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The first legislative session of the Third Term of the Legislative Council was a year filled with changes, some of them were unpredictable and took most of us by surprise.

The first in the line of changes was the line-up of the legislature. Of the 60 Legislative Council Members elected in September 2004, 21 were newly elected, of whom 18 were complete newcomers to the Council. This is the most extensive change in the Council's composition since 1997.

Next, the number of “Motions for the Adjournment of the Council” moved by Members increased substantially, in particular those

proposed under Section 16(2) of the Rules of Procedure under which the motions were moved between two agenda items.

The most unexpected event during the year was the resignation and replacement of the Chief Executive, a change that will inevitably affect the Legislative Council in many ways.

With the appointment of the new Chief Executive, I hope there will be a positive breakthrough in the relationship between the Government and the legislature. As I have commented from time to time over the past few years, improvement can only be made by enhancing mutual communication and respect between Members and Government officials.

As the President of the Legislative Council, I had a challenging time during the session. In some ways, this was due to the fact that approximately one-third of the Members were new to the Council and were therefore unfamiliar with the Rules of Procedure and the role of the President.

I accept that Members have their individual styles of expression in the Council, and I totally respect their right to choose how to present themselves. However, it is the President's duty to uphold the integrity of the Rules of Procedure, and to ensure that the Council's dignity and requirements are not compromised by Members' conduct.

During the first session, 38 bills were placed on the Council agenda, 34 of which were moved by the Government and four by Members. Of these, 20 were enacted, including the four Members' Bills. The scrutiny of the remaining 18 will continue in the next session.

In all, 168 items of subsidiary legislation were tabled in the Council for approval during the first session. Scrutiny of 150 of these items was completed, with eight amended by the Council on motions moved by Government officials. The remaining 18 items will continue to be scrutinized in the next session. In addition, the Council concluded the scrutiny of 12 items of subsidiary legislation tabled in the previous session.

In regard to subsidiary legislation that required the Council's approval by resolution, the Government moved a total of 10 motions to either make or amend subsidiary legislation. All were passed.

Accommodating all Secretariat and Member's offices under one roof has been a matter of concern for a number of years. In view of the upcoming constitutional reform and possible expansion of Council membership, the construction of a new LegCo building requires immediate action and merits top priority. I hope the new Chief Executive will press ahead with a long-term solution.

I wish to pay my sincere tribute to my Legislative Council colleagues for their efforts in carrying out their duties as legislators; and to express my appreciation to the Legislative Council Secretariat for their full support.



Rita Fan
President
Legislative Council

Group Photo of Members



From left to right:

First row (seated):
Hon James TIEN Pei-chun
Hon LI Fung-ying
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing
Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye (President's Deputy)
Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai (President)
Hon Fred LI Wah-ming
Hon CHAN Kam-lam
Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah
Hon MA Lik

Second Row:
Hon CHAN Yuen-han
Hon LAU Kong-wah
Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong
Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai
Dr Hon YEUNG Sum
Hon LAU Wong-fat
Hon CHIM Pui-chung
Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting
Hon TAM Yiu-chung
Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing
Hon WONG Kwok-hing
Hon CHOY So-yuk

Third Row:
Hon TAM Heung-man
Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong
Hon Bernard CHAN
Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee
Hon Vincent FANG Kang
Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye
Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung
Hon Howard YOUNG
Dr Hon David LI Kwok-po
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan

Fourth Row:
Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah
Hon LI Kwok-ying
Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki
Hon WONG Ting-kwong
Dr Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long
Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
Hon LAU Chin-shek
Hon Albert HO Chun-yan

Fifth Row:
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him
Hon SIN Chung-kai
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon LEE Wing-tat
Hon KWONG Chi-kin
Hon Albert Jinghan CHENG
Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
Hon Daniel LAM Wai-keung

Absent:
Hon Margaret NG
Hon WONG Yung-kan
Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee
Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming

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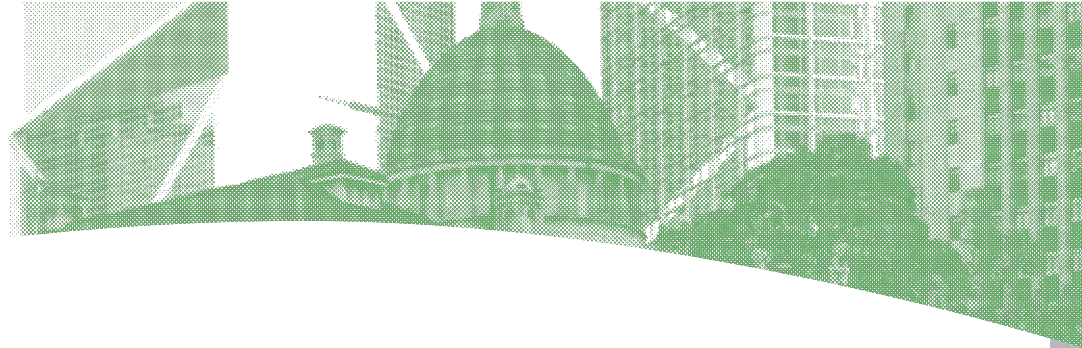
The Legislative Council Secretariat's orientation seminar familiarized Members-elect with the facilities and the work of the Council.



Mr Ricky FUNG (right), Secretary General of the Secretariat, provides Members-elect with an overview of the functions of the Legislative Council, The Legislative Council Commission and Legislative Council Secretariat.



Members-elect tour the LegCo Building.



Members-elect Dr Joseph LEE Kok-long (left) and Dr Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung examine the buttons and facilities in a Member's seat.



Six Members-elect pose in the Chamber during the tour.



A special forum held before the start of the new term allowed the two candidates for the office of President to answer questions put forward by Members-elect.



