of Hong Kong Council for Academic Accreditation (1990-91)
- Member, Consultative Committee on the New Airport and Related Projects (1991-98)
- Council Member, Vocational Training Council (1993-98)
- Member, Occupational Safety and Health Council (1988-95)
- Member, Construction Industry Training Authority (1981-93)

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**Hon LEE Cheuk-yan**

Date of Birth: 12 February 1957

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

B. Sc. (Eng.), Department of Civil Engineering, The University of Hong Kong

**Occupation:**

General Secretary, Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions

**Public Service:**

- Member, Legislative Council (1995-97) (1998-2000)
- Standing Committee Member, Hong Kong Alliance in Support of Patriotic Democratic Movements of China (1989 - present)
- Committee Member, Hong Kong Catholic Commission on Labour Affairs (1992-94)
- Organizer, Kwun Tong Occupational Health Centre (1978-80)
- Executive Secretary, Hong Kong Christian Industrial Committee (1980-90)
- Committee Member, Employees Retraining Board (1995 - present)
- Committee Member, Construction Advisory Board (1996 - 3/1999)
- Committee Member, Committee on Occupational Safety and Health, Labour Advisory Board (2/1999 - present)

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**Hon Martin LEE  
Chu-ming, SC, JP**

Date of Birth: 8 June 1938

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

- B.A., The University of Hong Kong
- Queen's Counsel

**Occupation:**

Barrister-at-law

**Public Service:**

- Legal Adviser, The Hong Kong Medical Association
- Chairman, Democratic Party
- Chairman, Executive Committee, Democratic Party
- Chairman, Central Committee, Democratic Party
- Member, Hong Kong Bar Association
- Legal Adviser, Federation of Civil Service Unions

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**Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung, JP**

Date of Birth: 23 May 1953

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

- St. Paul's Co-educational College
- Warwick School, UK
- B.A. in Economics (Hons.), University of Manchester, UK
- Honorary Degree of Doctor of Social Sciences, Hong Kong Baptist University
- Fellow, Hong Kong Society of Accountants
- Hon. HKAT, The Hong Kong Association of Accounting Technicians
- Fellow, Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

- Fellow, Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators
- Certified Public Accountant

**Occupation:**

Senior Partner, Li, Tang, Chen & Co., Certified Public Accountants

**Public Service:**

- Chairman, Public Accounts Committee, Legislative Council (1998 - present)
- Chairman, Commission on Youth (up to 3/2001)
- Member, Steering Committee on the Centre for Youth Development, Home Affairs Bureau
- Vice-Chairman, Independent Police Complaints Council
- Member, Deposit-taking Companies Advisory Committee
- Member, User's Committee, Inland Revenue Department
- Council Member, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (up to 3/2001)
- Member, Court of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- Honorary President, Hong Kong PHAB Association
- Honorary President, Hong Kong Kindergarten Association

- President, Hong Kong Sports Association for the Mentally Handicapped
- President, Activities Committee, Eastern District Junior Police Call
- Senior Adviser, The Community Chest of Hong Kong
- Honorary Adviser, Hong Kong AIDS Foundation
- Promoter and Director, Gifted Education Foundation Limited
- Hong Kong Director, International Bureau for Children's Rights
- Honorary Adviser, Hong Kong Outstanding Students' Association
- Honorary Adviser, Hong Kong Junior Chamber of Commerce
- Member, London Business School Regional Advisory Board
- Member, Princeton University of USA Council for Hong Kong's Development
- Honorary Auditor, Hong Kong Medical Association
- Honorary Auditor, Hong Kong Dental Association
- Honorary Auditor, Hong Kong Sino-British Fellowship Trust Scholars' Association
- Honorary Auditor, Hong Kong Special Schools Council

- Member, Children Programming Consultative Committee, Television Broadcasts Limited
- Chairman, Advisory Board on Accounting Studies, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

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**Dr Hon David LI**  
**Kwok-po, GBS, JP**

Date of Birth: 13 March 1939

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

- M.A. (Economics and Law), University of Cambridge
- Fellow, Chartered Institute of Bankers
- Fellow, Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales
- Fellow, British Computer Society
- Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, England
- Honorary Degree of Doctor of Law, University of Cambridge
- Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws, University of Warwick
- Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws, The University of Hong Kong
- Honorary Degree of Doctor of Social Sciences, Lingnan College

**Occupation:**

Banker (Chairman and Chief Executive, The Bank of East Asia Limited)

**Public Service:**

*Present Service*

- Member, Legislative Council (Functional Constituency-Finance)
- Chairman, The Chinese Banks' Association, Limited
- Member, Hong Kong Association of Banks Committee
- Member, Consultative Council, Hong Kong Association of Banks
- Member, Banking Advisory Committee
- Member, Exchange Fund Advisory Committee
- Member, Sub-committee on Currency Board
- Director, Hong Kong Interbank Clearing Limited
- Director, Hong Kong Mortgage Corporation
- Non-Executive Director, Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority
- Vice Chairman, One Country Two Systems Research Institute Limited
- Chairman, Executive Committee and Council, Hong Kong Management Association

- Chairman, Executive Committee and Honorary Treasurer, Finance Council of the Friends of Cambridge University in Hong Kong
- Chairman, Executive Committee of St. James' Settlement
- Life Patron, The Hong Kong Ballet
- Governor, Asian Institute of Management
- Treasurer and Vice-Chairman, Council of The University of Hong Kong
- Member, Court of The University of Hong Kong
- Honorary Treasurer, The University of Hong Kong
- Chairman, Finance Committee, The University of Hong Kong
- Chairman, Universities Joint Committee on Salaries, The University of Hong Kong
- Member, Honorary Degree Committee, The University of Hong Kong
- Member, Hong Kong Red Cross Advisory Council
- Member, Pacific Rim Bankers Program Advisory Board
- Trustee, University Graduates Association Scholarship Fund
- Vice Patron, Community Chest of Hong Kong

- Founder Member, Friends of The Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race
  - Member, The Asia Society International Council
  - Member, A Commission on a New Asia
  - Trustee, Board of Trustees, American Graduate School of International Management (Thunderbird)
  - Trustee, University of Cambridge Foundation
  - Trustee, Cambridge Overseas Trust
  - Member, Council of Governors, Society for the Promotion of Hospice Care
  - Honorary Patron, Sincere Charitable Foundation
  - Unofficial Justice of the Peace
  - Patron, Festival Fringe
  - Honorary Member, The Hong Kong Aviation Club
  - Honorary Adviser, Hong Kong Arts Festival Society Limited
  - Honorary Patron, Mandarin Golf and Country Club
  - Member, American Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong
  - Chairman, East Asian History of Science Foundation
  - Honorary Adviser, Overseas Graduates Association
  - Member, SEI Center for Advanced Studies in Management Board, The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania
  - Member, Daimler Chrysler International Advisory Board
  - Member, Advisory Committee of ING Beijing Investment Company Limited
  - Fellow, McKinsey Global Institute
  - Member, Powergen International Advisory Board
  - Member, The Asia Society Hong Kong Centre Advisory Committee
  - Member, Federal Reserve Bank of New York International Capital Markets Advisory Committee
  - Member, Rolls-Royce South East Asia Advisory Board
- Past Service*
- Hong Kong Affairs Adviser
  - Member, Land Fund Advisory Committee (1997-98)
  - Member, Preparatory Committee for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1995-97)
  - Vice-Chairman, Basic Law Drafting Committee (1985-90)
  - Member, Preliminary Working Committee, Preparatory Committee for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1993-95)
  - Member, Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong (1982-85)
  - Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
  - Member, Legislative Council (Functional Constituency Finance) (1985-97)
  - Chairman, Banking Training Board of the Vocational Training Council (1985-93)
  - Member, Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation Managing Board (1982-91)
  - Chairman, Hong Kong Festival Fringe (1982-86)
  - Chairman, Appointments Board of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (1986-87)
  - Honorary Adviser, Japan Airlines Hong Kong Office (1991-92)
  - Governor, the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong (1990-91)
  - Member, Institutes of Biotechnology at The Chinese University of Hong Kong and Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Board of Overseers) (1989-95)



- Member, Jardine Fleming Asian Property Company Advisory Council (1989-2000)
- The Community Chest of Hong Kong
  - Member, Admissions, Budget and Allocations Committee (1977-79)
  - Deputy Chairman, Admissions, Budget and Allocations Committee (1979-81)
  - Fourth Vice President and Chairman of Admissions, Budget and Allocations Committee, and Executive Committee Member (1981-83)
  - First Vice President and Chairman of the Executive Committee (1983-85)
  - Board Member (1981-87)
- The Hong Kong Ballet
  - Chairman, Board of Governors (1987-92)
  - Vice Patron (1992-96)
- Chairman, Advisory Committee on Graduate Employment of Hong Kong Polytechnic (1983-85)
- Chairman, Hong Kong Polytechnic Advisory Committee on Business and Management Studies (1989-93)

- Member, Selection Committee for the First Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- Convenor, Investment Committee of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government Land Fund Trust (1986-97)
- Member, Bank Austria International Advisory Board (1992-98)
- Member, Bank of Montreal International Advisory Council (1992-98)

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***Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP***

Date of Birth: 25 April 1955

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

- Bachelor of Arts (Sociology)
- Master of Social Work
- Registered Social Worker, Hong Kong

**Occupation:**

Member, Legislative Council

**Public Service:**

- Deputy Chairman, House Committee, Legislative Council
- Chairman, Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene, Legislative Council

- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Economic Services, Legislative Council (1998-2000)
- Deputy Chairman, Public Accounts Committee, Legislative Council (1998-2000)
- Member, Legislative Council (1991-97)
- Chairman, Panel on Welfare Services, Legislative Council (1994-97)
- Member, Urban Council (1991-97)
- Member, Kwun Tong District Board (1985-94)
- Member, Executive Committee, Democratic Party (1994-2000)
- Member, Urban Renewal Authority (2001-03)
- Member, Court and Council, Hong Kong Baptist University (1991-2000)
- Member, Estate Agents Authority (1997-2000)
- Member, Queen Elizabeth Foundation for the Mentally Handicapped (1997 - present)
- Member, Advisory Board, Tung Wah Group of Hospitals (1991-97)
- Member, Advisory Committee on Corruption (1996 - present)
- Director, AIDS Concern (1998 - present)

- Member, Provisional Urban Council (1997-99)
- Director, Senior Citizen Home Safety Association (1997 - present)

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**Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah, JP**

Date of Birth: 4 April 1938

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

- M.Sc.
- Ph.D.
- PEng./C.Eng.

**Occupation:**

Businessman

**Public Service:**

- Chairman, Parliamentary Liaison Subcommittee, Legislative Council
- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Economic Services, Legislative Council
- Vice President, The Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong
- Honorary Chairman, The Hong Kong Electronics Industries Association
- Chairman, Hong Kong Electronics Industry Training Board
- Member, Electronics Committee, Hong Kong Industry and Technology Development Council
- Member, the Hong Kong Productivity Council

- Member, Hong Kong International Arbitration Center
- Member, Trade Advisory Board
- Member, Selection Committee for the First Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- Member, Election Council for Hong Kong Deputies to the Ninth National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China
- Member, Shandong Political Consultative Congress
- Vice President, Shandong Province General Chamber of Commerce
- Council Member, Vocational Training Council of Hong Kong
- Member, Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority
- Member, Electronics Committee, Hong Kong Trade Development Council

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**Hon NG Leung-sing, JP**

Date of Birth: 11 July 1949

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

- Heung To Middle School
- Diploma, University of East Asia, Macau

**Occupation:**

Vice Chairman, China and South Sea Bank Limited

**Public Service:**

- Deputy Chairman, Finance Committee, Legislative Council
- Deputy Chairman, Establishment Subcommittee, Legislative Council
- Trustee, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government Land Fund (1988-97)
- Chinese Representative, Sino-British Land Commission (1988-97)
- Member, Corporate and Employee Contribution Programme Organizing Committee of Hong Kong Community Chest (1992 - present)
- Member, Hong Kong Housing Authority (1996 - present)
- Director, Bank of China Group Charitable Foundation (1996 - present)
- Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- Member, First Legislative Council (1998-2000)
- Committee Member, The Hong Kong Council of Social Service (1999 - present)

- Member, the Council and the Court of Lingnan University (1999 - present)
- Member, Admission of Talents Scheme Selection Committee (1999 - present)
- Member, Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Advisory Committee (1999 - present)
- Committee Member, The Hong Kong Chinese Importers' and Exporters' Association (2001 - present)
- Committee Member, Fisheries Development Loan Fund Advisory Committee (2001 - present)

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**Prof Hon NG Ching-fai**

(up to 14.07.2001)

Date of Birth: November 1939

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

- B.E. (Chemical) and M.Sc. (Chemistry), University of Melbourne, Australia
- Ph.D. (Chemistry), University of British Columbia, Canada

**Occupation:**

Dean of Science and Chair Professor in Chemistry, Hong Kong Baptist University

**Public Service:**

*Political Participation*

Hong Kong/China:

- Member, Preparatory Committee for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- Member, Preliminary Working Committee for the Preparatory Committee for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1994-96)
- Member, Selection Committee for the First Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- Hong Kong Affairs Adviser
- Hong Kong Deputy to the Ninth National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China (1998-2003)

Hong Kong:

- Chairman, Panel on Environmental Affairs, Legislative Council
- Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- Member, First Legislative Council (1998-2000)

*Professional, Academic and Others*

Hong Kong:

- Member, Research Grants Council, University Grants Committee (UGC)

- Member, Panel on Physical Science and Engineering, Research Grants Council, UGC (1993)
- Chairman, Physical Science Panel, The First Research Assessment Exercise, Research Grants Council, UGC (1994)
- Member, Board of Directors, Hong Kong Industrial Technology Centre Corporation (1998-2001)
- Member, Board of Directors, Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation (2001-03)
- Member, Advisory Committee, Hong Kong Institution of Biotechnology (1996 - present)
- Chairman, Society of Hong Kong Scholars (1986, 1990, 1993 and 1994)
- Founding Member and Honorary Secretary, Hong Kong Institution of Science (1992-96)
- Vice-President, Hong Kong Institution of Science (1996-2000)
- President, Hong Kong Institution of Science (2000-02)
- Director, Institute for Promotion of Chinese Culture

- Vice-Chairman, Preparatory Committee of the International Conference on Chinese Culture in the Next Millennium
- Adviser, Information Service Centre of Professional Studies
- Member, Basic Law Promotion Steering Committee
- Member, Complaints Committee, Independent Commission Against Corruption
- Member, Council of Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
- Member, Council of Advisors on Innovation and Technology

China:

- Director, Chinese Culture Research Institute
- Director, Society for the Promotion of International Technology of China
- Trustee, Chun Hua Eradication of Poverty by Science and Technology Award Scheme (in collaboration with State Science and Technology Commission, China) (1993 - present)

- Elected by the Foundation for Underdeveloped Regions in China in their 《全國十大扶貧狀元選舉》 project as one of the ten individuals to be awarded the title “fu pin zhuang yuan” 《扶貧狀元》 for highly distinguished contribution towards the nation's efforts in helping the underdeveloped regions (1994)

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### **Hon Margaret NG**

Date of Birth: 25 January 1948

#### **Education and Professional Qualifications:**

- B.A., The University of Hong Kong
- M.A., The University of Hong Kong
- Ph.D., Boston University
- B.A. (Law), University of Cambridge
- P.C.LL. (Law), The University of Hong Kong
- Barrister-at-Law

#### **Occupation:**

Barrister

#### **Public Service:**

- Chairman, Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services, Legislative Council (1995-97) (1998 - present)

- Deputy Chairman, Committee on Rules of Procedure, Legislative Council (1998 - present)
- Member, Operations Review Committee, Independent Commission Against Corruption
- Member, Panel of Lay Assessors (1979-81)
- Member, Shatin District Advisory Board (1980-81)
- Member, Shatin District Board (1981-82)
- Member, Management and Operations Committee, Hong Kong Housing Authority (1980-83)
- Member, Citizen's Advisory Committee on Community Relations, Independent Commission Against Corruption (1981-83)
- Member, Executive Council of The Hong Kong Council of Social Service (1984-85)
- Adjudicator, Obscene Articles Tribunal (1987-88)
- Member, Public Relations Committee for The Community Chest of Hong Kong (1989-90)
- Part-time Member, Central Policy Unit (1989-90) (1991-92)
- Member, Standing Committee on Language Education and Research (1996)
- Member, Town Planning Appeal Board

- Member, Legislative Council (1995-97) (1998-2000)

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**Hon James TO Kun-sun**

Date of Birth: 11 March 1963

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

- LL. B., The University of Hong Kong
- Solicitor of Hong Kong Court

**Occupation:**

Solicitor

**Public Service:**

- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Security, Legislative Council
- Chairman, Panel on Security, Legislative Council (1998-2000)
- Member, Legislative Council (1991-97)
- Elected Member, Sham Shui Po District Board (1991-94)
- Elected Member, Yau Tsim Mong District Council (1999 - present)
- Member, Fight Crime Committee (1992 - present)
- Member, Action Committee Against Narcotics (1994 - present)
- Member, Managing Board, Land Development Corporation (1996-2001)

- Member, Investor Education Advisory Committee, Securities and Futures Commission (1998-2001)
- Founding Member, United Democrats of Hong Kong (1990-95)
- Founding Member, Democratic Party (1995 - present)

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**Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong**

Date of Birth: 15 September 1954

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

- Bachelor of Social Science, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (1978)
- Registered Teacher

**Occupation:**

- Teacher
- Member of the Legislative Council

**Public Service:**

- Member, Legislative Council (1991-97) (1998 - present)
- Member, Education Commission (1993 - present)
- Council Member, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (1998 - present)
- President, Hong Kong Professional Teachers' Union

- Member, Standing Committee, Hong Kong Alliance in Support of Patriotic Democratic Movements of China
- Member, Executive Committee, Democratic Party
- Member, Central Committee, Democratic Party

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**Hon HUI Cheung-ching, JP**

Date of Birth: 4 September 1942

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

Foshan University

**Occupation:**

Company Director

**Public Service:**

- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Commerce and Industry, Legislative Council
- Director, Exchange Fund Investment Limited
- Member, Small and Medium Enterprises Committee
- Adviser, Po Leung Kuk
- President and Honorary President, The Hong Kong Chinese Importers' and Exporters' Association
- Member, Standing Committee, The Hong Kong Progressive Alliance

- Deputy, the Eighth Guangdong People's Congress
- Member, the Sixth and Eighth Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference of Guangdong Province
- Vice Chairman, Water Safety, The Hong Kong Life Saving Society
- Life Honorary President, Hong Kong Winter Swimming Association
- Member, The China Overseas Friendship Association

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**Hon CHAN Kwok-keung**

Date of Birth: 17 January 1946

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

- Honorary Fellow Member, Hong Kong Institution of Textile and Apparel
- Higher Certificate in Textile Technology, Hong Kong Polytechnic

**Occupation:**

Associate Director, Clothing Industry Training Authority

**Public Service:**

- Chairman, Establishment Subcommittee, Legislative Council
- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Manpower, Legislative Council

- Member, Legislative Council (1998 - present)
- Member, Standing Executive Committee of The Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions
- Vice-Chairman, Hong Kong Wearing Apparel Industry Employees' General Union
- Member, Social Policy Committee of The Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions
- Member, Social Affairs Committee of The Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions (1994-2000)
- Member, Right and Benefit Committee of The Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions (1994-2000)
- Director, The HKFTU Hong Ling Foundation for the Well-being of the Elderly Limited
- Member, Employees Retraining Board
- Director, The Hong Kong Mortgage Corporation Limited
- Member, Construction Advisory Board

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**Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP**

Date of Birth: 15 November 1946

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

- Hoi Luk Fung School

- San Kiu Middle School
- Chack Kwan Middle School
- Higher Diploma, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University and Hong Kong Business Management Society
- B.A. in Philosophy, Guangdong Science and Research University
- University of Warwick

**Occupation:**

Trade Union Officer

**Public Service:**

- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Welfare Services, Legislative Council (2000-01)
- Chairman, Panel on Welfare Services, Legislative Council (1998-2000)
- Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- Chairman, Panel on Housing, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- Member, Legislative Council (1995-97)
- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Manpower, Legislative Council (1995-97)
- Vice-Chairman, The Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions

- Chairman, Hong Kong Department Stores and Commercial Staff General Union
- Member, Standing Committee, Democratic Alliance for Betterment of Hong Kong (1992 - present)
- Director, Education Advancement Society for Workers in Hong Kong and Kowloon
- Hong Kong Affairs Adviser (1994-97)
- Special Representative of All-China Women's Federation
- Member, Eastern District Board (1988-91)
- Member, Selection Committee for the First Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- Member, Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Advisory Committee (1998 - present)
- Member, Hong Kong Productivity Council (1994-95)
- Honorary Chairman, Federation of Hong Kong, Kowloon and New Territories Public Housing Estate Residents and Shopowners Organization
- Councillor of Management, Lok Kwan Social Service Company Limited

- Trustee, Hong Kong-China Relation Strategic Development Research Fund
- Chairperson of Sau Ming Primary School Management Committee

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**Hon Bernard CHAN**

Date of Birth: 11 January 1965

**Education and Professional**

**Qualifications:**

Bachelor of Arts, Pomona College, California, USA

**Occupation:**

- Executive Director, Asia Financial Group
- Executive Director, Asia Insurance Co. Ltd.
- Executive Director, Asia Commercial Bank Ltd.
- Executive Director, Asia Investment Services Ltd.