Candidates for the presidency:
Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai (above) and
Mr Albert HO Chun-yan



The Council in Session

Members taking the Legislative Council Oath or Affirmation during the first Council meeting include “new faces” (from upper left, clockwise) Hon MA Lik, Hon Vincent FANG Kang, Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung and Hon Albert Jinghan CHENG.





During the first Council meeting, Members cast their ballots to elect their President.



Secretariat staff count the presidential election ballots, with Hon James TIEN Pei-chun (seated, left), Dr Hon David LI Kwok-po (third from left) and Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo (first from left) as scrutineers.



After her election as President of the Third Term of the Legislative Council, Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai pledges to “chair meetings without fear, without bias and without self-interest, and enforce the Rules of Procedure.”

LegCo Building Open Day



Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai, President of the Legislative Council (centre), Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye (third from left), Hon Fred LI Wah-ming (third from right), respectively Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the House Committee, and fellow Members officiate at the LegCo Building Open Day opening ceremony. This year's event attracted 3,157 visitors to come over to the Building, a record since the event was first held in 1998.



Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai briefs a group of students about the facilities of the President's Office.



Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye greets visitors in Conference Room A.



Hon WONG Ting-kwong (above) and Hon Vincent FANG Kang introduce visiting students to the work of the Legislative Council and the facilities in the Chamber.





Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung explains how LegCo meetings are conducted to a group of visiting children.



Members of the public line up to be admitted.

Spring Reception

Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai, President of the Legislative Council, hosted a Spring Gathering to celebrate the arrival of the Year of the Rooster. The Chief Executive, Executive Council members, senior Government officials and Legislative Council Members shared humorous moments during the lunch.



Mr TUNG Chee-hwa, the Chief Executive, is greeted by Hon Fred LI Wah-ming at the entrance to the Dining Hall.



Members and Government officials take the opportunity to exchange views on various issues. Mr Donald TSANG Yam-kuen, Chief Secretary for Administration (centre) and Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting (left) pay heed to what Hon CHAN Kam-lam is saying.



Dr York CHOW Yat-ngok (left), Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food, listens carefully to the views expressed by Hon TAM Yiu-chung.



The Dining Hall filled with laughter when several Members and Government officials attempted to perform Tai Chi, a form of Chinese martial art, led by Tai Chi Master Ms LI Fai.



The Chief Executive and other guests vote for the best Tai Chi performer.

Farewell Luncheon for Mr TUNG Chee-hwa

Hosted by Hon Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai, President of the Legislative Council, and attended by present and former Members, a farewell luncheon was held to bid farewell to Mr TUNG Chee-hwa following his resignation as Chief Executive.



Members convey their best wishes to Mr TUNG Chee-hwa during the pre-luncheon reception, including (from top) Hon LEE Wing-tat, Hon James TIEN Pei-chun and Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, and Hon CHAN Yuen-han.



Mr TUNG Chee-hwa greets 92-year-old Mrs Elsie TU, a former member of the Legislative Council, as Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun looks on.



On behalf of fellow Members, Hon Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai presents Mr TUNG Chee-hwa with a crystal dragon figurine to express their best wishes to him.



Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye and former Member Dr LAW Chi-kwong “serenade” Mr TUNG Chee-hwa.



For the good of the community



Hon CHOY So-yuk was first in line to donate on Blood Donation Day. In all, ten Members and 19 Secretariat staff and members of the public gave blood this year.



Other blood donors included Hon Albert Jinghan CHENG (above), Hon WONG Ting-kwong (left below) and Hon SIN Chung-kai (right below).





Hon TSANG Yok-sing (left) and Hon Fred LI Wah-ming jokes after donating their blood.



T-shirts are the fashion of the day when Members and their Community Chest guests take part in the Dress Casual Day media photo call. The event raised funds for welfare agencies under the Community Chest.





At New Town Plaza, Shatin, Hon CHAN Yuen-han (above) and Hon WONG Kwok-hing sell Cookie Day cookies to raise funds for the Helping Hand in support of the elderly.



With the concurrence of The Legislative Council Commission, the Cheng Si Yuan (China-International) Hepatitis Research Foundation conducted a Hepatitis B Virus blood screening test for LegCo Members and Secretariat staff in the Dining Hall to promote their "Hepatitis Free Generation" programme.



With the assistance of the Foundation's medical staff, actress and pop singer Miss Joey YUNG Cho-yee, ambassador of the programme, draws blood samples of Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung.



Twenty Members participate in the blood test, among them are: Hon WONG Kwok-hing (above), Hon TAM Yiu-chung (left below) and Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo (right below).





The annual tea reception for Hong Kong's six leading charities hosted by Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai, President of the Legislative Council, in the Dining Hall included Members and the heads of the charities. From left: Mr TANG Kam-hung (Chairman, Yan Chai Hospital), Dr Daniel TANG Tak-lim (Chairman, Lok Sin Tong), Mr Eddie WANG (Chairman, Tung Wah Group of Hospitals), Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai, Mr Vincent TO (Chairman, Po Leung Kuk), Mr Chris YIP Yiu-shing (Chairman, Pok Oi Hospital) and Mr Wilson PONG (Chairman, Yan Oi Tong).

The Invincible Football Team

Led by Hon Bernard CHAN, the Legislative Council Football Team played three matches during the session, two of which were landslide victories and one a tie.



Members and senior Government officials put aside their political differences and fight it out on the football field. Mr Michael SUEN Ming-yeung, Chief Secretary for Administration (Acting) kicks off the friendly match.



In his white shirt and headband, Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung, with Dr Hon YEUNG Sum, tried to block a Government team's strike.



Mr Michael SUEN Ming-yeung, Dr Sarah LIAO Sau-tung, Secretary for Environment, Transport and Works (front row, standing), and Mr Frederick MA Si-hang, Secretary for Financial Services and Treasury (second row, second from left), cheer as a goal is scored by the Government team. The match ended in a 2:2 tie.



The LegCo football team poses before its match against the Consuls-General Team.



Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip demonstrates a warm-up exercise to Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai, President of the Legislative Council, who then kicks off the match.



Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip makes a volley shot.



A beautiful “dive across” by Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo.



Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting dribbles his way forward. The LegCo team won the match 4:2.



Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (left) and Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo organize strikes from mid-field in the match against Radio Television Hong Kong.



The victorious LegCo team poses after winning the match 5:2.

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 is the legislature of the Region.

POWERS AND FUNCTIONS

As provided for in Article 73 of the Basic Law, the Legislative Council 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 Legislative Council 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 Legislative Council of the HKSAR is to be constituted by election. There are 60 Members for the third term of the Legislative Council (2004-2008), with 30 Members returned by geographical constituencies through direct elections and 30 Members by functional constituencies. The election for the third term of the Legislative Council was held on 12 September 2004 and the term of office is four years.

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

The composition and biographies of Members who served on the Legislative Council in 2004-2005 are in *Appendices 1 and 2* respectively.

Meetings of the Legislative Council are open to the public. They may be conducted in either Cantonese, English or Putonghua, 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 Legislative Council, which is accessible through the Legislative Council's website.

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 2004 to July 2005, the Council held 37 meetings and sat for more than 328 hours.

TABLING OF SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION AND OTHER PAPERS

Subsidiary legislation is any proclamation, rule, regulation, order, resolution, notice, rule of court, bylaw or other instruments made by the designated authorities under or by virtue of the relevant ordinances. It is subject to the scrutiny of the Council, which may be through either the negative vetting procedure or the positive vetting procedure.

Subsidiary legislation scrutinized through the negative vetting procedure is first published in the Gazette and then laid on the table of the Council at its meetings. Where considered



Members observed a one-minute silence at the 5 January 2005 Council meeting to express their condolence for the more than 150,000 victims of the tsunami which caused enormous damage in many South Asian countries.

necessary, the Council's House Committee may set up a subcommittee to study the subsidiary legislation in detail. A Member or a public officer may, within a prescribed time limit, move a motion in Council to seek the Council's agreement to amend or repeal an item of subsidiary legislation that has been tabled. During the session from October 2004 to July 2005, 168 items of subsidiary legislation were tabled in the Council. Among them, the scrutiny of 150 items was completed, with eight of them amended by the Council through the passage of motions moved by Government officials. The remaining 18 items, the scrutiny period of which has not expired, will continue to be scrutinized in the next session. In addition, the Council completed in this session the scrutiny of 12 items of subsidiary legislation which were tabled in the previous session. The Government also tabled one item of instrument, the scrutiny of which by the Council was completed in the session.

The scrutiny by the Council of subsidiary legislation through the positive vetting procedure is described later in this chapter, under Motions.

Other papers tabled at Council meetings include the annual reports of Government departments and public bodies, Government consultative documents, and reports of the Council's committees. Members and public officers presenting the reports may address the Council.

QUESTIONS

Members' concern for the well being of the community may be reflected through asking questions at Council meetings. The questions are aimed at seeking information on Government's actions or lack of actions on specific problems or incidents and on Government's policies. 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 155 oral questions on a wide range of subjects at Council meetings, and followed up with 977 supplementary questions. Another 454 questions seeking written replies by the Government were also asked.



Through questions, Members sought information on Government action or lack of action on specific problems, incidents or policies, including (from top) Hon Howard YOUNG, Hon Albert HO Chun-yan and Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing.

STATEMENTS

Statements may be made by Government officials on issues of public concern at Council meetings. During the period under report, the Chief Secretary for Administration made four statements: “Legislative Programme 2004-2005”, “West Kowloon Cultural District project”, “Fourth Report of the Constitutional Development Task Force” and “Term of Office of a New Chief Executive” at the Council meetings held on 13 October 2004, 10 November 2004, 15 December 2004 and 6 April 2005 respectively. The Secretary for Education and Manpower made two statements: “Consultation Document on Reforming the Academic Systems for Senior Secondary and Higher Education” and “New Academic Structure for Senior Secondary Education and Higher Education – Action Plan for Investing in the Future of Hong Kong” at the Council meetings held on 20 October 2004 and 18 May 2005 respectively. The Secretary for Constitutional Affairs made two statements: “Electoral Affairs Commission Interim Report on the 2004 Legislative Council Election” and “Electoral Affairs Commission Final Report on the 2004 Legislative Council Election” at the Council meetings on 10 November 2004 and 15 December 2004 respectively.

BILLS

The Government is primarily responsible for proposing new legislation or amendments to existing legislation, in the form of bills which are considered by the Council for enactment. Subject to meeting certain conditions, Members

of the Council may also introduce bills into the Council. 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.

A bill is first 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 Second Reading of the bill starts with the Government official or Member who introduces the bill moving the motion "That the bill be read the second time" and explaining the purpose of the bill. Usually, after the motion has been moved, the debate on it is adjourned and the bill is 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 may indicate their support or otherwise. A vote is then taken by the Council on the motion "That the bill be read the second time". If the motion is not passed, the bill cannot proceed further. If it is passed, the bill is given a Second Reading, and the Council will then sit as a "Committee of the whole Council" during which the Committee goes through the clauses of the bill, making amendments where agreed to by the Committee. After the bill has passed through the Committee of the whole Council with or without amendments, it is reported back to the Council for it to consider whether to support the passage of the bill by giving it the Third Reading.

When a bill has been given three readings, it becomes a piece of enacted law. Unless a later date has been specified, it may take effect after it is signed by the Chief Executive and promulgated in the Gazette.

Where the Council considers that the passage of a bill is sufficiently urgent, it may proceed with the 'Second Reading' debate on the bill at the meeting at which the bill is introduced. If the bill receives Second Reading, the Council may proceed to the remaining stages at the same meeting.