**Public Service:**

*Industry Service*

- Member, Insurance Advisory Committee
- Member, Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Advisory Committee
- Member, Insurance Intermediaries Quality Assurance Scheme Steering Committee

*Community Service*

- Member, Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region
- Chairperson, The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
- Chairman, Standing Committee on Disciplined Services Salaries and Conditions of Service
- Director, The Hong Kong Mortgage Corporation Ltd.
- Director, Securities and Futures Commission
- Member, Process Review Panel for the Securities and Futures Commission
- Member, Standing Committee on Language Education and Research
- Member, Vocational Training Council
- Member, Business Advisory Group
- Member, Hong Kong Sports Development Board
- Member, Estate Agents Authority
- Member, Elderly Commission
- Member, Fight Crime Committee
- Director, The Community Chest
- Director, The Chinese General Chamber of Commerce

- Director, Hong Kong Chiu Chow Chamber of Commerce
- Director, Hong Kong United Youth Association
- Director, Chiu Chow Association Secondary School
- Council Member, Lingnan University
- Council Member, Oxfam Hong Kong
- Chairman, Oxfam Trailwalker Advisory Committee
- Vice Chairman, Shantou Youth's Federation
- Executive Committee Member, Business and Professional Federation of Hong Kong

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**Hon CHAN Kam-lam**

Date of Birth: 22 January 1949

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

- Hong Kong Technical College (now known as The Hong Kong Polytechnic University) (1971)

**Occupation:**

Full-time Councillor

**Public Service:**

- Chairman, Panel on Housing, Legislative Council
- Member, Hong Kong Housing Authority

- Board Member, Urban Renewal Authority
- Director, Exchange Fund Investment Limited
- Council Member, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Chairman, Kwun Tong Resident Union
- Member, Kwun Tong District Council
- Standing Committee Member, Democratic Alliance for Betterment of Hong Kong
- Vice President, Kowloon Federation of Associations
- Director, Kowloon City, Kwun Tong and Wong Tai Sin Residents Association Company Limited
- Deputy Chairman, Finance Committee, Legislative Council (1998-2000)
- Chairman, Panel on Trade and Industry, Legislative Council (1998-2000)
- Chairman, Panel on Manpower, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- Deputy Chairman, Public Accounts Committee, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- Member, Legislative Council (1995-97)
- Kwun Tong Provisional District Board Member (1997-99)

- Elected Member, Kwun Tong District Board (1988-97)
- Hong Kong District Affairs Adviser (1994-97)
- Member, Bilingual Laws Advisory Committee (1995-97)

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**Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, SBS, JP**

Date of Birth: 9 October 1945

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

Bachelor of Mathematics and Computer Science, University of Illinois, USA

**Occupation:**

- Director, Bay Apparel Limited
- Director, Golden Emblem Investment Company Limited
- Director, Golden Harvest Dyeing & Weaving Factory Limited
- Director, Fong Shing Cotton Mill (Hong Kong) Limited
- Director, Tai Fong Dyeing & Weaving Factory Limited
- Director, Simcoe Investment Limited



**Public Service:**

*Present Service*

- Chairman, Panel on Health Services, Legislative Council
- Member, Panel on Commerce and Industry, Legislative Council
- Member, Panel on Welfare Services, Legislative Council
- Member, Committee on Members' Interests
- Member, Bills Committee on Securities and Futures Bill and Banking (Amendment) Bill 2000
- Member, Bills Committee on Drug Dependent Persons Treatment and Rehabilitation Centres (Licensing) Bill
- Member, Bills Committee on Fire Safety (Buildings) Bill
- Member, Subcommittee on Dangerous Drugs Ordinance (Amendment of First Schedule) (No. 2) Order 2000
- Director and General Com Member, Textile Council of HK Ltd
- Co-founder, Education Aboard Services (Hong Kong) Limited
- Chairperson, Women's Commission
- Honorary President, Federation of Hong Kong Garment Manufacturers
- Director, Federation of Hong Kong Garment Manufacturers
- Member, Hong Kong Regional Advisory Committee, Hospital Authority
- Council Member and Director, The Hong Kong Institute of Directors Limited
- Member, Hospital Authority
- Member, Administration and Operation Meeting, Hospital Authority
- Member, Finance Committee, Hospital Authority
- Member, Medical Services Development Committee, Hospital Authority
- Member, Public Meeting, Hospital Authority
- Member, Planning Committee, Hospital Authority
- Member, Audit Committee, Hospital Authority
- Trustee, Charitable Foundation, Hospital Authority
- Permanent Adviser, Yan Chai Hospital
- Chairman, Hospital Governing Committee, Queen Mary Hospital
- Permanent Member, The Chinese General Chamber of Commerce
- Member, Textiles Advisory Board
- Patron Member, The Textile Institute (Hong Kong Section)
- Vice-Chairman, Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club
- Honorary President and Founding Member, Hong Kong Federation of Women
- Chairman, Chi Lin Trust Fund for the Aged Committee
- Member, Chi Lin Elderly Service Management Committee
- Member, Council and Court, Hong Kong Baptist University
- Member, Personnel Committee, Hong Kong Baptist University
- Founding Senior Member, Foundation for Educational Development and Research, The University of Hong Kong
- Founder, Elementary Charitable Foundation
- Permanent Honorary President, Friends of Hong Kong Association Limited
- Member, Steering Committee for the "Campaign to Promote the Image of the Textiles and Clothing Industry"

- Member, Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong
  - Founder and Chairman, The Young Entrepreneurs Development Council Limited
  - Honorary Adviser, Hong Kong Chinese Textile Mills Association
  - Member, Disaster Relief Fund Advisory Committee
  - Member, The American Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong
  - Honorary Adviser, Hong Kong Chiu Chow Chamber of Commerce Limited
  - Honorary President, Chiu Yang Residents Association of Hong Kong Limited
  - Permanent Honorary President, Central District Kai-Fong Welfare Association Limited
  - Honorary Adviser, Hong Kong Environmental Industry Association
  - Honorary President, Federation of Hong Kong Guangdong Committee Organizations Limited
  - Honorary President, Hong Kong Shunde Xing Tan Clansmen Association Limited
  - Honorary President, The Overseas Teo Chew Young Entrepreneurs Association
- Past Service:*
- Councillor, First Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1998-2000)
  - Councillor, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
  - Member, Panel on Trade and Industry (1998-2000)
  - Member, Panel on Health Services (1998-2000)
  - Member, Panel on Environmental Affairs, Legislative Council (1998-2000)
  - Deputy Chairman, Panel on Public Service, Legislative Council (1998-2000)
  - Deputy Chairman, Panel on Manpower, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
  - Member, Assessment Panel on Energy Efficient Building Award Scheme (1997)
  - Member, Travel Industry Council Appeal Panel (1998-99)
  - Chairman, Hong Kong Regional Advisory Committee of Hospital Authority (1996-97)
  - Member, Provisional Hospital Authority (1988-90)
  - Chairman, Human Resources Committee, Hospital Authority (1990-94)
- Chairman, Supporting Services Development Committee, Hospital Authority (1994-95)
  - Member, Standing Committee, Hospital Authority (1990-95)
  - Director, Board of Directors, Yan Chai Hospital (1983-84)
  - Vice Chairman, Board of Directors, Yan Chai Hospital (1984-85)
  - Chairman, Board of Directors, Yan Chai Hospital (1985-86)
  - Chairman, Hospital Governing Committee, Castle Peak Hospital (1994-97)
  - Member, Hospital Governing Committee, Hong Kong Buddhist Hospital (1991-97)
  - Chairman, Hospital Governing Committee, Tsan Yuk Hospital (1993-94)
  - Chairman, Maryknoll Medical and Welfare Association (1987-88)
  - Adjudicator, Immigration Tribunal (1986-94)
  - Member, Central Policy Unit (1993-95)
  - Adjudicator, Registration of Persons Tribunal (1987-88)
  - Member, Regional Services Appeals Board (1990-96)
  - Member, Federation of Hong Kong Garment Manufacturers (1997)

- Member, Hospital Governing Committee, Tsan Yuk Hospital (1994-99)
- Voting Member, Board of Governors, Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital Limited (1988-99)
- Member, Human Resources Committee, Housing Authority (1996-99)
- Director, Queen Mary Hospital Charity Limited (1997-2000)
- Chairman, Human Organ Transplant Board (1996-2000)
- Honorary Treasurer and Executive Committee Member, Maryknoll Medical and Welfare Association (1982-2000)
- Member, Textiles and Clothing Committee, Industry and Technology Development Council, Industry Department (1993-99)
- Vice-Chairman and Member, United Nations Children's Fund (1986-2000)
- Chairperson, Steering Committee for the "Campaign to Promote the Image of the Textiles and Clothing Industry" (1998-99)
- Member, Administrative Appeals Board (1994-2000)

- Chairman, New Territories Regional Advisory Committee, Hospital Authority (1997-2001)
- Vice-Chairman, Ladies Committee, International Festival of Dance Academics (1990)

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**Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung**

Date of Birth: 19 May 1953

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

- B.A. (Hons.), University of Essex, UK
- Post-graduate Certificate in Education, The University of Hong Kong

**Occupation:**

Teacher

**Public Service:**

- Member, Kwai Tsing District Board/District Council (1985 - present)
- Member, Legislative Council (1995-97) (1998 - present)
- Executive Committee Member, Neighbourhood and Workers Service Centre
- Member, The Frontier
- Standing Committee Member, Hong Kong Alliance in Support of Patriotic Democratic Movements of China (1990 - present)

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**Hon SIN Chung-kai**

Date of Birth: 15 June 1960

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

- M.B.A., The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Bachelor of Science, The University of Hong Kong
- Member, Hong Kong Computer Society
- Member, Association for Computing Machinery
- Member, Hong Kong Intellectual Property Society
- Member, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
- Research Board Member, Alliance for Converging Technology

**Occupation:**

Assistant Information Technology Project Manager

**Public Service:**

- Chairman, Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting, Legislative Council
- Deputy Chairman, Committee on Members' Interests, Legislative Council
- Member, Information Infrastructure Advisory Committee, Information Technology and Broadcasting Bureau (1998-2002)

- Member, Advisory Committee on Code of Practice for Recognized Certification Authorities (2000-02)
- Member, Information Technology Task Force, Equal Opportunities Commission (2000 - present)
- Member, Steering Committee of the Hong Kong Education City (2000 - present)
- Member, Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Advisory Committee (1998-2001)
- Director, Hong Kong Mortgage Corporation Limited (1999-2002)
- Member, Kwai Tsing District Board (1985 - present)
- Member, Legislative Council (Information Technology) (1998-2000)
- Member, Legislative Council (New Territories South) (1995-97)
- Chairman, Kwai Tsing District Board (1994-99)
- Member, Regional Council (1988-94)
- Member, Advisory Board of the Hong Kong Wireless Technology Industry Association (2001 - present)
- Member, Steering Committee, Information Security and Forensics Society (2000-02)
- Member, Working Group on Web-enabling Women, Home Affairs Department (2000 - present)
- Member, Advisory Board of Hong Kong Silicon Valley.com (Hong Kong Chapter) (2000 - present)
- Honorary Member, Hong Kong External Telecommunications Services Association (1999 - present)
- Adviser, Information and Software Industry Association (1999 - present)
- Council Member, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (2001-04)
- Member, Investor Education Advisory Committee, Securities and Futures Commission (2001-02)
- Member, Hong Kong Housing Authority (2001 - present)
- Member, TV Program Advisory Panel, Radio Television Hong Kong (2000-02)

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**Hon Andrew WONG**  
**Wang-fat, JP**

Date of Birth: 11 December 1943

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

- B.A. (Hons.), The University of Hong Kong
- M.P.A., Syracuse University, USA

**Occupation:**

- Member, Legislative Council, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (New Territories East)
- Honorary Professor of Government and Public Administration, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

**Public Service:**

*Political*

- Chairman, Panel on Constitutional Affairs, Legislative Council (1998 - present)
- Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- Elected President, Legislative Council (1995-97)
- President, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, Hong Kong Branch (1995-97)

- Member, Legislative Council (for New Territories South-East) (1995-97)
- Chairman, Finance Committee, Legislative Council (1994-95)
- Member, Executive Council (1991-92)
- Member, Legislative Council (for New Territories East) (1991-95)
- Member, Legislative Council (for New Territories East) (1988-91)
- Convenor, Constitutional Development Panel, Legislative Council (1986-94)
- Member, Legislative Council (for New Territories East) (1985-88)
- Chairman, Finance Committee, Shatin District Board (1982-91)
- Member, Shatin District Board (1981-94)
- Member, Shatin District Advisory Board (1979-81)

*Others*

- Member, Court of The University of Hong Kong (1985 - present)
- Ex-officio Executive Committee Member, Heung Yee Kuk (1989 - present)
- Justice of the Peace (1989 - present)

- Chairman, Insurance Agents Registration Board, the Hong Kong Federation of Insurers (1997 - present)
- Member, Insurance Intermediaries Quality Assurance Scheme Steering Committee (1999 - present)
- Member, Travel Industry Council Appeal Panel (1999 - present)
- Member, Council of The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (1999 - present)
- Member, Convocation Standing Committee, The University of Hong Kong (1983 - present)
- Chief Editor, Convocation Newsletter, The University of Hong Kong (1980 - present)

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**Dr Hon Philip WONG**  
**Yu-hong**

Date of Birth: 23 December 1938

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

- M.Sc. (Engineering), University of California, USA
- J.D. (Law), Southland University, USA
- Ph.D. (Engineering), California Coast University, USA

**Occupation:**

- Chairman and Chief Executive, Winco Paper Products Company Limited

**Public Service:**

- Chairman, Finance Committee, Legislative Council
- Deputy, National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China
- Treasurer, The Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, Hong Kong
- Member, Hong Kong Trade Development Council

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**Hon WONG Yung-kan**

Date of Birth: 10 August 1951

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

Diploma in Modern Management, South China Teacher's University

**Occupation:**

Fisherman

**Public Service:**

- Hong Kong District Affairs Adviser (1995-97)
- Member, Tai Po District Board/District Council (1991-97) (1999-2003)
- Member, Tai Po Provisional District Board (1997-99)

- Member, Agriculture, Fisheries, Commerce and Industries Committee, Tai Po District Board/Council (1985-2003)
  - Member, Traffic and Transport Committee, Tai Po District Board/Council (1991-2003)
  - Member, Environmental Improvement and Works Committee, Tai Po District Board (1991-97)
  - Member, Recreation, Sports and Cultural Affairs Committee, Tai Po District Board (1991-97)
  - Member, Social Services Committee, Tai Po District Board/Council (1991-2003)
  - Convenor, Working Group for Elderly Project, Social Services Committee, Tai Po District Board (1996-98)
  - Member, Fish Marketing Advisory Board
  - Member, Advisory Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries
  - Chairman, Aquaculture Sub-committee, Advisory Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries
  - Member, Livestock Sub-committee, Advisory Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries
  - Member, Capture Fisheries Sub-committee, Advisory Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries
  - Member, Wetland Advisory Committee
  - Member, Working Group on Fisheries Management
  - Member, Fisheries Development Loan Fund Advisory Committee
  - Member, Working Group on Artificial Reefs
  - Member, Mainland Fishermen Deckhands Appeal Board
  - Member, Working Group on Close Fishing Season in the South China Sea
  - Vice-Chairman, New Territories Association of Societies
  - Member, District Fight Crime Committee, Tai Po
  - Chairman, Joint Committee of Hong Kong Fishermen's Organizations
  - Chairman, Federation of Fishermen's Co-operative Societies of Tai Po District New Territories Limited
  - Director, The Unlimited Liabilities Co-operative Society of Tai Po Hand-liner Fishermen
  - Chairman, New Territories Fishermen Fraternity Association
  - Chairman, Federation of Hong Kong Aquaculture Associations
  - President and Chief Executive, Tai Po Dragon Boat Race Committee
  - Vice Chairman, Tai Po District Resident's Association
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- Hon Jasper TSANG**  
*Yok-sing, JP*
- Date of Birth: 17 May 1947
- Education and Professional Qualifications:**
- B.A., The University of Hong Kong (1968)
  - Cert. Ed., The University of Hong Kong (1981)
  - M. Ed., The University of Hong Kong (1983)
- Occupation:**  
Full-time Legislator
- Public Service:**
- Chairman, Committee on Rules of Procedure, Legislative Council
  - Deputy Chairman, Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services, Legislative Council (1998 - present)
  - Member, National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference
  - Council Member, Open University of Hong Kong
  - Member, English Schools Foundation
  - Supervisor, Pui Kiu Middle School

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**Hon Howard YOUNG, JP**

Date of Birth: 30 March 1948

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

- B.Sc. (Economics) Part I, London University
- British Diploma in Marketing
- Member, Chartered Institute of Marketing, UK

**Occupation:**

General Manager, Industry and Hong Kong Affairs, Cathay Pacific Airways

**Public Service:**

- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting, Legislative Council
- Member, Southern District Board
- Member, Legislative Council (1991-97) (1998 - present)
- Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- Member, Preparatory Committee for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1995-97)
- Member, Election Committee for the First Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

- Member, Advisory Committee on Travel Agents
- Member, Copyright Tribunal
- Member, Tourism Strategy Group
- Member, Rehabilitation Advisory Committee
- Member, Complaints Committee, Independent Commission Against Corruption
- Member, Town Planning Appeals Board
- Member, Executive Committee, Outward Bound Trust of Hong Kong
- Member, Central Committee, Liberal Party

**Public Service:**

- Chairman, Panel on Education, Legislative Council
- Board Member, Society for Community Organization
- Committee Member, Education Action Group
- Executive Committee Member, Hong Kong Alliance in Support of Patriotic Democratic Movements of China
- Member, Executive Committee, Democratic Party
- Member, Central Committee, Democratic Party