During the period under report, 38 bills were introduced and the Council completed proceedings on 20 bills, which were all passed. Of these bills, 9 were passed with amendments

proposed by Government officials or Members. A list of the bills passed is in *Appendix 3*.

MOTIONS

Motions are the mechanism through which most of the Council's business is transacted. The processing of a bill is by way of a series of motions moved, debated and voted upon by the Council at various stages. 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 is scrutinized by the Council through the positive vetting procedure, the process starts with a Government official or a Member giving notice of a motion, to be moved at a future Council meeting, to make or amend subsidiary legislation. The proposed motion is then studied by the House Committee which may decide to set up a subcommittee to study it in depth. Where Members consider it necessary, they may move amendments to the motion. During the period under report, Government officials moved a total of 10 motions to either make or amend subsidiary legislation through the positive vetting procedure, and all were passed.

Apart from those relating to subsidiary legislation, motions may be moved by Members to exercise the Council's power under the Basic Law, to amend the Council's Rules of Procedure, or to invoke the Council's powers under the Legislative Council (Powers and Privileges) Ordinance, Cap. 382. During the report period,

the Council passed two motions to amend the Rules of Procedure, one motion to suspend the Rules of Procedure, and one motion to sanction a Member by admonishment for failure to register his registrable interests. One motion to invoke the Council's powers under Cap. 382 to order the production of documents regarding the Cyberport project was negated.

POLICY ADDRESS DEBATE



When delivering his Policy Address to the Legislative Council, Mr TUNG Chee-hwa, the Chief Executive, pledged “to uphold the vision of ‘people-based’ governance” and “to gauge the mood of the people more accurately and listen more closely to their opinions.”

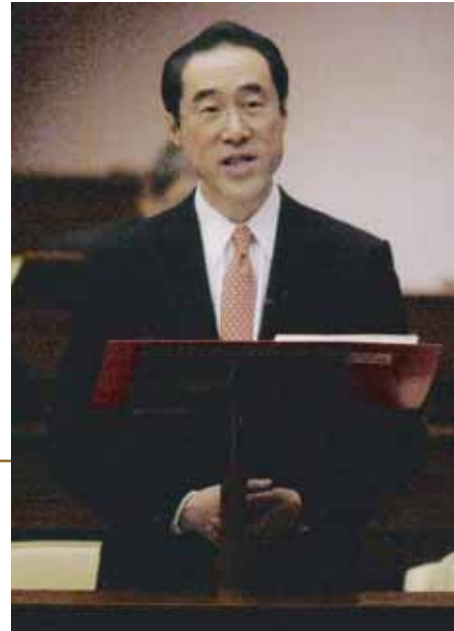


The Chief Executive addresses the Council in every Legislative Council session on his policy proposals for administering the HKSAR. At a meeting held after the Chief Executive has delivered his Policy Address, a motion is moved by the Chairman of the House Committee to thank the Chief Executive for his Address (Motion of Thanks). A debate then follows, with Members offering their comments on the Address and senior Government officials responding to these comments. During the session, the Chief Executive delivered his Address on 12 January 2005 and Members and Government officials debated the Motion of Thanks for three days on 26, 27 and 28 January 2005. The debate was divided into five debate sessions, each of which covered several related policy areas.



Immediately following the Policy Address by the Chief Executive, Legislative Council Members held press conferences to express their views, including (from top) representatives of the Democratic Alliance for Betterment of Hong Kong, the Liberal Party and the Democratic Party.

BUDGET DEBATE



The Budget Speech delivered to the Legislative Council by Mr Henry TANG Ying-yen, the Financial Secretary, emphasized that the Government “will uphold the principle of ‘Market Leads, Government Facilitates’ ” and will “actively promote economic growth by facilitating the development of the marketplace and provide a favourable platform for the business community.”

Shortly before a financial year ends at the end of March, the Financial Secretary presents to the Council his Budget for the next financial year, which commences on 1 April each year, 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. Legislation required for implementing the revenue proposals is presented in the form of bills or subsidiary legislation. 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 decision. For the 2005-2006 Budget, the Financial Secretary introduced the Appropriation Bill 2005 on 16 March 2005. The debate on the Budget took place on 20, 21 and 27 April 2005. The Appropriation Bill 2005 was passed on 27 April 2005. The Revenue (Allowances for Tax) Bill 2005, which contained revenue-related proposals announced in the 2005-2006 Budget, was passed on 8 June 2005.



(Above) The Legislative Council Finance Committee held a series of special meetings to examine the Estimates of Expenditure 2005-06. (Below) Ms Elsie LEUNG Oi-sie, Secretary for Justice, answered Members' questions at one of the meetings.

OTHER DEBATES

All motions moved at Council meetings are debated and voted upon. Apart from motions with legislative or binding effect, Members also debate motions which do not have such effect, but which provide opportunities for Members to express their views on issues of public interest and for Government officials to respond to them. During the session under report, the Council debated 55 such motions moved by Members. Among these, 38 were passed with or without amendment and 17 were negated. These motions and the decisions of the Council on them are in *Appendix 4*.

Where a Member wishes to raise a topic for debate in the Council but does not wish to formulate a motion in express terms, an adjournment debate may be proposed for Members to simply express their opinions on the topic and to elicit a response from the Government. A total of four motions for adjournment were moved during the period under report. Hon Albert Jinghan CHENG proposed an adjournment debate on the "Listing and public offering arrangements, evaluation of assets and all matters relating to the divestment of retail and car-parking facilities in public rental housing estates in respect of The Link Real Estate Investment Trust" at the Council meeting commencing on 1 December 2004. Hon LEE Wing-tat proposed two adjournment debates on "Measures taken by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in regard to tsunami victims in South Asia, as well as the Hong Kong people whose whereabouts remain

unknown or who are still stranded in the disaster-stricken areas” at the Council meeting commencing on 5 January 2005 and on “All the constitutional and legal issues arising from the office of the Chief Executive having become vacant, and related policies, measures and arrangements” at the Council meeting on 16 March 2005 respectively. Hon Albert HO proposed an adjournment debate on “Submission of a Report by the Chief Executive’s Office to the State Council proposing the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress to interpret Article 53 of the Basic Law concerning the term of office of the new Chief Executive” at the Council meeting commencing on 6 April 2005.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSIONS

In the session, four meetings of the Council were held during which the Chief Executive addressed the Council and answered questions put to him by Members.



Mr TUNG Chee-hwa, the Chief Executive, in his 13 January 2005 Question-and-Answer session, the last before his resignation in March 2005.



Mr Donald TSANG Yam-kuen, who assumed office of the Chief Executive on 24 June 2005, attended a Question-and-Answer session three days later to answer questions put forward by Members.

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. The House Committee co-ordinates matters relating to the business to be considered at Council meetings and monitors the progress in the study of bills and subsidiary legislation. The scrutiny of bills which require more in-depth study is done through bills committees which report their deliberations to the House Committee. Panels are committees which monitor and examine policy issues. There are 18 panels whose formation and terms of reference are approved by the Council on the recommendation of the House Committee.

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 Estimates of Expenditure for the coming financial year. It meets on most Fridays to consider proposals which entail changes to the approved Estimates each year, or note financial implications of new policies.



Finance Committee Members visited the Hong Kong Tourism Board (HKTb) and received a briefing on HKTb's request for \$437 million in additional funding.



Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, Chairman of the Finance Committee, smiled during a committee meeting.

During the 2004-2005 session, the Finance Committee held 12 regular meetings and examined a total of 50 items of proposals, including 13 items with 59 proposals which had been considered and supported by its two subcommittees, namely the Establishment Subcommittee and the Public Works Subcommittee.

The Establishment Subcommittee examines and makes recommendations to the Finance Committee on the Government'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 17 members, held 6 meetings and examined a total of 11 items of proposals put forward by the Government. The membership of the subcommittee is in *Appendix 5*.

The Public Works Subcommittee examines and makes recommendations to the Finance Committee on the Government'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 23 members, held 11 meetings and examined a total of 48 items of proposals put forward by the Government. The subcommittee also considered the list of potential submissions to the Public Works Subcommittee in the 2004-2005 legislative session. The membership of the subcommittee is in *Appendix 5*.

One of the major tasks of the Finance Committee is to examine the Estimates of Expenditure following the introduction of the Appropriation Bill to the Council. For the 2005-2006 Estimates, the Finance Committee held a series of six special meetings consisting of 19 sessions

from 11 to 14 April 2005. Prior to the special meetings, the Financial Secretary briefed members on the 2005-2006 Budget, while the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury provided further information on the Estimates of Expenditure. A total of 1,887 written questions were then put to the Government for written replies to facilitate deliberation at the special meetings. Eighty-four supplementary written questions and 47 verbal requests arising from the meetings were further put forward to the Government for additional information. Members were particularly concerned about the efficacy of outsourcing of Government services and employment of non-civil service staff. They considered that the Government should ensure that these efficiency initiatives would not affect the overall service of the Government.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

The Public Accounts Committee is a standing committee of the Council. It is responsible for considering the reports of the Director of Audit on the accounts of the Government and the results of value for money audits on 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 considered 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 2004-2005 session, the committee examined the Director of Audit's Report on the Accounts of the Government for the year ended 31 March 2004 and the Reports on the Results of Value for Money Audits (Reports Nos. 43 and 44). The conclusions and recommendations of the committee are contained in Public Accounts Committee Reports Nos. 43 and 44, which were tabled in the Council on 23 February 2005 and 6 July 2005 respectively.



Former Chief Secretary Sir David AKERS-JONES attended a Public Accounts Committee public hearing to give evidence regarding a land grant at Discovery Bay and Yi Long Wan.



In order to better understand the operation of diesel vehicle emission controls, members of the Public Accounts Committee pay a site visit to the Transport Department vehicle examination centre at Kowloon Bay to secure first-hand information. Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung (left) tried to conduct a smoke test of a lorry while other members looked on.

COMMITTEE ON MEMBERS' INTERESTS

The Committee on Members' Interests is a standing committee of the Council. It considers matters pertaining to Members' declaration of interests and matters of ethics in relation to their conduct, and makes recommendations relating to Members' interests matters. 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 period under report, the committee held 17 closed meetings to consider a Member's failure to furnish to the Clerk to the Legislative Council particulars of his registrable interests, pursuant to Rule 83 of the Rules of Procedure, during the period from 1 July 1998 to 25 August 2004. The committee submitted its report to the Council at the meeting on 9 March 2005. The committee also held four open meetings during the period under report.



Members of the Committee on Members' Interests presented their report regarding Hon James TO Kun-sun's failure to register his interests with the Legislative Council in accordance with the Rules of Procedure.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

The House Committee comprises all Members, except the President, who elect from among themselves the chairman and deputy chairman. While the Legislative Council 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 subsidiary legislation. The House Committee then monitors progress and studies reports from the bills committees and subcommittees concerned.

The House Committee may refer to the 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 items 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 Government. 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 2004-2005 session, a total of 34 regular meetings of the House Committee were held. Two special meetings were also held to discuss with the Chief Secretary for Administration and other principal officials the subjects of sustainable development, the West Kowloon Cultural District project, and the constitutional and legal issues arising from the vacancy in the office of the Chief Executive, as well as the related policies, measures and arrangements.



Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye, Chairman of the House Committee, chaired a House Committee special meeting on 18 February 2005 at which Mr Donald TSANG Yam-kuen, Chief Secretary for Administration, briefed Members on the West Kowloon Cultural District project and sustainable development issue.