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**Dr Hon YEUNG Sum**

Date of Birth: 22 November 1947

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

- B. Soc. Sc (The University of Hong Kong)
- M.A. (University of York, UK)
- Ph.D (The University of Hong Kong)

**Occupation:**

University Lecturer (Department of Social Work and Social Administration, The University of Hong Kong)

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**Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung, BBS**

Date of Birth: 7 November 1951

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

- Chinese Y.M.C.A. College
- B. Soc. Sci., The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Diploma in Education, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

**Occupation:**

Principal, Heung To Middle School

**Public Service:**

- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Education, Legislative Council (2000-01)

- Hong Kong Deputy to the Ninth National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China
- President, Hong Kong Federation of Education Workers
- Adviser, Wen Wei Po
- Adviser, Hong Kong Commercial Daily
- Vice Chairman, Independent Police Complaints Council
- Vice Chairman, Joint Committee for the Promotion of the Basic Law of Hong Kong
- Member, Education Commission
- Member, Preparatory Committee of General Teaching Council
- Chairman, Sham Shui Po School Liaison Committee (1997-2001)
- Honorary Adviser, Hok Yau Club (1999-2001)
- Member, Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Advisory Board
- Vice-Chairman, Hong Kong Chinese Reform Association
- Executive Committee Member, Green China Foundation
- Director, Project Hope Return to School
- Honorary President, Kowloon Federation of Associations

- Chairman, Civil Education Fund of Hong Kong Federation of Education Workers

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***Hon LAU Chin-shek, JP***

Date of Birth: 12 September 1944

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

Senior Secondary Level

**Occupation:**

Legislative Councillor

**Public Service:**

- Chairman, Panel on Manpower, Legislative Council
- Director, Hong Kong Christian Industrial Committee
- Chairman, Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions
- Executive Member, Hong Kong Alliance in Support of Patriotic Democratic Movements of China
- Spokesman, Coalition to Monitor Public Transport and Utilities
- Board Member, Hong Kong Marrow Match Foundation
- Member, Court of The University of Hong Kong

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***Hon LAU Kong-wah***

Date of Birth: 22 June 1957

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

- St. Paul's College
- Sir Robert Black College of Education
- B. Phil., University of Exeter, UK
- M. Phil., City Polytechnic of Hong Kong

**Occupation:**

Legislative Councillor

**Public Service:**

- Chairman, Panel on Security, Legislative Council (2000-01)
- Member, Shatin District Council
- Member, Central Committee, Democratic Alliance for Betterment of Hong Kong
- Convenor, Civil Force

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***Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBS, JP***

Date of Birth: 15 October 1936

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

Ling Shan College

**Occupation:**

Chairman, Wing Tung Yick (Holdings) Limited



**Public Service:**

- Member, National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (1993 - present)
- Chairman, Heung Yee Kuk (1980 - present)
- Chairman, Tuen Mun District Board (1982 - present)
- Chairman, Tuen Mun Rural Committee (1972 - present)
- Member, The Drafting Committee for The Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- Member, The Preparatory Committee for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- Member, The Preliminary Working Committee for The Preparatory Committee for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- Hong Kong Affairs Adviser
- Member, Legislative Council (1985-97)
- Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- Chairman, Provisional Regional Council (1997-99)
- Member, Regional Council (1985-97)

- President, The Hong Kong Girl Guides Association, Tuen Mun District
- President, The Scout Association of Hong Kong, Tuen Mun District
- Member, Yan Oi Tong Advisory Board

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**Hon Mrs Miriam LAU  
Kin-ye, JP**

Date of Birth: 27 April 1947

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

- B.A. Hons., The University of Hong Kong
- Solicitor, Supreme Court of Hong Kong
- Solicitor, Supreme Court of England
- Barrister and Solicitor, Supreme Court of Victoria, Australia
- Diploma in Chinese Law, University of East Asia

**Occupation:**

- Solicitor and Notary Public
- China-Appointed Attesting Officer

**Public Service:**

- Chairman, Panel on Transport, Legislative Council (1998 - present)
- Chairman, Committee on Members' Interests, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)

- Chairman, Panel on Transport, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- Chairman, Committee on Members' Interests, Legislative Council (1995-97)
- Chairman, Panel on Transport, Legislative Council (1991-97)
- Member, Legislative Council (1988-97) (Transport and Communication Constituency) (1995-97)
- Member, Selection Committee for the First Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- Chairman, Security and Guarding Services Industry Authority
- Chairman, Standing Committee on Disciplined Services Salaries and Conditions of Service (1991-2000)
- Chairman, Correctional Services Children's Education Trust Committee (1990-99)
- Member, Fight Crime Committee (1989-2001)
- Member, The Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong (1990-96)

- Chairman, Subcommittee on Guardianship and Custody of The Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong
- Member, Regional Council (1986-91)
- Member, Hospital Governing Committee, Kowloon Hospital
- Member, Hong Kong Port and Maritime Board

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**Hon Ambrose LAU**  
*Hon-chuen, GBS, JP*

Date of Birth: 16 July 1947

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

- Bachelor of Laws (Hons.), University of London
- Solicitor of Hong Kong
- Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales
- Notary Public
- China-Appointed Attesting Officer

**Occupation:**

Solicitor and Notary Public

**Public Service:**

*Present Service*

- Chairman, Panel on Financial Affairs, Legislative Council
- Member, The National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference

- Chairman, The Hong Kong Progressive Alliance
- Justice of the Peace
- Member, The Board of the Urban Renewal Authority
- Director, The Board of Lung Kong World Federation School (Hong Kong) Ltd.

*Past Service*

- Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- Member, The Preparatory Committee for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1995-97)
- Hong Kong Affairs Adviser (1993-97)
- Member, Legislative Council (1995-97)
- Member, The Consultative Committee on the New Airport and Related Projects (1991-98)
- Member, The Preliminary Working Committee for the Preparatory Committee for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1993-95)
- President, The Law Society of Hong Kong (1992-93)
- Chairman, The Central and Western District Board (1988-94)
- Member, The Advisory Committee on Legal Education (1991-95)

- Member, The Board of Review on Inland Revenue (1985-96)
- Member, The Bilingual Laws Advisory Committee (1988-97)
- Member, the Court of The University of Hong Kong (1998-2000)
- Member, The Managing Board of the Land Development Corporation (1992-2001)
- Chairman, The Board of Review on Education (1993-2001)

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**Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP**

Date of Birth: 21 January 1952

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

- B.A., Broadcast Journalism, University of Southern California, USA
- M. Sc., International Relations, London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London, UK

**Occupation:**

Legislative Councillor

**Public Service:**

- Deputy Chairman, Public Accounts Committee, Legislative Council
- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Constitutional Affairs, Legislative Council

- Directly Elected Legislative Councillor (1991-97) (1998 - present)
- Vice-Chairperson, Hong Kong Journalists Association (1988-89)
- Chairperson, Hong Kong Journalists Association (1989-91)

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**Hon CHOY So-yuk**

Date of Birth: 10 October 1950

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

- Master of Philosophy, The University of Hong Kong (1978)
- Bachelor of Science (Hons.), The University of Hong Kong (1974)

**Occupation:**

Merchant

**Public Service:**

- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Home Affairs, Legislative Council
- Chairman, Panel on Home Affairs, Legislative Council (1998-2000)
- Chairman, Panel on Information Policy, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)

- Member, Selection Committee for the First Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- Member, Eastern District Council
- Member, Appeal Board of Travel Industry Council of Hong Kong
- Political Consultative Member, Fujian Province
- Deputy Secretary General, Board of Directors, Overseas Chinese University of China
- Permanent Honorary Chairman, South China Athletics Association
- Honourable Chairman, Yin Ngai Central Council
- Honorary Vice President, Hong Kong Federation of Women
- Honorary Chairman, Hong Kong Eastern District Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Director, Fujian Middle School, Hong Kong
- Vice Chairman, the Fukienese Association, Hong Kong
- Permanent Honorary Chairman, Gee Tuck General Association Hong Kong Limited
- Honorary Chairman, Hong Kong Youth Association

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**Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo**

Date of Birth: 28 April 1960

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

B.A., M.A., M.Ed., P.C.LL, Practising Solicitor

**Occupation:**

Solicitor

**Public Service:**

- Chairman, Panel on Home Affairs, Legislative Council
- Member, Legislative Council (1995-97) (1998 - present)
- Member, Tai Po District Council (1999 - present)
- Member, Home School Cooperation Committee, Education Department (1994 - present)

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**Hon SZETO Wah**

Date of Birth: 28 February 1931

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

- Queen's College
- Grantham College of Education
- Evening School of Higher Chinese Studies

**Occupation:**

Full-time Legislator

**Public Service:**

- Member, Legislative Council (1985-97) (1998 - present)
- Member, Provisional Urban Council
- Member, Urban Council (1995-97)
- Member, Executive Committee, Democratic Party
- Chairman, Hong Kong Alliance in Support of Patriotic Democratic Movements of China
- Chief Secretary, Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions (1990-92)
- President, Hong Kong Professional Teachers' Union (1974-90)
- Vice-President, Hong Kong Professional Teachers' Union (1990-96)
- Chairman of Senate, Hong Kong Professional Teachers' Union
- Chairman, Chinese Textbooks Committee (1986-96)

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**Hon Timothy FOK**  
*Tsun-ting, SBS, JP*

Date of Birth: 14 February 1946

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

University of Southern California, USA

**Occupation:**

Merchant

**Public Service:**

- Member, National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference
- Member, Selection Committee for the First Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- President, Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China
- President, Hong Kong Football Association
- President, Hong Kong Sports Press Association

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**Hon LAW Chi-kwong, JP**

Date of Birth: 1 November 1953

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

B.Soc. Sc., M.S.W., M.B.A., D.S.W., R.S.W.

**Occupation:**

Social Work Teacher

**Public Service:**

- Chairman, Panel on Welfare Services, Legislative Council
- Member, Legislative Council (Social Welfare Functional Constituency) (1995-97) (1998 - present)

- Member, Social Welfare Advisory Committee (1995 - present)

*Professional Bodies*

- Board Member, Hong Kong Social Workers Association (1982-86, 1988-90, 1995 - present)
- Board Member, Social Workers Board of Registration (1997 - present)

*Community Service*

- Executive Committee Member, Hong Kong Council of Social Service (1990-94) (1995 - present)
- Chairman, Committee on Client Information Systems, Hong Kong Council of Social Service (1991 - present)
- Member, Social Work Training and Manpower Planning Committee, Hong Kong Council of Social Service (1982-86, 1991-95, 1996 - present)
- Chairman, Information Technology Committee, Hong Kong Council of Social Service (1998 - present)
- Chairman, Senior Citizen Home Safety Association (1996 - present)
- Member, Research and Development Committee, Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups (1993 - present)

- Member, Management Committee, Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong (1998 - present)
- Honorary Secretary, Democratic Party (1994-2000)
- Vice-Chairman, Democratic Party (2000 - present)

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**Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP**

Date of Birth: 15 December 1949

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

- Australia National University, Centre for Continuing Education, studied "Adult Education"
- London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London, studied "Trade Union Studies", UK
- Honorary Life Fellow, Institute of Commercial Management, UK

**Occupation:**

- Trade Union Officer
- Vice-Chairman, Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions

**Public Service:**

- Member, Executive Council
- Chairman, Employees Retraining Board
- Chairman, Elderly Commission
- Chairman, Panel on Public Service, Legislative Council
- Member, Vocational Training Board
- Member, Standing Commission on Civil Service Salaries and Conditions of Service
- Member, Complaints Committee, Independent Commission Against Corruption

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**Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong, JP**

Date of Birth: 26 September 1942

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

- M.B.B.S., University of Adelaide, Australia
- F.R.C.S., Edinburgh, UK
- F.R.C.P.S., Glasgow, UK
- F.H.K.A.M. (Surgery)
- F.H.K.C.S.

**Occupation:**

Medical Practitioner

**Public Service:**

- Chairman, Panel on Planning, Lands and Works, Legislative Council

- Chairman, Yuen Long District Council
- Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- Chairman, Panel on Health Services, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- Member, Legislative Council (Elected Member New Territories West Constituency) (1992-95)
- Member, Provisional Regional Council
- Member, Regional Council (1986-88)
- Yuen Long District Board Member (1980-91)
- Member, Municipal Services Appeals Board
- Member, Administrative Appeals Board
- Member, Hospital Governing Committee, Tuen Mun Hospital
- Permanent Adviser and former Chairman, Pok Oi Hospital
- Hong Kong Affairs Adviser
- Council Member, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (1997-98)
- Justice of the Peace
- Court Member, The University of Hong Kong
- Member, Antiquities Advisory Board

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**Hon Abraham SHEK**

*Lai-him, JP*

Date of Birth: 24 June 1945

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

B.A. and Dip. Ed., University of Sydney, Australia

**Occupation:**

Director

**Public Service:**

- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Transport, Legislative Council
- Member, Antiquities Advisory Board (1996 - present)

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**Hon LI Fung-ying, JP**

Date of Birth: 2 December 1950

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

Tertiary Education

**Occupation:**

Full-time Legislator

**Public Service:**

- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Public Service, Legislative Council
- Member, Equal Opportunities Commission
- Member, Task Force on Employment

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**Hon Henry WU**

*King-cheong, BBS*

Date of Birth: 23 August 1951

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

- Master of Applied Science, University of Toronto, Canada

**Occupation:**

Merchant/Executive Director

**Public Service:**

- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Financial Affairs, Legislative Council
- Member, Eastern District Council
- Chairman, Eastern District Fight Crime Committee
- Member, Council of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- Member, Environmental Campaign Committee
- Director, Board of The Ocean Park Corporation
- Member, Statistics Advisory Board
- Member, Board of Trustees of The Lord Wilson Heritage Trust
- Vice Chairman, Guangdong Daya Bay Nuclear Power Station/Ling Ao Nuclear Power Station Nuclear Safety Consultative Committee

- Standing Committee Member, The Chinese General Chamber of Commerce
- Chairman, Executive Committee of The Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong
- Director, Hong Kong PHAB Association
- Chairman, Board of Hong Kong Dance Company Limited
- Director, Friends of Hong Kong Association
- Standing Committee Member, Hong Kong Pei Hua Education Foundation
- Honorary Permanent President, The Chinese Gold and Silver Exchange Society
- Permanent Honorary President, Hong Kong Stockbrokers Association
- Trustee Member, Hong Kong Tennis Foundation Ltd.

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**Hon Tommy CHEUNG**  
*Yu-yan, JP*

Date of Birth: 30 September 1949

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

Pepperdine University (B.Sc., M.B.A.)

**Occupation:**

- Chairman, Goldearn Consultants Ltd.
- Chairman, Syto Trading and Investment Ltd.
- Chairman, Citiway Development Ltd.
- Deputy General Manager, World Trade Centre Club Hong Kong

**Public Service:**

- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene, Legislative Council
- Member, Eastern District Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- Member, Liquor Licensing Board
- Chairman, Hong Kong Catering Industry Association
- Honorary Life President, The Association of Restaurant Managers Ltd.
- Convener and Spokesman, Restaurant Trade TES Concern Group
- Vice Chairman, Hong Kong Eye Foundation
- Member, Quality Tourism Services Council
- Advisor, Association of Better Business and Tourism Services
- Member, Chinese Cuisine Training Institute Training Board

- Committee Member, Diocesan Boys' School

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**Hon Michael MAK  
Kwok-fung**

Date of Birth: 23 August 1955

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

- Registered Mental Nurse (1980)
- Certificate in Medical Psychology (1988)
- Certificate in AIDS Counselling (1991)
- Post Registration Diploma in Nursing Administration, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (1995)
- Master of Health Services Management, University of Ballarat of Australia (2000)

**Occupation:**

- Legislative Councillor (Health Services) (full-time)
- Lecturer of University of Ballarat of Australia (part-time)
- Department Operations Manager, Kwai Chung Hospital (part-time)

**Public Service:**

- Executive Member, Association of Hong Kong Nursing Staff (1991 - present)

- Department Operations Manager of a public hospital (1994 - present)
- Volunteer, Hong Kong AIDS Foundation (1991 - present)

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**Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip**

Date of Birth: 3 March 1955

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Social Work
- Master of Social Work

**Occupation:**

Full-time Councillor

**Public Service:**

- Deputy Chairman, Public Works Subcommittee, Legislative Council
- Member, Tsuen Wan District Board/District Council (1985 - present)
- Member, Legislative Council (1991-97)
- Member, Regional Council (1986-95)

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**Hon LEUNG Fu-wah, MH, JP**

Date of Birth: 21 October 1951

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

- Bachelor, University of Jinan

- Certificate in Social Studies, The University of Hong Kong

**Occupation:**

Unionist

**Public Service:**

- Vice Chairman, The Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions (HKFTU)
- Director, Rights and Benefits Committee, The HKFTU
- Vice Chairman, Hong Kong and Kowloon Rubber and Plastic Workers General Union
- Adviser, Association of Managerial, Clerical and Technical Employees in Manufacturing Industry
- Member, Labour Advisory Board (1991-2000)
- Member, Employees Retraining Board (1992-99)
- Member, Guangdong Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference
- Member, Occupational Safety and Health Council (1992-95)
- Member, Hong Kong Productivity Council (1995-99)

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**Dr Hon LO Wing-lok**

Date of Birth: 13 September 1954

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

- St. Paul's College (Primary) (1961-67)
- St. Paul's College (Secondary) (1967-74)
- Faculty of Medicine, The University of Hong Kong (1974-79)
- M.B.B.S. (HK) (1979)
- M.R.C.P. (UK) (1984)
- D.T.M. & H. (London) (1985)
- F.H.K.C.P. (Fellow of Hong Kong College of Physicians) (1991)
- F.H.K.A.M. (Medicine) (Foundation Fellow of Hong Kong Academy of Medicine) (1993)
- F.R.C.P. (Edinburgh) (1997)

**Occupation:**

Medical Practitioner

**Public Service:**

- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Health Services, Legislative Council
- Council Member, The Hong Kong Society for Infectious Diseases (1996 - present)
- The Hong Kong Medical Association
  - President (2000-02)
  - Vice-President (1998-2000)

- Council Member (1997-98)

- Member, The Medical Council of Hong Kong (1999 - present)
- Member, Subcommittee on Infectious Disease, The Hong Kong College of Physicians (1999-2001)
- St. James' Settlement of Hong Kong
  - Member, Management Committee for the Adult Health Promotion Centre
  - Member, Advisory Committee on Residential Services
- Hong Kong Council on Smoking and Health (COSH)
  - Member (1.10.1997 - present)
  - Chairman, Working Group on the Quit (Tobacco Smoking) Campaign (1998 and 2000)
  - Chairman, Publicity and Community Involvement Committee
  - Chairman, Working Group for the 1999 World No Tobacco Day Activities (1999)
- Member, Hospital Governing Committee of Tung Wah East Hospital, Hospital Authority (28.8.1997 - present)



- Trailwalker (1994-99)
  - Co-ordinator of the Hong Kong Medical Association for Trailwalker. Mobilized more than 100 members of the medical profession to participate in this charity walk and collectively raised HK\$2.8 million for charity over the 5 years
  - Member, Trailwalker Advisory Committee (8/2000 - 8/2001)
- Member, Steering Committee on Healthy Living, the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (5/1998 - present)
- Member, Election Committee (Medical Sub-sector) for the election of the Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1998)
- Member, Scientific Committee of the Hong Kong Advisory Council on AIDS (1999 - present)
- Member, Advisory Council on Food and Environmental Hygiene (1.4.2000 - present)
- Vice-Chairman, Independent Police Complaints Council (2001 - present)