Mr Donald TSANG Yam-kuen, Chief Secretary for Administration, and Ms Elsie LEUNG Oi-sie, Secretary for Justice, attended a special House Committee meeting on 15 March 2005 to discuss constitutional and legal issues and the related policies, measures and arrangements arising from the vacancy in the office of Chief Executive.



A delegation of the LegCo Subcommittee to Study the Subject of Combating Poverty visited the United Kingdom and Ireland to study anti-poverty measures in these countries. Members of the delegation, led by Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee (second from left), met with officials of the Department for Work and Pensions in the United Kingdom

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 2004-2005 session -

- Parliamentary Liaison Subcommittee;
- Subcommittee to Examine the Implementation in Hong Kong of Resolutions of the United Nations Security Council in relation to Sanctions;
- Subcommittee on Members' Remuneration and Operating Expenses Reimbursement;
- Subcommittee to Consider a Mechanism for Handling Complaints and Allegations Concerning Members' Operating Expenses Reimbursement Claims;
- Subcommittee to Study the Subject of Combating Poverty;
- Subcommittee to Study Issues Relating to the Provision of Boarding Places, Senior Secondary Education and Employment Opportunities for Children with Special Educational Needs; and
- Subcommittee on West Kowloon Cultural District Development.



The Subcommittee on West Kowloon Cultural District Development issues its Report on Phase I Study and holds a press conference to respond to media enquires. One of the recommendations put forward by the Subcommittee is to abandon the single-package development approach in the West Kowloon Cultural District.

Following the passage of a motion in January 2005, the House Committee set up a subcommittee to study issues relating to West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) development. Recognizing the diversity of the issues concerned, the subcommittee has so far divided its work in two phases. The first phase focused on issues relating to the adoption of the public private partnership approach, in particular the single-package approach for the WKCD development, how the WKCD project could meet shortfalls in existing arts and cultural facilities and whether the project as proposed by the Government is the best way to use the 40-hectare land.

The subcommittee completed its first phase study and made seven recommendations in its first report. Amongst others, the subcommittee recommended the abandonment of the single-package approach and the setting up of an

overseeing authority for the development of the project. Noting that the Abandoibarra project in Spain was comparable in nature and scale to the WKCD project, the subcommittee conducted an overseas duty visit in September 2005 to study the experience there. It then proceeds to its second phase study. The issues to be covered in the second phase study would include the structure of the overseeing authority and the respective roles of the Government and the arts and cultural sector in the planning and development of WKCD. The second phase study is expected to be completed by early 2006.

The memberships of these subcommittees are 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 for 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. The membership of the committee is in *Appendix 5*.

During the period under report, the committee held a total of eight meetings to study a wide range of subjects under the following categories: (a) review of the procedural arrangements of the Council; and (b) review of the procedures and

working mechanism of committees of the Council.

The committee presented six reports to the House Committee recommending changes to current procedures. The committee also presented a report to the Council on 6 July 2005 summarizing its deliberations on specific subjects during the period under report.

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 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.

During the 2004-2005 session, 30 bills committees were formed. Thirteen bills committees completed their scrutiny work and reported to the House Committee. Fifteen bills committees were still in action and one Government bill was on the waiting list. The work of the Bills Committee on Public Health and Municipal Services (Amendment) Bill 2005 was held in abeyance, to allow time for the Administration to consult the District Councils and Heung Yee Kuk on the proposals in the Bill.

There were also 14 subcommittees formed in the 2004-2005 session, which considered 22 items of subsidiary legislation tabled in Council, one item of subsidiary legislation not required to be tabled in Council and seven proposed resolutions presented by the Government for the Council's approval. The memberships of these bills committees and subcommittees are in *Appendix 5*.

Reports of these bills committees and subcommittees are available on the LegCo website at www.legco.gov.hk

PANELS

Panels are committees of the Council tasked to monitor and examine Government policies. Panels provide a forum for Members to deliberate on policy matters and study issues relating to the policy areas of their corresponding bureaux which are of wide public concern. The items for discussion can be brought up by members of the panel, referred to it by the House Committee or

other committees, proposed by the Government, or raised by other Members following meetings with District Councils or upon receipt of complaints or representations. Panels also give views on major legislative and financial proposals before their introduction into the Council or Finance Committee respectively. 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 put into place to ensure early consultation with the relevant panel(s) 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 memberships of the 18 panels in the 2004-2005 session and their subcommittees are shown in *Appendix 5*.

Panel on Manpower

Some members considered that a minimum wage could provide adequate income protection for elementary workers, and alleviate the problem of poverty. Some of these members suggested that a minimum wage should be set for workers in the cleansing, security and catering trades first. Another member was of the view that a statutory minimum wage should be introduced for all

trades. Some other members, however, pointed out that introducing a minimum wage was not the only way to safeguard the benefits of employees. They considered that before the issue was deliberated by the Labour Advisory Board (LAB), a pre-condition of introducing a minimum wage should not be imposed.

Some members expressed support for prescribing maximum working hours, in order to protect the interests of those workers with the least bargaining power. More jobs could also be created if the maximum number of hours of work was prescribed. They urged the Government to put concrete proposals to LAB for deliberation. Some other members opposed the setting of maximum working hours, as it would undermine the flexibility of the labour market and business environment, and the competitiveness of the local workforce with neighbouring areas.

The Government stated that the issues of minimum wage and maximum working hours were complicated, and had a far-reaching impact on the future socio-economic development of Hong Kong. In examining the issues, the Government indicated that it would keep an open mind, and would strike a balance between the interests of employers and employees. As a first step, these issues would be put to LAB for deliberation.