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**Hon WONG Sing-chi**

Date of Birth: 11 October 1957

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

- Bachelor Degree in Social Work
- Registered Social Worker

**Occupation:**

Registered Social Worker

**Public Service:**

- Member, North District Council (1991-94) (2000 - present)
- Member, Regional Council (1995-99)

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**Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee**

Date of Birth: 17 March 1953

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

- B.A. (Hons.) in Social Policy and Public Administration, Bradford University, UK (1982)

**Occupation:**

- Tutor, City University of Hong Kong Continuous and Professional Education
- Columnist of The Oriental Daily News and the Sun Daily

**Public Service:**

*Political Experience*

- Founder and Chairman, Hong Kong Association for Democracy and People's Livelihood (1986 - present)

*Experience on Community Organizations and Societies*

- President, Concern for Sham Shui Po People's Livelihood (1984 - present)
- Community Organizer, Society for Community Organization (1976-79)

*Experience on China-Hong Kong Relation*

- Member, Election Council for Hong Kong Deputies to the Ninth National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China (1997 - present)
- Member, Preparatory Committee for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1996-97)
- Member, Selection Committee for the First Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1996-98)
- Hong Kong Affairs Adviser (1994-97)
- Member, Hong Kong Basic Law Consultative Committee (1985-89)

*Parliamentary Experience*

- Elected Member, Legislative Council (2000-2004)
- Elected Member, Sham Shui Po District Council (2000-2003)
- Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- Elected Member, Legislative Council (1991-97)
- Elected Member, Sham Shui Po District Board (1988-91)
- Elected Member, Urban Council (1983-95)

*Experience on Cultural Affairs*

- Chairman, Performing Companies Sub-committee of Urban Council (1985-95)
- Vice Chairman, Culture Select Committee of Urban Council (1984-95)
- Board Member, Hong Kong Philharmonic Society (1984-85)

*Experience on Housing Affairs*

- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Housing, Legislative Council/Provisional Legislative Council (1991-98)
- Member, Hong Kong Housing Authority (1990-98)

- Director, Hong Kong People's Council on Public Housing Policy (1982-89)

*Experience on Educational Affairs*

- Tutor, City University of Hong Kong Continuous and Professional Education (1998 - present)
- General Education Co-ordinator, The University of Hong Kong (2/1999 - 8/2000)

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**Hon IP Kwok-him, JP**

Date of Birth: 8 November 1951

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

- Hon Wah Middle School
- Bachelor, South China Normal University

**Occupation:**

Principal Assistant

**Public Service:**

- Member, Central and Western District Board/District Council
- Member, Hong Kong Housing Authority
- Member, Building Committee, Hong Kong Housing Authority
- Deputy Chairman, Democratic Alliance for Betterment of Hong Kong (DAB)

- Member, Central and Standing Committee, DAB
- Chairman, Hong Kong Island West Office, DAB
- Convenor, Legislative Council Caucus, DAB
- Convenor, Provisional Legislative Council Caucus, DAB
- Vice-Chairman, Association of the Hong Kong Island Ltd.
- Vice-Chairman, Association of the Hong Kong Central and Western District Ltd.
- Vice-Chairman, Kennedy Town Kaifong Association
- Vice-Chairman, Mount Davis Kaifong Association of Hong Kong
- Honorary Adviser, Hong Kong Kwun Lung Residents Association
- Member, Central and Western District Recreation and Sports Association
- Member, District Fight Crime Committee, Central and Western District (1993-2000)
- Member, The Legislative Council Commission (1995-97)
- Member, Court of The University of Hong Kong (1995-98)
- Member, Legislative Council (1995-97)
- Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)

- Deputy Chairman, House Committee, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- Honorary Chairman, Western District Licensed Hawkers Friendly Association
- Honorary Chairman, Hong Kong and Kowloon Merchants and Hawkers Association
- Honorary Chairman, Anglo-Chinese Vegetable Wholesale Merchants Association Ltd.
- Member, Area Committee, Kennedy Town
- Hong Kong District Affairs Adviser (appointed by China) (1994-98)
- Chairman, Sun Way Mansion Owners' Corporation (1990-95)
- Adviser on Club Affairs, Hok Yau Club (1997-2000)
- Member, Caritas Community Center Kennedy Town Advisory Committee (1995-97)
- Chairman, Select Committee to Inquire into the Circumstances Surrounding the Departure of Mr LEUNG Ming-yin from the Government and Related Issues, Legislative Council (1996-97)
- Chairman, Panel on Public Service, Legislative Council (1995-97)

- Chairman, Panel on Public Service, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- Honorary Adviser, Local Geotechnical Engineers' Association, Civil Engineering Department (1995-97)
- Member, Action Committee Against Narcotics
- Member, Court of The University of Hong Kong

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**Hon LAU Ping-cheung**

Date of Birth: 3 October 1951

**Education and Professional Qualifications:**

- Hong Kong Polytechnic (now known as The Hong Kong Polytechnic University), Higher Diploma in Quantity Surveying (1974)
- Master of Science Degree in Construction Project Management, The University of Hong Kong (1990)
- Fellow, The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors
- Registered Professional Surveyor
- Member, The Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators
- Authorized Person Surveyor under the Buildings Ordinance

- Fellow, The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
- Member, The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

**Occupation:**

Quantity Surveyor

**Public Service:**

*Major Professional Activities*

- President, The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (1996-97)
- Chairman, The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (Hong Kong Branch) (1996-97)
- Chairman, Surveyors Registration Board of Hong Kong (1995-96)

*Promotion of Professional Services*

- Chairman of Board of Directors, Joint Professional Centre, Joint Professional Coalition (2000-01)
- Member, Trade Development Council (TDC) Professional Services Advisory Committee (1996 - present)
- Convenor, TDC Infrastructure Development Services Promotion Working Group (2000 - present)
- Convenor, Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors Subcommittee on Independent Quantity

Surveyors' Role in  
Infrastructure Projects  
(1998-2000)

- Member, Advisory Council, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (1997 - present)

#### *Community Service*

- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Planning, Lands and Works, Legislative Council (2000 - present)
- Member, The Community Chest Dress Casual Day Organizing Committee (1996 - present)
- Honorary Adviser, Po Leung Kuk Project Development and Property Management Committee (1997-98)
- Honorary Adviser, Capital Works Project, Provisional Urban Council (1998-99)
- Member, Tourism Development Steering Committee, Hong Kong Tourist Association (HKTA) (1996-97)
- Member, HKTA Task Force on Aquatic Stadium Study (1997-2000)
- Member, Contractors Registration Preparation Committee, Buildings Department (BD) (1997-98)
- Member, Contractors Registration Committee, BD (1998-2001)
- Member, Construction

Advisory Board (CAB)  
(1999-2002)

- Member, Contracts Committee, CAB (1999-2001)
- Member, Appeal Panel, Estate Agents Authority, Housing Bureau (1999-2000)
- Co-opted Member, Building and Development Committee, Construction Industry Training Authority (CITA) (1999 - present)
- Member, Cost and Environment Subcommittee, Construction Industry Review Committee (CIRC) (2000)
- Member, Election Committee for 1998 Legislative Council Election
- Member, Election Committee for 2000 Legislative Council Election
- Non-executive Director, Urban Renewal Authority (2001)
- Member, Advisory Group on Road Openings (2001 - present)

#### *Education Promotion*

- External Examiner, Department of Building and Construction, City University of Hong Kong (1997-99)

- Honorary Adviser, Professional Diploma in Real Estate Administration, SPACE, The University of Hong Kong (1998 - present)
- Academic Advisory Committee, Post-Graduate Diploma in Real Estate Development and Quantity Surveying, SPACE, The University of Hong Kong (1998 - present)
- Council Member, City University of Hong Kong (2001-03)

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#### ***Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP***

(since 11.12.2000)

Date of Birth: 11 September 1953

#### **Education and Professional Qualifications:**

- St. Francis Canossian College (1960-70)
- St. Paul's Co-Educational College (1970-72)
- LL.B. (Hons.), The University of Hong Kong (1972-75)
- LL.M., University of London (1975-76)
- College of Law (Bar Finals) (1976-77)
- Called to the Bar in England (1977)
- Called to the Bar in Hong Kong (1978)

- Called to the Inner Bar in Hong Kong (1993)
- Senior Counsel (1997)

**Occupation:**

Barrister

**Public Service:**

- Legal Adviser, The Hong Kong 1095th Eastern Optimistic Scout Group (5.3.2001)
- Chairman, Appeal Tribunal Panel (Buildings), Planning and Lands Bureau (1.12.2000-30.11.2003)
- Chairman, Appeal Board Panel (Consumer Goods Safety), Commerce and Industry Bureau (20.10.1999-19.10.2001)
- Deputy Chairman, Inland Revenue Board of Review, Finance Bureau (3.1.1995-31.12.2003)
- Member of Justice, Hong Kong Section of the International Commission of Jurists (1999)
- Member, Provisional Council on Reproductive Technology (1995-2000)
- Patron, St. John's Cathedral HIV Education Centre (1999)
- Member, Board of Advisers for the British Chevening Scholarships in Hong Kong (1999)
- Member, Management Committee of Consumer Legal Action Fund, Consumer Council (6.12.1994-5.12.2000)
- Chairman, Hong Kong Bar Association (16.1.1997-20.1.1999)
- Chairman, Sub-Committee on Civil Liability for Unsafe Products, Law Reform Commission (1995-98)
- Member, Sub-Committee on Description of Flats on Sale, Law Reform Commission (1992-98)
- Member, Hong Kong Housing Authority (1.4.1994-31.3.1996)
- Member, Consumer Council (1.1.1989-31.12.1995)
- Member, Board of Education (1.7.1991-30.6.1995)

## Appendix 3

### Bills Passed

Bills	Gazette Date	First Reading Date	Passage through LegCo Date
1. Rehabilitation Centres Bill	5.10.2000	18.10.2000	2.5.2001
2. Immigration (Amendment) Bill 2000	29.9.2000	18.10.2000	27.6.2001
3. Stamp Duty (Amendment) Bill 2000	5.10.2000	18.10.2000	8.11.2000
4. Drug Dependent Persons Treatment and Rehabilitation Centres (Licensing) Bill	20.10.2000	1.11.2000	25.4.2001
5. Adaptation of Laws Bill 2000	27.10.2000	8.11.2000	20.12.2000
6. Dutiable Commodities (Amendment) Bill 2000	27.10.2000	8.11.2000	20.12.2000
7. Employment (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2000	1.12.2000	13.12.2000	4.4.2001
8. Prior of the Order of Cistercians of the Strict Observance Incorporation (Amendment) Bill 2000	29.9.2000 & 5.10.2000	13.12.2000	10.1.2001
9. Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation Bill	8.12.2000	20.12.2000	4.4.2001
10. Intellectual Property (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Bill 2000	8.12.2000	20.12.2000	7.2.2001
11. Education (Amendment) Bill 2000	22.12.2000	10.1.2001	4.4.2001
12. Hong Kong Tourist Association (Amendment) Bill 2001	5.1.2001	17.1.2001	14.3.2001
13. Telecommunications (Amendment) Bill 2001	9.2.2001	14.2.2001	16.5.2001
14. Dutiable Commodities (Amendment) Bill 2001	16.2.2001	28.2.2001	4.7.2001
15. Fixed Penalty (Public Cleanliness Offences) Bill	16.2.2001	28.2.2001	12.7.2001

Bills	Gazette Date	First Reading Date	Passage through LegCo Date
16. Appropriation Bill 2001	2.3.2001	7.3.2001	4.4.2001
17. Merchant Shipping (Registration) (Amendment) Bill 2001	23.2.2001	14.3.2001	4.4.2001
18. Interest Rates (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2001	2.3.2001	14.3.2001	4.4.2001
19. Chief Executive Election Bill	9.3.2001	14.3.2001	11.7.2001
20. Attachment of Income Orders (Amendment) Bill 2001	23.3.2001	4.4.2001	4.7.2001
21. Revenue Bill 2001	6.4.2001	25.4.2001	20.6.2001
22. Revenue (No. 2) Bill 2001	6.4.2001	25.4.2001	20.6.2001
23. Revenue (No. 3) Bill 2001	6.4.2001	25.4.2001	12.7.2001
24. Copyright (Suspension of Amendments) Bill 2001	27.4.2001	2.5.2001	20.6.2001
25. Post Secondary Colleges (Amendment) Bill 2001	25.5.2001	6.6.2001	27.6.2001
26. Employment (Amendment) Bill 2001	25.5.2001	6.6.2001	27.6.2001
27. Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited (Merger) Bill	25.5.2001 & 1.6.2001	13.6.2001	12.7.2001
28. The Bank of East Asia, Limited Bill	1.6.2001 & 8.6.2001	13.6.2001	12.7.2001
29. Supplementary Appropriation (2000-2001) Bill 2001	8.6.2001	20.6.2001	12.7.2001

## Appendix 4

### Motion Debates Held

Date of Meeting	Subject of Motion and Mover	Wording of Motion and Result
18 October 2000	“Impoverishment of marginal workers” moved by <b>Hon CHAN Yuen-han</b>  amendment proposed by <b>Hon WONG Sing-chi</b>	<p>The original motion: “That, in view of the aggravation of the problem of poverty and the increasing number of ‘marginal workers’ in Hong Kong, this Council urges the Government to face up to the plight of marginal workers and to put in place the following measures to alleviate their hardship:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) implementing an economic development strategy that ‘prioritizes the provision of employment’, for example by promoting the waste recycling and recovery industries, developing community and personal services, as well as strengthening the assistance for small and medium-sized enterprises, so as to create employment opportunities for the unemployed and provide opportunities for the low-salaried and less skilled workers to find better jobs and improve their livelihood;</li><li>(b) introducing progressive tax bands for profits tax, so as to improve social services and reduce the disparity in the living standards between the rich and the poor;</li><li>(c) implementing a ‘re-employment support scheme’ and, in the long run, considering the establishment of a more comprehensive unemployment protection system to provide unemployed workers with financial security and opportunities for participating in skills enhancement training while they are seeking employment, thereby facilitating their re-joining the workforce;</li></ul>



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		<p>(d) reviewing expeditiously the existing labour-related legislation with a view to safeguarding the rights and interests of marginal workers who are in difficulties, for example, by abolishing the requirement that only those employees who have worked continuously for the same employers for four weeks and at least 18 hours a week will be protected under the Employment Ordinance, so as to prevent employers from evading their responsibility for providing employment protection to their employees; and</p> <p>(e) re-structuring the framework for providing training for workers, pooling the training resources, as well as encouraging trade associations and labour unions to play an active role in training workers.”</p> <p>and the proposed amendment to the motion were negatived.</p>
<p>18 October 2000</p>	<p>“Creating employment opportunities” moved by <b>Hon Fred LI Wah-ming</b></p> <p>amendment proposed by <b>Hon Howard YOUNG</b></p>	<p>The original motion: “That, in view of the persistently high unemployment rate in Hong Kong and the increasing number of low-income earners, this Council urges the Government to:</p> <p>(a) encourage employers, through tax concessions, to create more new jobs and offer them to the unemployed who have undergone training;</p> <p>(b) assist the socially-disadvantaged groups to set up community co-operative societies, so as to create jobs and posts to provide services for the local community;</p>

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		<p>(c) legislate for a quota system for the employment of the disabled, so as to increase their chance of getting employed;</p> <p>(d) create the posts of teaching assistants and information technology co-ordinators; and</p> <p>(e) set up referral centres for part-time domestic helpers so as to create more part-time employment opportunities for women.”</p> <p>and the proposed amendment to the motion were negatived.</p>
<p>25 October 2000</p>	<p>“Motion of Thanks” moved by  <b>Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye</b></p> <p>amendment proposed by  <b>Hon LEE Cheuk-yan</b></p>	<p>The original motion: “That this Council thanks the Chief Executive for his address.” and the proposed amendment to the motion were negatived.</p>
<p>8 November 2000</p>	<p>“Enhancing the welfare for the elderly” moved by  <b>Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung</b></p> <p>amendments proposed by  <b>Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung</b>  <b>Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun</b>  <b>Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee</b></p>	<p>The original motion: “That, in view of the aggravation of the problems of ageing population and impoverishment of the elderly in Hong Kong, this Council urges the Government to adopt effective measures to enhance the welfare for the elderly; these measures should include:</p> <p>(a) processing separately the cases of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) for the elderly and the general CSSA cases, as well as relaxing the assets limit for elderly CSSA applicants, so as to benefit more elderly persons;</p>

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		<p>(b) maintaining the existing application mechanism for the old age allowance, increasing the rate of the allowance to an appropriate level and relaxing the absence rule on the allowance received by the elderly settling in their hometown;</p> <p>(c) extending the Portable CSSA Scheme to places on the Mainland outside Guangdong and relaxing the eligibility criteria for the Scheme; and</p> <p>(d) strengthening and improving the services of multi-service centres, social centres, day care centres and health centres for the elderly, so as to provide medical care, community care, as well as cultural and recreational services etc. for the elderly in Hong Kong.”</p> <p>was carried.</p>
<p>8 November 2000</p>	<p>“Terminating the appointment of the Senior Special Assistant to the Chief Executive” moved by <b>Hon Margaret NG</b></p>	<p>The motion: “That the Chief Executive should terminate the appointment of Mr Andrew LO as Senior Special Assistant to the Chief Executive having regard to the fact that Mr LO has completely lost public credibility through the evidence he gave to the Independent Investigation Panel appointed by the University of Hong Kong and the manner in which he gave the evidence.” was negated.</p>
<p>15 November 2000</p>	<p>“Rental subsidy” moved by <b>Hon Albert HO Chun-yan</b></p> <p>amendment proposed by <b>Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee</b></p>	<p>The original motion: “That this Council urges the Government to formulate a rental subsidy policy, whereby rental subsidies are offered to eligible families which have been on the Waiting List for public housing for a period of time.” and the proposed amendment to the motion were negated.</p>

Date of Meeting	Subject of Motion and Mover	Wording of Motion and Result
15 November 2000	<p>“Extending the effective period of concessionary duty rate for ultra low sulphur diesel” moved by <b>Hon Mrs Miriam LAU Kin-ye</b></p> <p>amendment proposed by <b>Hon Fred LI Wah-ming</b></p>	<p>The motion as amended by Hon Fred LI Wah-ming: “That this Council urges the Government to extend the effective period of the concessionary duty rate of \$1.11 per litre for ultra low sulphur diesel (ULSD) to 31 December 2001, and to devise a regulatory mechanism to prevent oil companies from reaping profits through the concessionary duty rate; at the same time, the Government should expeditiously conduct a review before deciding on an appropriate duty level for ULSD for the year 2002.” was carried.</p>
22 November 2000	<p>“Increasing the support to District Council members” moved by <b>Hon IP Kwok-him</b></p> <p>amendments proposed by <b>Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo</b> <b>Hon Albert HO Chun-yan</b> <b>Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee</b></p>	<p>The original motion: “That, as District Council (DC) members are representatives of public opinion with extensive contacts at the grassroots level, this Council urges the Government to adopt the following measures to increase the support to DC members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) creating a post at the rank of Assistant Director in every executive department to directly assist DC members in handling complaints;</li> <li>(b) requiring the heads of bureaux and executive departments to meet DC members on a regular basis, so as to enable DC members to understand the Government’s blueprint for governing Hong Kong;</li> <li>(c) perfecting the mechanism for DC members to be involved in and give views on major projects to be implemented in their respective districts prior to the submission of these projects to the Legislative Council for funding approval;</li> </ul>

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		<p>(d) setting up a mechanism for the Government to consult DC members when planning the scope, design and construction programme of the projects to be implemented in their respective districts;</p> <p>(e) appointing DC members to the committees responsible for managing public facilities in their respective districts, so as to enhance their role in district management;</p> <p>(f) appointing the 519 DC members to the Government's advisory structure;</p> <p>(g) increasing to \$20,000 the monthly accountable allowance for DC members;</p> <p>(h) granting DC members a one-off accountable allowance of \$50,000 for setting up their offices;</p> <p>(i) including DC members in the precedence list of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region; and</p> <p>(j) increasing the support provided by district offices to DCs, including providing additional manpower and office facilities.”</p> <p>and the proposed amendments to the motion were negatived.</p>

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29 November 2000	<p>“Abolishing the age requirement for dependent parent allowance” moved by <b>Hon WONG Sing-chi</b></p>	<p>The motion: “That, as the serious unemployment situation in Hong Kong has forced many people to retire early, this Council urges the Government to abolish the age requirement that a dependent parent must reach the age of 60 to qualify for the dependent parent allowance, so that all taxpayers with dependent parents are eligible to claim such allowance, thereby providing an incentive for taxpayers to provide for their parents who are under the age of 60 and are unemployed or have no income, so as to alleviate their financial burden.” was negatived.</p>
29 November 2000	<p>“Opposing the surge of fees and charges” moved by <b>Hon CHAN Kam-lam</b></p> <p>amendments proposed by <b>Hon Fred LI Wah-ming</b> <b>Hon LAU Chin-shek</b> <b>Hon James TIEN Pei-chun</b></p>	<p>The original motion: “That, while the public have yet to benefit from the slight improvement in Hong Kong’s economy, the Government and a considerable number of public and private organizations have chosen to propose increases in fees and charges at this stage, thereby aggravating the burden on the public; in this regard, this Council urges the Government to face up to the surge of fees and charges, and continue to freeze Government fees and charges which have a direct impact on people’s livelihood; at the same time, this Council calls on the public utilities to go through the hard times with the public by freezing their fees and charges.” and the proposed amendments to the motion were negatived.</p>

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6 December 2000	<p>“Smart identity card” moved by <b>Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing</b></p> <p>amendments proposed by <b>Hon IP Kwok-him</b> <b>Hon James TO Kun-sun</b></p>	<p>The original motion: “That this Council expresses grave concern over the issues arising from the smart identity card scheme, relating to security, privacy as well as the public’s rights to choose and to know, and urges the Government to implement the scheme only after such issues have been satisfactorily resolved; at the same time, if data not already contained in existing identity cards (other than fingerprints) are to be stored on the smart identity cards, this Council considers that the Government must submit the relevant proposals to this Council for endorsement, and offer the public the right to choose the data to be stored on their smart identity cards.” and the proposed amendments to the motion were negated.</p>
6 December 2000	<p>“Railway development strategy” moved by <b>Hon LAU Chin-shek</b></p> <p>amendments proposed by <b>Hon LAU Kong-wah</b> <b>Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong</b></p>	<p>The motion as amended by Hon LAU Kong-wah and Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong: “That this Council urges the Government to expeditiously implement the new railway projects proposed in the “Railway Development Strategy 2000” published in May this year and, in particular, to adopt various measures to strive for the completion by 2008 of the Shatin to Central Link (comprising the East Kowloon Line, the fourth cross-harbour rail link and the Tai Wai to Diamond Hill Link) and the West Hong Kong Island Line; the Government should also determine as soon as possible the schedule for constructing the Port Rail Line and the Regional Express Line; at the same time, when planning the implementation of new railway projects, the Government should expeditiously carry out environmental impact assessments; conduct extensive consultation on railway alignments and the locations of railway stations; and review existing legislation and the policy-making mechanism in order to ensure more efficient coordination of the</p>

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		<p>views of the relevant departments, so that the construction of new railways can take better account of the needs for environmental protection and social development, and fully reflect the wishes of the public; besides, the Government should also devise a compensation mechanism which is fair and reasonable to the affected landowners.” was carried.</p>
<p>13 December 2000</p>	<p>“Drug abuse among young persons” moved by  <b>Hon James TO Kun-sun</b></p> <p>amendment proposed by  <b>Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye</b></p>	<p>The motion as amended by Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye: “That, in view of the recent trend of psychotropic substance abuse among young persons many of whom indulge in drug abuse when visiting places of entertainment in the Mainland and bring drugs into Hong Kong, and having regard to the drug abuse problem stemming from the growing popularity of rave parties in Hong Kong, this Council urges the Government to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) work out expeditiously with the Mainland authorities a co-operative mechanism and strategy to curb the problem of young persons abusing drugs in the Mainland, as well as stepping up the efforts to block the inflow of drugs to Hong Kong;</li> <li>(b) examine corresponding measures, such as regulating the organization of rave parties through licensing, for combating drug abuse in such parties;</li> <li>(c) consider imposing heavier penalties on persons who illegally traffic and possess psychotropic substances;</li> <li>(d) enhance publicity and education in schools and to parents in order to prompt them to face up to the harms of psychotropic substance</li> </ul>



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		<p>abuse, so that they will guide young persons to refrain from abusing psychotropic substances;</p> <p>(e) inject more resources to enhance outreach social work services, so as to guide young persons to resist dangerous drugs;</p> <p>(f) put in resources to analyze the trends of drug abuse and disseminate such information regularly, so that frontline staff can be better informed of the latest trends of drug abuse among young persons; and</p> <p>(g) adopt more effective publicity measures to increase young persons' awareness of the harms of psychotropic substance abuse."</p> <p>was carried.</p>
<p>13 December 2000</p>	<p>"Deposit insurance system" moved by <b>Hon Albert HO Chun-yan</b></p> <p>amendment proposed by <b>Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan</b></p>	<p>The motion as amended by Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan: "That this Council urges the Government to expeditiously implement a deposit insurance system, which is cost-effective and easy for depositors to understand, for effectively protecting small depositors, and to formulate appropriate complementary measures aiming at reducing the risk of moral hazard." was carried.</p>
<p>20 December 2000</p>	<p>"Public Order Ordinance" moved by <b>the Secretary for Security</b></p> <p>amendments proposed by <b>Hon James TO Kun-sun</b> <b>Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing</b></p>	<p>The original motion: "That this Council considers that the Public Order Ordinance's existing provisions relating to the regulation of public meetings and public processions reflect a proper balance between protecting the individual's right to freedom of expression and right of peaceful assembly, and the broader interests of the community at large, and that there is a need to preserve these provisions." was carried.</p>

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10 January 2001	<p>“Prohibiting smoking” moved by  <b>Hon Bernard CHAN</b></p> <p>amendments proposed by  <b>Dr Hon LO Wing-lok</b>  <b>Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan</b>  <b>Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan</b></p>	<p>The motion as amended by Dr Hon LO Wing-lok: “That, in view of the hazards of passive smoking, this Council urges the Government to review the current position in enforcing the existing Smoking (Public Health) Ordinance and to conduct studies on the necessity for and feasibility of designating more public places as no-smoking areas; in the course of the studies, the Government should ensure that the public are fully consulted and their views are included in the study report.” was carried.</p>
10 January 2001	<p>“Strategic Sewage Disposal Scheme” moved by  <b>Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee</b></p> <p>amendments proposed by  <b>Prof Hon NG Ching-fai</b>  <b>Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo</b></p>	<p>The motion as amended by Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo: “That, as the Government ignored public opinions and the professional advice of green groups when it formulated the Strategic Sewage Disposal Scheme (“the Scheme”), and a series of errors have arisen since the commencement of the Phase I projects, causing substantial losses to the economy, environment, people’s livelihood and society, such as the continuous increase in construction costs of the projects due to repeated delays and the unusual ground settlement in Tseung Kwan O affecting many buildings and causing losses to the public, this Council expresses deep regret and urges the Government to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) conduct a serious and thorough investigation to ascertain if there was any dereliction of duties on the part of the departments, officials, consultancy firms and contractors then responsible for the Scheme;</li> <li>(b) expeditiously conduct an independent investigation to assess the impacts of the unusual ground settlement on the relevant buildings and residents and the losses they suffer;</li> </ol>

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		<p>(c) make reasonable arrangements for or offer compensation to the groups or individuals who have suffered consequential losses;</p> <p>(d) provide a 20-year guarantee for the structure of the housing estates affected by land subsidence, such as Tong Ming Court and Beverly Garden, and shoulder the maintenance responsibilities arising from the unusual ground settlement;</p> <p>(e) extend the period of back assignment at the original price for the flats affected by land subsidence from two years to three years;</p> <p>(f) re-according residents who have back-assigned their flats affected by land subsidence the priority green form, green form or white form status to which they were originally entitled;</p> <p>(g) enhance the transparency of the process for selecting environmental consultancy firms so as to avoid any conflict of interest and enhance their accountability, with a view to ensuring the standard of the consultancy studies;</p> <p>(h) conduct an overall risk assessment of the proposals made by the International Review Panel regarding the remaining works of the Scheme; and</p> <p>(i) widely consult the public and green groups.”</p> <p>was carried.</p>

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17 January 2001	<p>“Expediting the incorporation of Chinese medicine into the public health care system” moved by <b>Dr Hon David CHU Yu-lin</b></p> <p>amendments proposed by <b>Dr Hon LO Wing-lok</b> <b>Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun</b></p>	<p>The motion as amended by Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun: “That this Council urges the Government to adopt effective measures to expedite the incorporation of Chinese medicine into the public health care system, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) providing the impetus for the Hospital Authority, in addition to operating Chinese medicine out-patient clinics, to expedite the introduction of Chinese medicine services, including clinical research and treatment, in hospitals under its management;</li> <li>(b) allocating additional resources for local tertiary institutions to offer more professional courses on Chinese medicine, so as to nurture talents and enhance the standard of the profession;</li> <li>(c) implementing the proposal for the establishment of an Institute for Chinese Medicine, and attracting the private sector to conduct researches in Chinese medicine and develop the Chinese medicine industry in Hong Kong;</li> <li>(d) promoting exchanges and co-operation between the regulatory bodies of health care professions in western medicine and the Chinese Medicine Council to encourage the combined application of Chinese and western medicines;</li> <li>(e) vigorously facilitating the exchange of professional knowledge and experience between Chinese medicine organizations in the Mainland and overseas countries and the Chinese medicine sector in Hong Kong; and</li> </ul>

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		<p>(f) apart from recognizing the statutory status of Chinese medicine practitioners, granting them their due statutory rights.”</p> <p>was carried.</p>
<p>17 January 2001</p>	<p>“Developing renewable energy resources” moved by  <b>Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai</b></p>	<p>The motion: “That, in view of the limited reserves of fossil fuels, which render their prices susceptible to changes in supply and demand in the world market or to manipulation by certain countries and organizations, and as the consumption of such fuels also leads to environmental pollution, it is necessary for Hong Kong to actively develop and utilize renewable energy resources; this is not only a way to identify and make the best use of local scientific and technological research talents and natural resources, but is also in line with Government policies on innovation and technology, as well as the principle of sustainable development; as such, this Council urges the Government to adopt the following measures as soon as possible to expedite the development of renewable energy resources and their introduction into Hong Kong:</p> <p>(a) actively formulating a policy on the development of renewable energy resources, and making use of Hong Kong’s advantages on various fronts, including its natural environment, availability of the relevant scientific and technological research talents, free flow of information, advanced communication equipment, sound financing services and close co-operation with the Mainland in scientific and technological research and development, so that Hong Kong will become a leader rather than just a follower in the development and utilization of renewable energy resources; and</p>

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		<p>(b) apart from policy support, providing sufficient financial support to facilitate researches in and development of renewable energy resources, and promoting the necessary pilot projects.”</p> <p>was carried.</p>
<p>7 February 2001</p>	<p>“Two-mode teaching” moved by <b>Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan</b></p>	<p>The motion: “That, as the Education Department has formed a steering committee to study two-mode teaching and will launch a pilot scheme later, this Council urges the Government to:</p> <p>(a) clarify the objectives and content of the pilot scheme on two-mode teaching;</p> <p>(b) explain how the pilot scheme will tie in with the existing policy on the medium of instruction; and</p> <p>(c) undertake that the pilot scheme will not depart from the existing policy on the medium of instruction, puzzle the public and create difficulties for the education sector.”</p> <p>was carried.</p>

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7 February 2001	<p>“Youth unemployment” moved by  <b>Hon WONG Sing-chi</b></p>	<p>The motion: “That, as the youth unemployment rate has not dropped correspondingly with the upturn in the economy and the problem of youth unemployment is becoming increasingly serious, and may become a long-term social problem that will seriously affect the future development of young people, this Council urges the Government to expeditiously set up a task force to conduct a detailed study of the problem, formulate a comprehensive policy on the employment and training of young people, and to steer and co-ordinate the relevant work of the various Government departments, so as to enhance the competitiveness of young people, increase their employment opportunities and ameliorate the problem of youth unemployment.” was carried.</p>
14 February 2001	<p>“Protecting the interests of small depositors of banks” moved by  <b>Hon LAU Chin-shek</b></p> <p>amendments proposed by  <b>Hon CHAN Kam-lam</b>  <b>Hon Albert HO Chun-yan</b></p>	<p>The motion as amended by Hon CHAN Kam-lam: “That this Council is concerned about the substantial increase in charges by some banks on their small depositors, and its impact on the elderly and the disadvantaged groups in the community; to enhance the transparency of the charging policies of banks and protect the interests of depositors, this Council urges the Government and the Hong Kong Monetary Authority to review the relevant provisions in the Code of Banking Practice, so as to enhance the transparency of fee revisions by banks, and examine at the same time the empowerment of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority to protect consumers of banking services.” was carried.</p>

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14 February 2001	<p>“Proposals for the next Budget” moved by  <b>Dr Hon YEUNG Sum</b></p> <p>amendments proposed by  <b>Hon CHAN Yuen-han</b>  <b>Hon James TIEN Pei-chun</b></p>	<p>The original motion: “That, as the general public has not yet been able to benefit from the recovery of the economy, this Council urges that, in drawing up the Budget for the next fiscal year, the Government should, having regard to its huge fiscal reserves and the growth in the economy, correspondingly increase Government spending and study the feasibility of the following taxation measures, in order to relieve the tax burden on the lower and middle classes and give an impetus to environmental protection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) increasing the amount of home loan interest deduction;</li> <li>(b) introducing a mechanism for salaries tax allowances to be adjusted annually in line with the rate of inflation and to remain unchanged in times of deflation;</li> <li>(c) abolishing the standard rate of salaries tax and setting the maximum marginal rate of salaries tax at a level similar to the rate of profits tax;</li> <li>(d) introducing a progressive profits tax system with two tax bands; and</li> <li>(e) promoting green tax reform, on the basis of the tax shifting principles as far as possible, and with the aim of not increasing Government’s overall revenue, changing the modes of production of enterprises and the public’s spending habits through financial incentives.”</li> </ul> <p>and the proposed amendments to the motion were negatived.</p>



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21 February 2001	<p>“Conditions of employment offered by subvented organizations and contractors of Government projects or services” moved by <b>Hon LEE Cheuk-yan</b></p> <p>amendment proposed by <b>Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung</b></p>	<p>The motion as amended by Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung: “That this Council urges the Government to require that the conditions of employment offered by subvented organizations and contractors of Government projects or services to their staff should comply with the minimum standards of employment, including reasonable wages and working hours, provision of rest days, paid leave and termination benefits, etc., so as to enable the staff to enjoy the full employment protection and benefits conferred by legislation; at the same time, the Government should explore ways of ensuring that the remuneration and benefits for the staff concerned will not be subject to unreasonable exploitation.” was carried.</p>
21 February 2001	<p>“Negative assets” moved by <b>Hon Howard YOUNG</b></p> <p>amendments proposed by <b>Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee</b> <b>Hon Albert HO Chun-yan</b> <b>Hon CHAN Kam-lam</b></p>	<p>The motion as amended by Hon Albert HO Chun-yan: “That, as the local property market is still beset by the problem of negative assets, which not only undermines local people’s desire for consumption and investment and puts pressure on the stability of the financial market, but also adversely affects the overall economy of Hong Kong, thereby causing plights among many middle-class people, small and medium enterprises and people with negative assets, this Council urges the Government to expeditiously adopt effective measures to improve the situation, including:</p> <p>(a) reviewing Hong Kong’s overall policy and, providing appropriate assistance to people with negative assets and, at the same time, formulating a clear and stable housing policy, honouring its pledge to build not less than 50,000 public housing units each year primarily for renting out, and affirming the importance of the Home Ownership Scheme in assisting people who cannot afford private property to acquire their own flats;</p>

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		<p>(b) urging the Hong Kong Monetary Authority to encourage banks to adopt a tolerant policy towards people with negative assets, such as allowing a grace period for recovering from them the differences between the amounts of the mortgage loans and the market prices of the flats, offering to those households who repay their mortgage loans regularly an interest rate close to the level for new property, extending the period of repayment and, as a temporary measure, allowing them to repay the interest, but not the principal, of the loans; and</p> <p>(c) urging the Hong Kong Monetary Authority to encourage banks to adopt similar mortgage policies for both new and second-hand property.”</p> <p>was carried.</p>
<p>28 February 2001</p>	<p>“Expediting the implementation of public works projects” moved by <b>Hon NG Leung-sing</b></p>	<p>The motion: “That, in view of the Government’s undertaking to launch public works projects costing \$240 billion in the next few years, and in order to avoid any delays which will render the economy and people’s livelihood not being able to fully benefit from the projects and cause difficulties to the relevant industries in matching their manpower supply with the implementation of projects, resulting in professionals and workers being confronted with problems such as wage reduction, redundancy and underemployment, this Council urges the Government to:</p> <p>(a) adopt vigorous measures to expedite the implementation of infrastructural, construction and maintenance projects under planning and those previously undertaken by the two former municipal councils; and</p>

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		<p>(b) formulate a reasonable and proper implementation schedule for the projects, so as to create ample and stable employment opportunities and facilitate the further recovery of Hong Kong's economy.”</p> <p>was carried.</p>
<p>28 February 2001</p>	<p>“Human resource policy” moved by  <b>Prof Hon NG Ching-fai</b></p> <p>amendment proposed by  <b>Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong</b></p>	<p>The motion as amended by Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong: “That, as there are a lot of problems regarding the supply of human resources and related policies while Hong Kong is undergoing a new cycle of economic transformation, this Council urges the Government to expeditiously formulate a comprehensive long-term human resource policy that is able to keep pace with social and economic developments, with a view to enhancing the quality of local talents and Hong Kong's competitiveness, sustaining the development of the local economy, creating more employment opportunities, and narrowing the gap between the rich and the poor, so that people from all walks of life can benefit from economic prosperity; the policy should include:</p> <p>(a) expeditiously providing additional resources for implementing measures to improve basic education, including reducing the class size in primary and secondary schools and subsidizing early childhood education, reviewing university education and the research work of the universities, and stopping curtailing the funding for universities to ensure that, with sufficient resources, they can nurture quality talents who meet the needs of the time, conduct researches of a high standard, and foster co-operation and development in</p>