Some members queried why meal breaks were excluded from the normal working hours of non-skilled workers employed by some contractors of government outsourced services,

as wages were not paid for meal breaks. They urged the Government to conduct a comprehensive review of the meal break arrangement in the mandatory requirement for services contracted out by the Government. A member suggested that the Government should promote good employer practices by awarding higher marks to such employers in the marking schemes for assessment of tenders. The panel passed a motion urging the Government to require that the monthly wages paid by contractors of outsourced services to their workers on eight-hour service contracts (covering meal breaks) should be stipulated in the average wage rates for relevant industry as published in the Census and Statistics Department's Quarterly Report of Wages and Payroll Statistics.

The panel was concerned about the abuse of the Protection of Wages on Insolvency Fund. Some members urged the Government to undertake effective measures to prevent possible abuse. They also suggested that applicants of the Fund should not be required to satisfy the eligibility requirements for legal aid. The Labour Department should, on behalf of the employee concerned, apply for a winding-up petition or bankruptcy petition against the employer so that it would not be necessary for an applicant to apply for legal aid. Some other members considered that the Government should step up enforcement against abuse of the Fund. The panel was informed that the Government was studying additional measures to prevent abuse of the Fund, and would refer those considered to be viable to LAB for consideration.

Panel on Commerce and Industry

The panel welcomed further liberalization in the trade in goods and services under the second phase of the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA) effective from 1 January 2005. On the impact of the first phase of CEPA on job creation, members noted that given the capital-intensive nature of the Hong Kong manufacturing sector, most of the new jobs created were found in the services sector. The panel was keen to ensure that Hong Kong would be able to capitalize on the liberalization measures under CEPA to drive its economic growth and move up the value chain. The Government also took on board members' suggestions to expand the scope of the Individual Visit Scheme, overcome trade barriers and strengthen communications with relevant Mainland authorities.

On support measures for small and medium enterprises (SMEs), members welcomed and gave views on the Government's proposed improvements to the four SME funding schemes, such as lowering the assumed default rate for the SME Loan Guarantee Scheme and the additional injection into the SME Export Marketing Fund and the SME Development Fund. Members' further suggestions included deploying the SME Development Fund to support sector-specific projects to help enhance SMEs' overall competitiveness.

The panel supported the new strategic framework for innovation and technology development, and the proposed three-tier funding model of the Innovation and Technology Fund. On measures to ensure the cost-effectiveness of the proposed Research and Development (R&D) centres set up for selected focus areas, members noted the monitoring mechanism in place and considered that the operating cost of the R&D centres should not be too high in order that adequate resources would be available for R&D projects. The panel was also concerned that the R&D projects should be relevant to the needs of the industries.

The panel was updated on the preparatory work for the Sixth Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization (WTO) to be held in Hong Kong in December 2005. Anticipating that the event would attract demonstrations from activists worldwide, members urged the Government to strike the right balance between maintaining law and order and facilitating freedom of expression. The panel also discussed the proposed subsidiary legislation to accord the necessary privileges and immunities to WTO, as well as the Government's proposed restricted access zone, which would be the subject of an order made under the Public Order Ordinance, and the traffic management measures during the conference period.

Copyright protection was one of the panel's major areas of concern. In examining the Government's proposals on various copyright-related issues, the panel had considered the views of deputations representing copyright owners, users and other stakeholders.

Members urged the Government to balance the interests of various stakeholders and submit the necessary amendment bill into the Council early to allow time for scrutiny. The panel would also keep in view the development of peer-to-peer file sharing activities on the Internet and its impact on copyright protection for musical works and films.

Panel on Public Service

The panel closely monitored the various measures put forward by the Government to reduce its operating expenditure, including a reduction in the civil service establishment and adjustments to civil service pay and allowances. Given that the civil service establishment had been substantially reduced in the past few years, the panel was concerned that further reductions might have adverse impact on the timely and effective delivery of public service. The panel was also concerned that in order to achieve the target for reducing the civil service establishment, bureaux and departments had been meeting the additional operational needs through employing non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff and implementing outsourcing programmes. Members stressed the importance of maintaining a stable civil service devoted to the provision of the necessary public services on a long-term basis, and the need to properly manage the NCSC staff scheme to prevent abuse. Noting that about 1,100 NCSC staff had been employed for over five years, the panel passed a motion urging the Government to immediately study the inclusion of the posts filled by NCSC staff over a period of time in the permanent establishment.



Reacting to newspaper reports concerning the use of pinhole security surveillance cameras in the Cheung Sha Wan Post Office, Members of the Panel on Public Service visited the post office to receive a briefing from the Postmaster General and to hear the views of Hongkong Post staff.

On civil service pay adjustment, the panel monitored the development of an improved pay adjustment mechanism. As part of the exercise, the Government would conduct a Pay Level Survey in 2005. The panel urged the Government to take the survey forward in a prudent manner, taking into full consideration the concerns and worries of take staff associations on the survey methodology and the application of the survey results. As regards the review of job-related allowances, the panel considered the staff's objection to the cessation/reduction in the payment of Hardship Allowance justified, and passed a motion requesting the Government to defer the implementation of its decision and conduct further consultation with the staff side.

The panel also examined other policy issues. On the policy governing post-retirement employment of civil servants, members welcomed the preliminary review proposals put forward by the Government to enhance the effectiveness of the existing mechanism so as to ensure that former civil servants did not enter into any business or took up any employment which might constitute a conflict of interest with their previous service in the Government. As regards the approval given for Ms Elaine CHUNG Lai-kwok, the former Deputy Director of Housing, to take up post-retirement employment in a private company, the panel urged the Civil Service Bureau (CSB) to conduct a full investigation into the case to address the wide public concern over the possible conflict of interest between Ms CHUNG's post-retirement employment and her previous service in the Government. The panel, however, was dissatisfied with CSB's investigation report and passed a motion requesting the Government to conduct an independent investigation into the case.

On measures for managing misconduct in the civil service, the panel stressed that the level of punishment should be commensurate with the gravity of the offences or misconduct. At the request of the panel, the Government undertook to examine the current mechanism and consider how members' concerns could be addressed.