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		<p>researches among the industrial and commercial sectors, Government departments and the universities;</p> <p>(b) reviewing the manpower training programmes currently provided by various Government departments and subvented organizations, examining the directions of various types of manpower training, and strengthening the interaction and co-ordination between Government departments and subvented organizations, so as to enhance the cost-effectiveness of training programmes and enable everyone to pursue life-long learning through different channels, thereby increasing their opportunities for horizontal and vertical mobility in the job market; and</p> <p>c) without affecting the employment opportunities and remuneration of local people, improving the existing mechanism for admitting more effectively professionals from overseas and the Mainland, and correspondingly formulating complementary measures to attract talents to stay and develop their career in Hong Kong.”</p> <p>was carried.</p>
<p>14 March 2001</p>	<p>“Consultation Document on Health Care Reform” moved by <b>Hon Mrs Selina CHOW</b> <b>LIANG Shuk-yee</b></p>	<p>The motion: “That this Council notes the Consultation Document on Health Care Reform.” was carried.</p>

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14 March 2001	<p>“Alleviating the difficulties of small and medium enterprises”                      moved by  <b>Hon HUI Cheung-ching</b></p> <p>amendment proposed by  <b>Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou</b></p>	<p>The original motion: “That, as small and medium enterprises (SMEs) have yet to benefit from the recovery of the economy, this Council urges the Government to adopt measures and spare no effort to alleviate their difficulties; the measures should include:</p> <p>(a) in order to reduce the operating costs of SMEs, expeditiously and suitably relaxing the restrictions on the use of industrial premises, encouraging further introduction of internationally recognized quality certification services in the market, providing greater financial support in such areas as manpower training, marketing and the application of information technology, encouraging franchised companies to lower their fees and charges and to engage in healthy competition, as well as striving to maintain a simple tax system;</p> <p>(b) exploring additional means to ease the financing problem of SMEs, including using part of the balance of the guarantee amount under the Special Finance Scheme for SMEs to set up a credit fund for SMEs before the establishment of the Commercial Credit Reference Agency, examining the feasibility of relaxing the underwriting policy of the Hong Kong Export Credit Insurance Corporation and enhancing its guarantor function in SMEs’ applications for bank loans; and</p>

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		<p>(c) expeditiously establishing economic and trade offices in the Mainland, especially in Guangdong Province, for proactively gathering complaints by Hong Kong businessmen about the policies and laws of the Mainland, and referring them to the relevant Mainland authorities for action.”</p> <p>was carried.</p>
25 April 2001	<p>“Expediting the establishment of a commercial credit reference agency” moved by <b>Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen</b></p>	<p>The motion: “That, as the establishment of a commercial credit reference agency (CCRA) will help to increase the financing channels for small and medium enterprises and reduce authorized lending institutions’ reliance on collateral, this Council urges the Government and the Hong Kong Monetary Authority to expeditiously conclude the study on issues such as the CCRA’s functions, structural framework, mode of operation, pace of development as well as the scope of information to be shared among lending institutions and their powers and responsibilities, and to put forward specific proposals for promoting a consensus among the financial sector and the enterprises on how the CCRA scheme should be implemented.” was carried.</p>
25 April 2001	<p>“Effective protection of statutory rights and benefits of employees” moved by <b>Hon LEUNG Fu-wah</b></p> <p>amendment proposed by <b>Hon LEE Cheuk-yan</b></p>	<p>The original motion: “That, although the Employment Ordinance has been in force for many years, it still happens that employees are often denied statutory compensation in the event of labour disputes; and in view of the changes in the employment patterns in Hong Kong, employment-related ordinances need to be amended accordingly so that more employed persons are protected by law; in this regard, this Council urges the Government to:</p>

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		<p>(a) relax the definition of “continuous contract” in the Employment Ordinance to reasonably cover all paid employees, including part-time employees;</p> <p>(b) extend the applicability of the Employment Ordinance to Government employees on non-civil service contract terms; and</p> <p>(c) impose punitive measures on employers who deliberately delay making statutory payments, such as the severance payment, so as to ensure effective protection of the statutory rights and benefits of employees.”</p> <p>and the proposed amendment to the motion were negatived.</p>
<p>2 May 2001</p>	<p>“Establishing the technology industries processing zone” moved by <b>Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah</b></p>	<p>The motion: “That, as countries are scrambling to develop high-technology and high value-added industries in order to strengthen their economic base and enhance their competitiveness, this Council urges the Government to designate land for establishing the technology industries processing zone, with a view to revitalizing the local manufacturing industry, promoting exports and creating job opportunities, thereby giving impetus to the development of the local economy.” was negatived.</p>

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2 May 2001	<p>“Treatment of terminal patients” moved by <b>Dr Hon LO Wing-lok</b></p>	<p>The motion: “That, as the treatment of terminal patients has aroused considerable controversy in various places over the world, and a country has already introduced legislation to decriminalize euthanasia and bring it under regulation, while some other places have legislated for a total prohibition of euthanasia, this Council urges the Government to attend to the treatment of terminal patients in Hong Kong and to study the need to establish a regulatory mechanism.” was negated.</p>
9 May 2001	<p>“Mechanism for handling complaints concerning medical incidents” moved by <b>Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo</b></p> <p>amendment proposed by <b>Hon Howard YOUNG</b></p>	<p>The original motion: “That, as the credibility of the existing mechanism for handling complaints concerning medical incidents is being questioned by various sectors of the community, and the public have no confidence in the ability of the mechanism to handle complaints in a fair and independent manner, this Council urges the Government to immediately take measures to improve the existing mechanism, including reforming the Medical Council of Hong Kong’s composition, operation and procedures for handling complaints; this Council also urges the Government to set up an independent mechanism for handling complaints concerning medical incidents.” and the proposed amendment to the motion were negated.</p>



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9 May 2001	“Landsaped development and greening policy” moved by <b>Hon LAU Ping-cheung</b>	The motion: “That this Council urges the Government to immediately review the distribution of the natural and landscape resources in Hong Kong for the purpose of formulating a territory-wide landscaped development and greening policy, and to designate a policy bureau to monitor and co-ordinate the effective implementation of the policy by various Government departments in carrying out town planning and infrastructural projects, in order to achieve the goal of sustainable development; at the same time, the Government should improve the existing conditions of the urban areas through re-planning and other measures so as to enhance the quality of the living environment.” was carried.
16 May 2001	“The 4 June incident” moved by <b>Hon SZETO Wah</b>	The motion: “That this Council urges that: the 4 June incident be not forgotten and the 1989 pro-democracy movement be vindicated.” was negatived.
16 May 2001	“Family policy” moved by <b>Hon LAW Chi-kwong</b>  amendment proposed by <b>Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee</b>	The original motion: “That this Council urges the Government to formulate a comprehensive family policy so as to establish a “family-oriented” society and encourage the community to attach more importance to the family; to this end, the Government should:  (a) introduce a “family impact assessment” system, with a view to assessing the impact of existing and future social policies, legislation and measures on the family;  (b) formulate labour laws and policies that facilitate employees in taking care of their family members;

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		<p>(c) through tax concessions, encourage family members to discharge more effectively their function of taking care of one another;</p> <p>(d) strengthen the co-operation between schools and parents, so that they may become partners in nurturing the younger generation; and</p> <p>(e) increase the social welfare support for people who have to take care of their disadvantaged families.”</p> <p>and the proposed amendment to the motion were negatived.</p>
23 May 2001	<p>“Conserving valuable and old trees” moved by <b>Hon CHOY So-yuk</b></p>	<p>The motion: “That, as currently the Government does not have a set of effective measures to conserve trees and, as a result, various kinds of trees in the territory, such as those which are exceptionally old and big, rare and valuable and of historical value and of significance, may be destroyed, damaged or removed for development or other reasons, this Council urges the Government to put forward more effective measures which accord with the preservation and conservation of such valuable and old trees.” was carried.</p>

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23 May 2001	<p>“Opposing Japan’s textbooks distorting history” moved by <b>Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing</b></p>	<p>The motion: “That this Council strongly condemns the recent approval by Japan’s Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of the history textbooks for lower secondary schools written by a right-wing group, which brazenly distort the historical facts of Japan’s invasion of its neighbouring countries during the Second World War and embellish Japan’s acts of aggression; this Council considers that the Japanese Government must totally abandon militarism, face up to the historical facts, and offer its sincere apologies and reasonable compensation to the countries and people who were subjected to its invasion during the Second World War.” was carried.</p>
30 May 2001	<p>“Attracting eligible persons from the Mainland to invest and spend money in Hong Kong” moved by <b>Hon James TIEN Pei-chun</b></p> <p>amendment proposed by <b>Hon Margaret NG</b></p>	<p>The original motion: “That, in order to further promote Hong Kong’s economic development, this Council urges the Government to step up discussions with the relevant Mainland authorities, with a view to exploring measures to admit eligible persons from the Mainland to invest and take up residence in Hong Kong and to attract high-income earners from the Mainland to spend money in Hong Kong, including:</p> <p>(a) in addition to the existing One Way Permit Quota System which is mainly for family reunion, exploring the introduction of a points system for admitting eligible persons from the Mainland to invest and take up residence in Hong Kong; and</p>

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		<p>(b) examining whether the current entry restrictions on Mainland visitors can be relaxed, particularly the issuance of multiple entry permits to high-income earners in the Pearl River Delta Region, thereby facilitating their coming to Hong Kong to travel and spend money.”</p> <p>was carried.</p>
30 May 2001	<p>“Assisting owners’ corporations and mutual aid committees to operate” moved by <b>Hon TAM Yiu-chung</b></p> <p>amendment proposed by <b>Hon James TO Kun-sun</b></p>	<p>The original motion: “That this Council urges the Government to strengthen the support services for owners’ corporations (OCs) and mutual aid committees (MACs), provide more professional training to members of OCs and MACs, and examine the provision of more protection for such members, so as to enhance more active participation by residents in building management; furthermore, the Government must increase the overall manpower of the District Building Management Liaison Teams in various districts and upgrade their professional standard, so that the teams can actively participate in solving the problems faced by OCs and MACs, with a view to improving building management and enabling the public to live and work in contentment.” was carried.</p>
6 June 2001	<p>“Bridging the digital divide” moved by <b>Hon SIN Chung-kai</b></p>	<p>The motion: “That this Council urges the Government to explore and examine the issue of the digital divide in Hong Kong and to expeditiously formulate effective policies and measures, in order to promote the co-operation among private enterprises, charitable and non-profit-making bodies and Government departments in bridging the digital divide and assisting the disadvantaged groups in assimilating into the digital era.” was carried.</p>

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6 June 2001	<p>“The avian flu incident” moved by  <b>Hon WONG Yung-kan</b></p> <p>amendment proposed by  <b>Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan</b></p>	<p>The motion as amended by Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan: “That, as the recent outbreak of avian flu in Hong Kong has forced the Government to carry out another mass slaughter of chickens, thereby seriously affecting people’s livelihood and the operation of the poultry trade, in order to prevent as far as possible a further outbreak of avian flu in the territory and to ensure that the trade can continue with its operation, this Council urges the Government to improve the existing operating environment of the trade and perfect the poultry quarantine system and the sanitary conditions in markets; the relevant measures may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) consulting the relevant Mainland authorities about strengthening and strictly enforcing the quarantine for imported poultry, ensuring that inspection and certification standards in the wholesaling and conveyance of chickens are enforced, and adopting a “through-train” mode of conveyance in order that the source of virus can be accurately traced and, at the same time, the risk of imported chickens being infected during the process of conveyance can be reduced, so as to ensure that imported poultry meet safety standards;</li> <li>(b) introducing a labelling system for local poultry to facilitate identification of their origin;</li> <li>(c) improving the sanitary conditions in markets, for instance, by implementing a system whereby the sale of live and fresh chickens is temporarily suspended in markets at intervals, for the purpose of cleaning chicken stalls and cages thoroughly;</li> </ul>

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		<p>(d) renovating and improving the existing ventilation systems and other facilities in markets; and</p> <p>(e) properly handling the follow-up work on the current slaughter of chickens so as to reduce the impact on the trade and its operators.”</p> <p>was carried.</p>
<p>13 June 2001</p>	<p>“Reviewing the Mandatory Provident Fund System” moved by <b>Hon CHAN Kwok-keung</b></p> <p>amendment proposed by <b>Hon Bernard CHAN</b></p>	<p>The original motion: “That, as the Mandatory Provident Fund (“MPF”) System has been implemented for half a year, this Council urges the Government to conduct a review of the System, which must include:</p> <p>(a) lessening the burden on low-income earners in making contributions;</p> <p>(b) improving the industry schemes to ensure that industry members are protected;</p> <p>(c) expeditiously setting up separately a statutory universal retirement protection scheme for persons not covered by the MPF System; and</p> <p>(d) plugging the other loopholes in the relevant legislation and solving the problems relating to employer-employee relationships caused by the implementation of the MPF System</p> <p>and, having regard to the outcome of the review, to amend the relevant legislation as soon as possible.” and the proposed amendment to the motion were negatived.</p>

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13 June 2001	<p>“Tenants Purchase Scheme” moved by  <b>Hon LAU Kong-wah</b></p> <p>amendments proposed by  <b>Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee</b>  <b>Hon Albert HO Chun-yan</b></p>	<p>The original motion: “That, in order to improve the Hong Kong Housing Authority’s Tenants Purchase Scheme (“TPS”) and satisfy the needs of public housing residents, this Council urges the Housing Authority to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) expeditiously announce its plan for the sale of public housing flats after 2003;</li> <li>(b) extend the TPS to cover other types of public housing blocks apart from Trident blocks;</li> <li>(c) ensure that, before the sale of housing estates under the TPS, all the necessary repair and maintenance works are completed; and</li> <li>(d) consult the residents concerned on the contents of the deeds of mutual covenant for TPS estates not later than three months prior to the receipt of their letters of intent to buy the flats.”</li> </ul> <p>was carried.</p>
20 June 2001	<p>“Preventing and reducing suicide” moved by  <b>Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung</b></p> <p>amendment proposed by  <b>Hon CHOY So-yuk</b></p>	<p>The motion as amended by Hon CHOY So-yuk: “That, as the problem of suicide has become serious in Hong Kong in recent years, this Council urges the Government to set up a task force for formulating effective strategies to prevent and reduce suicide, which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) allocating more resources to enhance the counselling services provided by the Social Welfare Department and various social service agencies;</li> </ul>

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		<p>(b) enhancing publicity and education in order to instil in members of the public, particularly the young people, the positive values of cherishing their lives; and</p> <p>(c) strengthening various studies on the problem of suicide, such as the causes of suicide, the backgrounds and psychological conditions of the people who committed suicide and the act of copycat suicide, and using them as the basis for formulating the relevant strategies.”</p> <p>was carried.</p>
<p>20 June 2001</p>	<p>“Quality of Dongjiang water”  moved by  <b>Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee</b></p> <p>amendments proposed by  <b>Hon LAU Kong-wah</b>  <b>Hon LAW Chi-kwong</b></p>	<p>The motion as amended by Hon LAW Chi-kwong:  “That, whilst Dongjiang has become Hong Kong’s major source of potable water supply, the pollutant level of the raw water of Dongjiang often exceeds the standards, and that the cost of more than HK\$2 billion a year for purchasing Dongjiang water has not been appropriately spent on the construction of sufficient water treatment facilities in the Dongjiang basin, resulting in the quality of the Dongjiang water supplied to Hong Kong not being able to fully meet the standards stipulated in the water supply agreement; at the same time, the current construction of the closed aqueduct, which is being supported by the Hong Kong Government through an interest-free loan of HK\$2.3 billion, not only fails to safeguard the quality of the water supplied to Hong Kong, but also disrupts the local ecological environment and may pollute the fresh foods supplied to Hong Kong; in view of the above, this Council expresses concern and urges the Government to:</p>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="794 495 1409 734">(a) strengthen co-operation with the Guangdong Authorities in order to monitor and announce regularly the adverse effects of the works on the closed aqueduct on the local ecological environment, and to formulate appropriate mitigation measures;</li> <li data-bbox="794 786 1409 1099">(b) propose to the Guangdong Authorities that the cost of purchasing Dongjiang water be appropriately spent on the construction of sufficient water treatment facilities in the Dongjiang basin, and that the enforcement, planning and management work be enhanced, so that the water quality fully meets the standards;</li> <li data-bbox="794 1151 1409 1391">(c) ensure that the water quality standards and the legal and economic liabilities where the pollutant level exceeds the standards, are stated clearly in any new water supply agreement between Hong Kong and Guangdong;</li> <li data-bbox="794 1442 1409 1756">(d) strengthen co-operation with the Guangdong Authorities on waterworks, as well as introduce more flexible terms and stipulate more clearly the obligations and rights of each party in policy co-ordination and financial arrangements regarding the distribution of the quantity of water to be supplied, safeguards for water quality and environmental protection;</li> <li data-bbox="794 1807 1409 2047">(e) ensure that any large-scale joint waterworks projects with the Guangdong Authorities in future will be commensurate with the principle of sustainable development, and that extensive public consultation will be conducted before undertaking such projects; and</li> </ul>

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		<p>(f) expeditiously formulate policies on recycling water resources, optimizing the use of local water sources and water conservation, and to conduct studies on alternative water sources.”</p> <p>was carried.</p>
<p>27 June 2001</p>	<p>“Increasing the opportunities for tertiary education” moved by  <b>Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong</b></p> <p>amendment proposed by  <b>Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung</b></p>	<p>The motion as amended by Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung: “That, with regard to the Government’s plan to achieve a 60% tertiary education popularization rate within 10 years, this Council urges the Government to:</p> <p>(a) provide sufficient educational resources to ensure that while tertiary education is being developed, the quality of basic education will continue to be enhanced;</p> <p>(b) ensure that the qualifications and quality of the various degrees conferred by the tertiary institutions, including the bachelor’s degree, the associate degree, the professional diploma and the higher diploma, are recognized;</p> <p>(c) ensure that the new associate degree courses dovetail with the local and overseas bachelor’s degree courses, and provide more university places so that the increasing number of graduates from associate degree courses can enrol in university degree courses;</p> <p>(d) formulate a progression schedule to ensure that local tertiary education places are increased annually, in order to realize the target tertiary education popularization rate;</p>

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		<p>(e) provide adequate assistance to students, so that young people who have the ability to receive tertiary education will not fail to complete their studies due to financial difficulties; and</p> <p>(f) actively promote the development of private universities.”</p> <p>was carried.</p>
<p>27 June 2001</p>	<p>“Through train to Shenzhen” moved by <b>Hon LAU Kong-wah</b></p> <p>amendment proposed by <b>Hon WONG Sing-chi</b></p>	<p>The motion as amended by Hon WONG Sing-chi: “That, to relieve the congestion caused by the increase in travellers crossing the border between Lo Wu and Shenzhen, this Council urges the Government to consider advancing the completion date of the Northern Link, and exploring with the relevant Mainland authorities the feasibility of providing other additional cross-border passenger rail lines, including the feasibility of operating an express rail line between Sheung Shui or other districts and Shenzhen, and a Hung Hom-Shenzhen through train service.” was carried.</p>
<p>4 July 2001</p>	<p>“Reviewing the compensation policy on land resumption” moved by <b>Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip</b></p>	<p>The motion: “That, as the resumption of land by the Government for infrastructural projects or development will affect the original agricultural, industrial or commercial development on the land and will even lead to the closure of many enterprises, this Council urges the Government to expeditiously review the compensation policy on land resumption and the relevant administrative arrangements in order to assist as far as possible the operators who are affected by the resumption and reduce its impact on them, thereby ensuring that they can continue with or resume their operations.” was carried.</p>

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4 July 2001	<p>“Expediently improving flood prevention and relief work”                      moved by  <b>Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong</b></p> <p>amendment proposed by  <b>Hon WONG Sing-chi</b></p>	<p>The original motion: “That, as the Government has failed to effectively monitor the implementation and progress of flood prevention works, resulting in residents in various districts of Hong Kong (especially the North and North West New Territories) suffering losses due to serious flooding, this Council requests the Government to expediently improve flood prevention and relief work, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) closely monitoring the implementation of various flood prevention projects, which include preventing the blockage of drainage channels by mud and gravel from work sites, temporary facilities, construction materials and machinery, etc.;</li> <li>(b) improving the existing mechanisms for land resumption, compensation and rehousing, and allocating additional resources to speed up the flood prevention projects while, at the same time, adopting measures to safeguard against delays of such projects due to the shortage of funds and inadequate technology on the part of the contractors;</li> <li>(c) thoroughly investigating the causes of recurrent flooding in various areas over the years, and formulating a comprehensive contingency plan covering flood forecasting, flood prevention and relief work;</li> <li>(d) identifying the responsibilities of the parties concerned for the recent occurrence of widespread flooding, and assisting the affected residents in seeking reasonable compensation; and</li> </ul>

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		<p>(e) expeditiously cleaning up the environmental blackspots which affect the flood prevention projects in the New Territories, and stepping up maintenance and clearance works on drainage systems before the approach of the rainy season.”</p> <p>was carried.</p>
<p>11 July 2001</p>	<p>“The cosmopolitan city” moved by <b>Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming</b></p>	<p>The motion: “That, acknowledging that if Hong Kong is to be developed into a first-class cosmopolitan city comparable to New York or London, the Government cannot confine itself to promoting a knowledge-based economy, producing highly-talented people and cultivating a healthy natural environment, this Council calls upon the Government to urgently take effective measures to establish a political system based on universal suffrage, a tradition of respect for human rights and the rule of law, and a social system that upholds social justice and the dignity of the individual which no cosmopolitan city can do without.” was negatived.</p>
<p>11 July 2001</p>	<p>“Expediting the development of the logistics industry” moved by <b>Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou</b></p>	<p>The motion: “That this Council urges the Government to expedite the development of the logistics industry, thereby giving impetus to the recovery of the local economy.” was carried.</p>

## Appendix 5

### Membership of Committees, Bills Committees, Panels, Subcommittees and Select Committee

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

##### I. Establishment Subcommittee

Hon CHAN Kwok-keung  
(Chairman)  
Hon NG Leung-sing  
(Deputy Chairman)  
Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou  
(up to 8.11.2000)  
Hon James TIEN Pei-chun  
Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung  
Dr Hon David LI Kwok-po  
Hon Margaret NG  
Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong  
Hon HUI Cheung-ching  
Hon Bernard CHAN  
Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat  
Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing  
Hon Howard YOUNG  
Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung  
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing  
Hon CHOY So-yuk  
Hon SZETO Wah  
Hon LI Fung-ying  
Hon Henry WU King-cheong  
Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung  
Hon LEUNG Fu-wah  
Dr Hon LO Wing-lok  
Hon LAU Ping-cheung  
(up to 2.11.2000)

##### II. Public Works Subcommittee

Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO  
Chung-tai (Chairman)  
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip  
(Deputy Chairman)  
Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou  
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan  
Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung  
Hon Fred LI Wah-ming

Prof Hon NG Ching-fai  
(up to 14.7.2001)  
Hon James TO Kun-sun  
Hon CHAN Yuen-han  
Hon CHAN Kam-lam  
Hon SIN Chung-kai  
Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat  
Hon WONG Yung-kan  
Hon LAU Kong-wah  
Hon Mrs Miriam LAU Kin-ye  
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing  
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo  
Hon LAW Chi-kwong  
Hon TAM Yiu-chung  
Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong  
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him  
Hon Henry WU King-cheong  
Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung  
Hon WONG Sing-chi  
Hon IP Kwok-him  
Hon LAU Ping-cheung

#### COMMITTEE ON MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Dr Hon David CHU Yu-lin  
(Chairman)  
Hon SIN Chung-kai  
(Deputy Chairman)  
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan  
Hon NG Leung-sing  
Hon Bernard CHAN  
Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG  
LAU Yau-fun  
Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung

#### PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung  
(Chairman)  
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing  
(Deputy Chairman)

Dr Hon David CHU Yu-lin  
Hon Fred LI Wah-ming  
Hon LAU Kong-wah  
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him  
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan

#### COMMITTEE ON RULES OF PROCEDURE

Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing  
(Chairman)  
Hon Margaret NG  
(Deputy Chairman)  
Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou  
Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming  
Hon Fred LI Wah-ming  
Hon NG Leung-sing  
Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat  
Hon Mrs Miriam LAU Kin-ye  
Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen  
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing  
Hon Henry WU King-cheong  
Hon IP Kwok-him

#### BILLS COMMITTEES

##### Bills Committee on Immigration (Amendment) Bill 2000

Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen  
(Chairman)  
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan  
Hon Margaret NG  
Hon Mrs Selina CHOW  
LIANG Shuk-ye  
(up to 6.11.2000)  
Hon James TO Kun-sun  
Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat  
Hon Howard YOUNG  
Hon LAU Kong-wah  
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee  
(since 2.1.2001)

**Bills Committee on Land  
Registration (Amendment)  
Bill 2000**

Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip  
(Chairman)  
Hon Margaret NG  
Hon CHAN Yuen-han  
Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat  
Hon Mrs Miriam LAU Kin-ye  
Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong  
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him  
Hon IP Kwok-him  
Hon LAU Ping-cheung  
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee

**Bills Committee on  
Dangerous Goods  
(Amendment) Bill 2000**

Hon James TO Kun-sun  
(Chairman)  
Hon Mrs Selina CHOW  
LIANG Shuk-ye  
Hon HUI Cheung-ching  
Hon LAU Kong-wah  
Hon Mrs Miriam LAU Kin-ye  
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee  
(since 2.1.2001)

**Bills Committee on  
Adaptation of Laws Bill  
2000**

Hon Margaret NG  
(Chairman)  
Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming  
Hon Andrew WONG  
Wang-fat  
Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing  
Hon Mrs Miriam LAU Kin-ye  
Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen  
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing  
Hon CHOY So-yuk

**Bills Committee on Education  
(Amendment) Bill 2000**

Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong  
(Chairman)  
Dr Hon David CHU Yu-lin  
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan  
Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung  
Dr Hon YEUNG Sum  
Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung  
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him  
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan  
Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung  
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee

**Bills Committee on Drug  
Trafficking and Organized  
Crimes (Amendment) Bill  
2000**

Hon James TO Kun-sun  
(Chairman)  
Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming  
Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung  
Dr Hon David LI Kwok-po  
Hon NG Leung-sing  
Hon Margaret NG  
Hon Mrs Selina CHOW  
LIANG Shuk-ye  
Hon Bernard CHAN  
Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen  
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him  
Hon Henry WU King-cheong  
Hon WONG Sing-chi  
Hon IP Kwok-him

**Bills Committee on Inland  
Revenue (Amendment) Bill  
2000**

Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung  
(Chairman)  
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan  
(up to 19.11.2000)

Hon CHAN Kam-lam  
Hon SIN Chung-kai  
Hon Mrs Miriam LAU Kin-ye  
Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen  
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee  
(since 2.1.2001)

**Bills Committee on  
Employment (Amendment)  
(No. 2) Bill 2000**

Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo  
(Chairman)  
Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou  
Hon James TIEN Pei-chun  
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan  
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan  
Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah  
Hon CHAN Yuen-han  
Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung  
Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen  
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing  
(up to 25.2.2001)  
Hon LI Fung-ying  
Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung  
Hon LEUNG Fu-wah  
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee

**Bills Committee on  
Gambling (Amendment) Bill  
2000**

Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo  
(Chairman)  
Dr Hon David CHU Yu-lin  
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan  
Hon James TO Kun-sun  
Hon CHAN Yuen-han  
Hon SIN Chung-kai  
Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat  
Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung  
Hon CHOY So-yuk  
Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting

Hon TAM Yiu-chung  
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him  
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan  
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee  
(since 2.1.2001)

**Bills Committee on Dutiable  
Commodities (Amendment)  
Bill 2000**

Hon James TO Kun-sun  
(Chairman)  
Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou  
Hon James TIEN Pei-chun  
Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung  
Hon HUI Cheung-ching  
Hon CHAN Kwok-keung  
Hon CHAN Kam-lam  
Hon SIN Chung-kai  
Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat  
Hon Mrs Miriam LAU Kin-ye  
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing  
Hon CHOY So-yuk  
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo

**Bills Committee on Public  
Health and Municipal  
Services (Amendment) Bill  
2001**

Hon Fred LI Wah-ming  
(Chairman)  
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan  
Hon WONG Yung-kan  
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo  
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan  
Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung  
Dr Hon LO Wing-lok  
Hon WONG Sing-chi  
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee

**Bills Committee on The  
Ombudsman (Amendment)  
Bill 2001**

Hon Margaret NG  
(Chairman)  
Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing  
Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen  
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing  
Hon CHOY So-yuk  
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo  
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee

**Bills Committee on  
Attachment of Income  
Orders (Amendment) Bill  
2001**

Hon Albert HO Chun-yan  
(Chairman)  
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan  
Hon CHAN Yuen-han  
Hon CHOY So-yuk  
Hon LAW Chi-kwong  
Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong  
Hon LI Fung-ying  
Hon WONG Sing-chi  
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee

**Bills Committee on Revenue  
(No.3) Bill 2001**

Hon Margaret NG  
(Chairman)  
Hon Mrs Selina CHOW  
LIANG Shuk-ye  
Hon CHAN Kam-lam  
Hon SIN Chung-kai  
Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen  
Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong  
Hon Henry WU King-cheong

**Bills Committee on Revenue  
Bill 2001 and Revenue  
(No.2) Bill 2001**

Hon Margaret NG  
(Chairman)  
Hon HUI Cheung-ching  
Hon CHAN Yuen-han  
Hon CHAN Kam-lam  
Hon SIN Chung-kai  
Hon Howard YOUNG  
Dr Hon YEUNG Sum  
Hon Mrs Miriam LAU Kin-ye  
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo  
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan

**Bills Committee on  
Copyright (Suspension of  
Amendments) Bill 2001**

Hon SIN Chung-kai  
(Chairman)  
Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou  
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan  
Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung  
Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah  
Prof Hon NG Ching-fai  
Hon Margaret NG  
Hon Mrs Selina CHOW  
LIANG Shuk-ye  
Hon HUI Cheung-ching  
Hon CHAN Kam-lam  
Hon Howard YOUNG  
Dr Hon YEUNG Sum  
Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung  
Hon SZETO Wah  
Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting  
Hon LAW Chi-kwong  
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee



**Bills Committee on Massage  
Establishments  
(Amendment) Bill 2001**

Hon James TO Kun-sun  
(Chairman)  
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan  
Hon Mrs Selina CHOW  
LIANG Shuk-yee  
Hon Margaret NG  
Hon CHAN Yuen-han  
Hon LAU Kong-wah  
Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong

**Bills Committee on Hong  
Kong Tourist Association  
(Amendment) Bill 2001**

Hon Howard YOUNG  
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Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan  
Hon NG Leung-sing  
Hon Mrs Selina CHOW  
LIANG Shuk-yee  
Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong  
Hon CHAN Kwok-keung  
Hon CHAN Kam-lam  
Dr Hon YEUNG Sum  
Hon CHOY So-yuk  
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him  
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan  
Hon LEUNG Fu-wah

**Bills Committee on Hong  
Kong Court of Final Appeal  
(Amendment) Bill 2001**

Hon Margaret NG  
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Hon Albert HO Chun-yan  
Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming  
Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong

Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing  
Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen  
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing  
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee

**Bills Committee on  
Mandatory Provident Fund  
Schemes (Amendment) Bill  
2001**

Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen  
(Chairman)  
Hon James TIEN Pei-chun  
Hon NG Leung-sing  
Dr Hon David CHU Yu-lin  
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan  
Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung  
Hon Margaret NG  
Hon CHAN Yuen-han  
Hon Bernard CHAN  
Hon CHAN Kam-lam  
Hon SIN Chung-kai  
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo  
Hon TAM Yiu-chung  
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him  
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan  
Hon LEUNG Fu-wah  
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee

**Bills Committee on Road  
Traffic Legislation  
(Amendment) Bill 2001**

Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo  
(Chairman)  
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**Bills Committee on  
Telecommunications  
(Amendment) Bill 2001**

Hon James TIEN Pei-chun  
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Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing

**Bills Committee on Banking  
(Amendment) Bill 2001**

Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing  
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Hon Margaret NG  
(up to 26.6.2001)  
Hon Bernard CHAN  
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Hon Henry WU King-cheong

**Bills Committee on Dutiable  
Commodities (Amendment)  
Bill 2001**

Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou  
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Hon James TIEN Pei-chun  
Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung  
Hon HUI Cheung-ching  
Hon CHAN Kam-lam  
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**Bills Committee on  
Companies (Corporate  
Rescue) Bill**

Hon Margaret NG  
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**Bills Committee on Karaoke  
Establishments Bill**

Hon James TO Kun-sun  
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Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat  
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Hon LAU Kong-wah  
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Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung  
Hon LAU Ping-cheung  
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**Bills Committee on Chief  
Executive Election Bill**

Hon IP Kwok-him  
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(Deputy Chairman)  
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Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung  
Hon LEUNG Fu-wah  
Dr Hon LO Wing-lok  
Hon LAU Ping-cheung  
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee

**Bills Committee on  
Rehabilitation Centres Bill**

Hon CHOY So-yuk  
(Chairman)  
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Hon James TO Kun-sun  
Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat  
Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung  
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Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen  
Hon Henry WU King-cheong  
Hon WONG Sing-chi

**Bills Committee on Fixed  
Penalty (Public Cleanliness  
Offences) Bill**

Hon Fred LI Wah-ming  
(Chairman)  
Hon James TIEN Pei-chun  
Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong  
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung  
(up to 25.4.2001)  
Hon WONG Yung-kan  
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing  
(up to 2.5.2001)  
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo  
Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong  
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan  
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Dr Hon LO Wing-lok  
Hon WONG Sing-chi  
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**Bills Committee on Hong  
Kong Science and  
Technology Parks  
Corporation Bill**

Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou  
(Chairman)  
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Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO  
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Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah  
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Hon CHAN Yuen-han  
Hon CHAN Kam-lam  
Hon SIN Chung-kai  
Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung  
Hon CHOY So-yuk  
Hon LAU Ping-cheung

**Bills Committee on Fire  
Safety (Buildings) Bill**

Hon IP Kwok-him  
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Chung-tai  
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Hon CHAN Yuen-han  
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**Bills Committee on Drug  
Dependent Persons  
Treatment and  
Rehabilitation Centres  
(Licensing) Bill**

Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan  
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Hon LAW Chi-kwong  
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Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung  
Dr Hon LO Wing-lok  
Hon IP Kwok-him

**Bills Committee on Securities  
and Futures Bill and Banking  
(Amendment) Bill 2000**

Hon SIN Chung-kai  
(Chairman)  
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Hon Albert HO Chun-yan  
Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung  
Dr Hon David LI Kwok-po  
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Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing  
Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen  
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him  
Hon Henry WU King-cheong  
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee  
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**Panel on Manpower**

Hon LAU Chin-shek  
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Hon CHAN Kwok-keung  
(Deputy Chairman)  
Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou  
Hon James TIEN Pei-chun  
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan  
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Hon LI Fung-ying  
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan  
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**Panel on Commerce and  
Industry**

Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou  
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Hon HUI Cheung-ching  
(Deputy Chairman)  
Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah  
Hon NG Leung-sing  
Prof Hon NG Ching-fai  
(up to 14.7.2001)  
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Hon CHAN Kam-lam  
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Hon SIN Chung-kai  
Hon CHOY So-yuk  
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**Panel on Public Service**

Hon TAM Yiu-chung  
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Hon LI Fung-ying  
(Deputy Chairman)  
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Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong  
Hon HUI Cheung-ching  
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Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip  
Hon LEUNG Fu-wah

**Panel on Administration of  
Justice and Legal Services**

Hon Margaret NG  
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Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing  
(Deputy Chairman)

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Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming  
Hon James TO Kun-sun  
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Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen  
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing

**Panel on Home Affairs**

Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo  
(*Chairman*)  
Hon CHOY So-yuk  
(*Deputy Chairman*)  
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan  
Hon Albert HO Chun-yan  
Prof Hon NG Ching-fai  
(*up to 28.2.2001*)  
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Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong  
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**Panel on Transport**

Hon Mrs Miriam LAU Kin-ye  
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Hon LAU Ping-cheung

**Panel on Housing**

Hon CHAN Kam-lam  
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Hon Albert HO Chun-yan  
(*Deputy Chairman*)  
Dr Hon David CHU Yu-lin  
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan  
Hon Fred LI Wah-ming  
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Dr Hon LO Wing-lok  
Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee  
Hon IP Kwok-him  
Hon LAU Ping-cheung

**Panel on Security**

Hon LAU Kong-wah  
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Hon James TO Kun-sun  
(*Deputy Chairman*)  
Hon Albert HO Chun-yan  
Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah  
Hon Margaret NG

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Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong  
Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat  
Hon Howard YOUNG  
Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen  
Hon WONG Sing-chi  
Hon IP Kwok-him

**Panel on Constitutional  
Affairs**

Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat  
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Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing  
(*Deputy Chairman*)  
Hon James TIEN Pei-chun  
Hon Margaret NG  
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Hon SZETO Wah  
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee  
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**Panel on Food Safety and  
Environmental Hygiene**

Hon Fred LI Wah-ming  
(*Chairman*)  
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan  
(*Deputy Chairman*)  
Dr Hon David CHU Yu-lin  
Hon Albert HO Chun-yan  
Hon James TO Kun-sun  
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Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him  
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**Panel on Financial Affairs**

Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen  
(Chairman)  
Hon Henry WU King-cheong  
(Deputy Chairman)  
Hon James TIEN Pei-chun  
Hon Albert HO Chun-yan  
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Hon SIN Chung-kai  
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**Panel on Education**

Dr Hon YEUNG Sum  
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Dr Hon David CHU Yu-lin  
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan  
Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung  
Prof Hon NG Ching-fai  
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Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung  
Hon SIN Chung-kai  
Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat  
Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing  
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Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan  
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Dr Hon LO Wing-lok  
Hon WONG Sing-chi  
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee  
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**Panel on Planning, Lands  
and Works**

Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong  
(Chairman)  
Hon LAU Ping-cheung  
(Deputy Chairman)  
Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO  
Chung-tai  
Hon James TO Kun-sun  
Hon WONG Yung-kan  
Hon LAU Wong-fat  
Hon Timothy FOK  
Tsun-ting  
Hon TAM Yiu-chung  
Hon Abraham SHEK  
Lai-him  
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip  
Hon IP Kwok-him

**Panel on Economic Services**

Hon James TIEN Pei-chun  
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Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah  
(Deputy Chairman)  
Hon Kenneth TING  
Woo-shou  
Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung

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Hon CHOY So-yuk  
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him  
Hon Henry WU King-cheong  
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee  
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**Panel on Information  
Technology and  
Broadcasting**

Hon SIN Chung-kai  
(Chairman)  
Hon Howard YOUNG  
(Deputy Chairman)  
Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou  
Dr Hon David CHU Yu-lin  
Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung  
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Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung  
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing  
Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting  
Hon LAW Chi-kwong

**Panel on Welfare Services**

Hon LAW Chi-kwong  
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Hon CHAN Yuen-han  
(Deputy Chairman)  
Dr Hon David CHU Yu-lin

Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan  
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan  
Hon Fred LI Wah-ming  
Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong  
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Hon LI Fung-ying  
Hon Henry WU King-cheong  
Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung  
Hon WONG Sing-chi  
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#### **Panel on Health Services**

Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG  
LAU Yau-fun  
(Chairman)  
Dr Hon LO Wing-lok  
(Deputy Chairman)  
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan  
Hon Fred LI Wah-ming  
(up to 24.10.2000)  
Hon CHAN Yuen-han  
Hon Bernard CHAN  
Hon WONG Yung-kan  
(up to 4.1.2001)  
Dr Hon YEUNG Sum  
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo  
Hon LAW Chi-kwong  
Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong  
Hon LI Fung-ying  
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan  
(up to 14.1.2001)  
Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung

#### **Panel on Environmental Affairs**

Prof Hon NG Ching-fai  
(Chairman)  
(up to 14.7.2001)  
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan  
(Deputy Chairman)  
Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO  
Chung-tai  
Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming  
Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung  
(up to 9.2.2001)  
Hon Bernard CHAN  
Hon WONG Yung-kan  
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Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing  
Hon CHOY So-yuk  
Hon LAW Chi-kwong  
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him  
Hon Henry WU King-cheong  
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan  
Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung  
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip  
Dr Hon LO Wing-lok  
Hon LAU Ping-cheung  
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee  
(since 21.12.2000)

#### **II. Subcommittees of Panels**

##### **Panel on Home Affairs Subcommittee on review of the Building Management Ordinance**

Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip  
(Chairman)  
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan  
Hon Albert HO Chun-yan  
Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat  
Hon CHOY So-yuk  
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo  
Hon IP Kwok-him

##### **Panel on Home Affairs Subcommittee to study discrimination on the ground of sexual orientation**

Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan  
(Chairman)  
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing  
Hon CHOY So-yuk  
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip

##### **Panel on Transport Subcommittee on matters relating to the implementation of railway development projects**

Hon Mrs Miriam LAU Kin-yee  
(Chairman)  
Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO  
Chung-tai  
Hon CHAN Kwok-keung  
Hon LAU Chin-shek  
Hon LAU Kong-wah  
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo  
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him  
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan  
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip  
Hon WONG Sing-chi  
Hon LAU Ping-cheung

##### **Panel on Housing Subcommittee on Rehousing Arrangements for Residents Affected by Clearance of Temporary Housing Areas, Squatter Areas and Cottage Areas**

Hon CHAN Kam-lam  
(Chairman)  
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan  
Hon Fred LI Wah-ming  
Hon CHAN Yuen-han

Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung  
Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat  
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo  
Hon SZETO Wah  
Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee  
Hon IP Kwok-him

**Panel on Education**

**Subcommittee on increase in  
post-secondary education  
opportunities**

Dr Hon YEUNG Sum  
(*Chairman*)  
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan  
Prof Hon NG Ching-fai  
(*up to 14.7.2001*)  
Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong  
Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung  
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing  
Hon SZETO Wah  
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan  
Hon WONG Sing-chi  
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee

**Panel on Health Services**

**Subcommittee on  
improvements to the  
medical complaints  
mechanism**

Hon LAW Chi-kwong  
(*Chairman*)  
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan  
Hon CHAN Yuen-han  
Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG  
LAU Yau-fun  
Dr Hon YEUNG Sum  
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo  
Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong  
Hon LI Fung-ying  
Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung  
Dr Hon LO Wing-lok

**SUBCOMMITTEES OF  
SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION**

**Subcommittee on subsidiary  
legislation relating to  
revision of fees and charges  
gazetted on 10 November  
2000**

Hon James TIEN Pei-chun  
(*Chairman*)  
Hon Fred LI Wah-ming  
Hon CHAN Yuen-han  
Hon CHAN Kam-lam  
Hon SIN Chung-kai  
Hon LAU Chin-shek  
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him  
Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung  
Dr Hon LO Wing-lok  
Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee

**Subcommittee on subsidiary  
legislation relating to  
revision of fees and charges  
gazetted on 24 November  
2000**

Hon SIN Chung-kai  
(*Chairman*)  
Hon James TIEN Pei-chun  
Hon Fred LI Wah-ming  
Hon CHAN Yuen-han  
Hon CHAN Kam-lam  
Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen  
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him  
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan

**Subcommittee on subsidiary  
legislation relating to  
revision of fees gazetted on  
8 December 2000**

Hon CHAN Kam-lam  
(*Chairman*)  
Hon James TIEN Pei-chun  
Hon Fred LI Wah-ming  
Hon SIN Chung-kai  
Hon Howard YOUNG  
Hon CHOY So-yuk  
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him

**Subcommittee on  
Waterworks (Amendment)  
Regulation 2000**

Hon James TIEN Pei-chun  
(*Chairman*)  
Hon Fred LI Wah-ming  
Hon HUI Cheung-ching  
Hon CHAN Kwok-keung  
Hon CHAN Kam-lam  
Hon SIN Chung-kai

**Subcommittee on the  
Dangerous Drugs Ordinance  
(Amendment of First  
Schedule) (No. 2) Order  
2000**

Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong  
(*Chairman*)  
Hon Mrs Selina CHOW  
LIANG Shuk-yea  
Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG  
LAU Yau-fun  
Hon LAW Chi-kwong  
Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung  
Dr Hon LO Wing-lok  
Hon IP Kwok-him

**Subcommittee on Dangerous  
Drugs, Independent  
Commission Against  
Corruption and Police Force  
(Amendment) Ordinance  
2000 (68 of 2000)  
(Commencement)  
Notice 2001**

Hon James TO Kun-sun  
(*Chairman*)  
Hon LAU Kong-wah  
Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen  
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing  
Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung

**Subcommittee on Fixed  
Penalty (Criminal  
Proceedings) (Amendment)  
(No.3) Regulation and  
Resolution of the Legislative  
Council (L.N. 206 of 2000)  
(Commencement)  
Notice 2000**

Hon James TIEN Pei-chun  
(*Chairman*)  
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan  
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan  
Hon CHAN Kwok-keung  
Hon Bernard CHAN  
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung  
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Hon LAW Chi-kwong  
Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong  
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him  
Hon Henry WU King-cheong  
Hon IP Kwok-him

**Subcommittee on Prison  
(Amendment) Rules 2000,  
Immigration (Vietnamese  
Migrants) (Detention  
Centres) (Amendment)  
Rules 2000 and Probation of  
Offenders (Amendment)  
Rules 2000**

Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan  
(*Chairman*)  
Hon James TO Kun-sun  
Hon LAU Kong-wah  
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing

**Subcommittee on subsidiary  
legislation relating to  
revision of fees gazetted on  
5 January 2001**

Hon James TIEN Pei-chun  
(*Chairman*)  
Hon Fred LI Wah-ming  
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Hon SIN Chung-kai  
Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen

**Subcommittee on subsidiary  
legislation relating to  
revision of fees gazetted on  
12 January 2001**

Hon CHAN Kam-lam  
(*Chairman*)  
Hon James TIEN Pei-chun  
Hon CHAN Yuen-han  
Hon SIN Chung-kai  
Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen

**Subcommittee on Estate  
Agents (Licensing)  
(Amendment)  
Regulation 2001**

Hon CHAN Kam-lam  
(*Chairman*)  
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LIANG Shuk-ye  
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Hon Mrs Miriam LAU Kin-yee  
Hon CHOY So-yuk  
Hon Henry WU King-cheong  
Hon IP Kwok-him  
Hon LAU Ping-cheung

**Subcommittee on Solicitors  
(Professional Indemnity)  
(Amendment) Rules 2001**

Hon Margaret NG (*Chairman*)  
Hon Albert HO Chun-yan  
Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming  
Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung  
Hon Bernard CHAN  
Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing  
Hon Mrs Miriam LAU Kin-yee  
Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen  
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee  
Hon MA Fung-kwok

**Subcommittee on Factories  
and Industrial Undertakings  
Ordinance (Cap. 59)  
(Appointed Day under  
Section 6BA(17)) Notice**

Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan  
(*Chairman*)  
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan  
Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah  
Hon HUI Cheung-ching  
Hon Mrs Miriam LAU Kin-yee  
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo



Hon LI Fung-ying  
Hon LEUNG Fu-wah

**Subcommittee on Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Chemical Residues) Regulation and Harmful Substances in Food (Amendment) Regulation 2001**

Dr Hon LO Wing-lok  
*(Chairman)*  
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan  
Hon Fred LI Wah-ming  
Hon WONG Yung-kan  
Hon TAM Yiu-chung  
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan  
Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung

**Subcommittee on Prevention of Copyright Piracy (Notices) Regulation**

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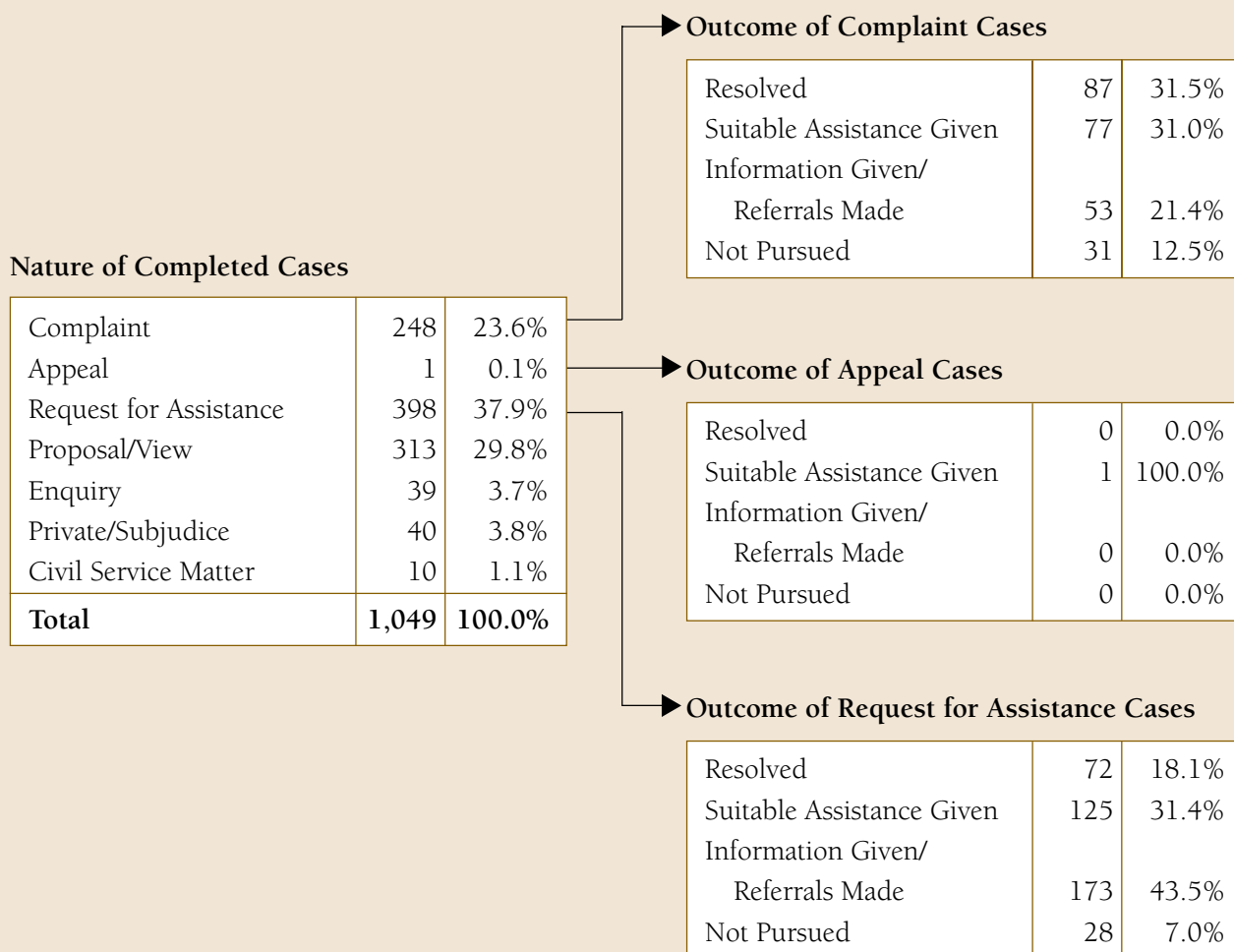
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## Appendix 6

### Redress Information System: Nature and Outcome of Cases Completed between 1 October 2000 and 30 September 2001



#### Overall Outcome of Completed Cases

Resolved	178	17.0%
Suitable Assistance Given	220	21.0%
Information Given/ Referrals Made	351	33.5%
Not Pursued	300	28.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,049</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



## Appendix 8

### Visitors

#### **5 October 2000**

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Minister for  
Intergovernmental Affairs  
for the District of Virginia  
Waters, Canada

#### **17 October 2000**

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Ministry of Finance,  
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#### **17 October 2000**

Senator the Hon Peter Cook,  
Deputy Leader of the  
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and Shadow Minister for  
Trade, Australia

#### **18 October 2000**

Delegation of the People's  
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Region to Hong Kong:

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Mr Liu Jun  
Mr Wang Chuke  
Mr Fan Youkai  
Mr Niao Liji  
Mr Wang Fengqi  
Mr Ya Saning  
Mr Huang Wen  
Mr Su Qing  
Mr Wang Zhenghai  
Mr Lu Yingshi

#### **19 October 2000**

Mr Hans Olav Ostgaard,  
Assistant Secretary General,  
Ministry of Justice, Norway

#### **23 October 2000**

HE Heraldo Munoz  
Valenzuela,  
Chilean Vice Minister of  
Foreign Affairs

#### **24 October 2000**

Mr Wang Julu,  
Deputy Secretary-General,  
National Committee,  
Chinese People's Political  
Consultative Conference,  
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#### **25 October 2000**

Delegation led by  
Mr Wu Anfu,  
Director of the Economic  
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Department of the Ministry  
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#### **26 October 2000**

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Chief Director, Secretariat of  
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#### **26 October 2000**

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#### **27 October 2000**

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Mr Han Jie  
Mr Han Tao  
Mr Wei Wei  
Mr Qiu Shuwei  
Mr Jin Xiaohui  
Mr Huang Jiheng

Mr Xia Weining

Mr Li Sanhong

Mr Fan Jun

Mr Qin Ziyi

Mr Chen Xinqiong

Mr Bian Weirong

Mr Zhou Yilei

Mr Qian Bo

**31 October 2000**

Mr Brink Lindsey,

Director, Centre for Trade  
Policy Studies, Cato  
Institute, United States of  
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**1 November 2000**

Mr Anthony Murphy,

Director of Copyright,  
Department of Trade and  
Industry, United Kingdom

**2 November 2000**

Mr Mats Ringborg,

Director-General for Trade,  
Ministry for Foreign Affairs,  
Sweden

**4 November 2000**

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Parliament:

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The Lord Inglewood

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Mr Joan Colom I Naval

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Mrs Elly Plooij-Van Gorsel

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Mr Struan Stevenson

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**7 November 2000**

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Republic of China:

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Mr Zhang Dekuan

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Mr Wang Ping

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Mrs Huang Enchan

Mrs Li Wanjun

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of China:

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Mr Chen Qiu Yan

Mr Ma Hua

Mr Peng Jianguo

Mr Lan An

Mr Zheng Zehui

Mr Mei Qijie

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Communication,  
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**10 November 2000**

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**13 November 2000**

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International Association of  
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Ministry of Information  
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of China

**24 November 2000**

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National Defense Division,  
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**28 November 2000**

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**7 December 2000**

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**7 December 2000**

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**11 December 2000**

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**11 December 2000**

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**13 December 2000**

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Republic of China

**14 December 2000**

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United States of America

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**16 January 2001**

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**18 January 2001**

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Supervision, People's  
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**18 January 2001**

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**22 February 2001**

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**27 April 2001**

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Specialist in American  
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Mrs Mary Francis,  
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**24 May 2001**

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**28 May 2001**

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**29 May 2001**

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**4 June 2001**

Hon Phil Goff,  
New Zealand Minister of  
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**7 June 2001**

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Mr Peng Wenlin  
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**12 June 2001**

Mr André Maman,  
Member of the French  
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**13 June 2001**

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**21 June 2001**

Dr Abraham Lowenthal,  
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**5 July 2001**

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Executive Director,  
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**9 July 2001**

Mr Fritz-Harald Wenig,  
Director (Trade defence  
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**10 July 2001**

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**23 July 2001**

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**24 July 2001**

Mr Christopher Barbieri,  
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**26 July 2001**

Mr Yuan Zheng,  
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Guangdong Province,  
People's Republic of China

**27 July 2001**

Mr Michael McKenna,  
Assistant Secretary,  
Enterprise Competitiveness  
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Enterprise, Trade and  
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**2 August 2001**

Mr Norbert von Hofmann,  
Head of China Desk,  
International Department,  
Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung,  
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**10 August 2001**

Professor Alfred van Staden,  
Director of the Netherlands  
Institute of International  
Relations (Clingendael), the  
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**17 August 2001**

Delegation of the Israeli  
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Prof Naomi Chazan Meretz  
Mr Efi Oshaya

**22 August 2001**

Mr Graham Kelly,  
Chair of Foreign Affairs,  
Defence and Trade Select  
Committee, New Zealand

**23 August 2001**

Mr Carl-Johan Westholm,  
President, Swedish  
Federation of Trade,  
Sweden

**31 August 2001**

Mr K Tuljanand Singh,  
Secretary, Legislative  
Assembly of one of the  
Indian States of Andhra  
Pradesh

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Mr Michael Leighton,  
Member of the Legislative  
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Parliament, Australia

**4 September 2001**

Dr John Rielly,  
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**14 September 2001**

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**18 September 2001**

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Mr Xiao Zhiqing  
Mr Luo Houru  
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**27 September 2001**

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QC, Chairperson, National  
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**28 September 2001**

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3. To supervise the operation of the Secretariat.
4. To produce an official report of all proceedings in the Council and in any committee of the whole Council.
5. To perform such other duties as the Council may by resolution determine.

##### Membership

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Shuk-yee (*Deputy Chairman*)  
Hon James TIEN Pei-chun  
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Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung  
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing  
Hon LAW Chi-kwong  
Hon Henry WU King-cheong  
Hon IP Kwok-him

#### Committee on Personnel Matters

##### Terms of Reference

- (1) To consider personnel matters including staffing resources, appointment, promotion, dismissal, grading, duties, remuneration and other terms and conditions of service of staff of the Secretariat which require the attention of the Commission;
- (2) To approve appointments including acting appointments with a view to promotion of officers at Chief Assistant Secretary level and above; and
- (3) To monitor progress of appointment and personnel matters delegated to the Secretary General.

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Hon HUI Cheung-ching  
Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung

#### Committee on Facilities and Services

##### Terms of Reference

- (1) To consider the accommodation requirements of the Council and the Secretariat;
- (2) To assess the needs of the Council and of individual Members for services and facilities for the conduct of Council business;

(3) To formulate solutions for meeting needs identified at (1) and (2);

(4) To consider financial matters relating to (1) to (3) above, and approve procurement of fixed assets costing above \$500,000 but not exceeding \$2,000,000; and

(5) To monitor the progress and developments relating to the above items.

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#### Committee on Members' Operating Expenses

##### Terms of Reference

- (1) To advise on administrative matters relating to Members' operating expenses; and
- (2) To review the LegCo Secretariat's decisions on Members' claims for operating expenses reimbursements.

##### Membership

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(*Chairman*)  
Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG  
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Organization Chart of the Legislative Council Secretariat  
(as at 30 September 2001)