Given the staff concern about the installation of pinhole cameras in the Cheung Sha Wan Post Office (CSWPO) premises, the panel conducted a site visit to CSWPO. Members noted that

following six cases of suspected theft, six pinhole cameras were installed in the staff working areas for the purpose of identifying the culprits. Members were assured that the “Privacy Guidelines: Monitoring and Personal Data Privacy at Work” published by the Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data had been followed in the installation and use of the pinhole cameras. Members exchanged views with the Post Office on areas for improvements in handling similar incidents in future.

Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services

The panel expressed serious concern that the savings measures introduced by the Judiciary to cope with budgetary constraints since 2003-2004 had already given rise to problems in the face of increasing workload. The panel agreed that the Judiciary’s budgetary arrangement should be reviewed to build in clearer institutional safeguards to ensure that judicial independence was not subject to executive influence, and the Judiciary was provided with adequate resources for the proper administration of justice. The panel put forward a number of suggestions for the Government’s consideration.

Following the publication of the Report of the Working Party on the Labour Tribunal, the panel held joint meetings with the Panel on Manpower to follow up the recommendations made in the Report. Some members called upon the Judiciary to take into account overseas practices in considering measures to improve the mechanism for enforcement of awards of the Tribunal. Some

other members considered that the mode of operation of the Tribunal had departed from the objective of providing a quick, simple, cheap and informal forum for resolving employment disputes and requested the Government to conduct a major review of the existing system.

The panel received views from the parties concerned on the likely impact of setting up a third law school at The Chinese University of Hong Kong on the provision of legal services. The panel expressed concern that this would dilute the existing limited resources. Members considered that the overall resources provided for the three law schools should be increased to ensure that they could cooperate and compete on fair and equal terms in improving legal education and training in Hong Kong.

The panel reiterated its support for an overall review of the legal aid system. The panel considered that there was a strong case for raising the financial eligibility limits of the Supplementary Legal Aid Scheme, which was a profit making scheme, to benefit more legal aid applicants. The panel requested the two legal professional bodies to jointly review how the overall legal aid system could be improved, and present its recommendations to the panel and Government.

The panel noted the views of the legal and accountancy professional bodies that a reform on limiting professional liability was urgently needed, as Hong Kong was trailing behind other jurisdictions in implementing such a reform. The

panel urged the Government to undertake a detailed study of the subject and its likely impact on the community without further delay.

The review of the professional indemnity scheme of The Law Society of Hong Kong was one of the issues discussed by the panel. While members of the Law Society had voted in favour of replacing the existing scheme with a Qualifying Insurers Scheme (QIS), the Government had expressed reservation whether QIS could properly safeguard consumers' interests in the event of the insurer going into liquidation. Following the explanation given by the Law Society on the features of the QIS and the protective measures which would be available, the panel requested the Government to come to a position on the proposed QIS, which was expected to be implemented on 1 October 2006.



As part of a visit to the Judiciary, Members of the Panel on the Administration of Justice and Legal Services and other interested Members met with Mr Andrew LI (second from right), Chief Justice, in the Chamber of Lands Tribunal premises.



Members were briefed by Mr Patrick LI (third from right), Chief Magistrate, on the work of the Kowloon City Magistrates Courts.

Members expressed support for the Pilot Scheme on Mediation of Legally Aided Matrimonial Cases which would last for one year from the first quarter of 2005. The Government assured members that mediation would not be imposed against the will of legal aid applicants as a condition for the grant of legal aid for initiating court proceedings. Members requested the Government to take proactive measures to promote the Scheme through various channels.

Panel on Home Affairs

In September 2004, the Government announced its decision to legislate against racial discrimination and to conduct a public consultation exercise on the legislative proposals. Some members were of the view that the scope of the bill should be extended to cover discrimination against new arrivals from the Mainland. Some other members considered that

small companies and employers with fewer than six employees should be exempted from the anti-discriminatory provisions (in the field of employment) for only one year after enactment of the bill.

The panel passed a motion urging the Government to establish a human rights institution to promote the protection of and education on human rights, and to monitor the implementation of the various international human rights treaties. Some members considered that an inter-bureau central mechanism should be established to monitor the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

A majority of members expressed reservations about the effectiveness of establishing a Public Affairs Forum to canvass the views of business, professional and middle class people. They also expressed dissatisfaction with the slow progress made in improving non-compliance with the six-year and six-board rules. A member considered that various stakeholders in relevant sectors should make nominations for the appointment to advisory and statutory bodies (ASBs). Some members were also dissatisfied with the gender imbalance in ASBs.

While some members supported the proposed reforms to the betting duty system on horse racing bets, others considered that the Government should combat illegal gambling by strengthening law enforcement actions, rather than enhancing the competitiveness of authorized

horse race betting which would encourage more people to gamble.

The report of the Panel of Inquiry appointed by the Secretary for Home Affairs to inquire into the incidents relating to the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) was discussed by the panel. Some members were of the view that the Legislative Council (LegCo) should appoint a select committee to conduct another inquiry. Some other members, however, considered that LegCo had already conducted very detailed discussions on the relevant issues. Should the controversies surrounding EOC drag on, its operation would be further affected.

The panel also discussed the appointment of the EOC Chairperson. Some members considered that the EOC Chairperson should have a track record of human rights work, particularly in promoting equal opportunities. These members expressed concern that the lack of objective and clear selection criteria would adversely affect the credibility of EOC and people's perception of its independence.

The panel received a briefing from the Government on the 25 leisure and cultural services (LCS) projects recommended for priority implementation in the Chief Executive's 2005 Policy Address. Members expressed disappointment at the delay in implementing the outstanding LCS projects of the former Municipal Councils. A subcommittee was set up by the panel to monitor the Government in

following up these projects and implementing other relevant projects.

Some members expressed dissatisfaction that the decision to co-host the Beijing Olympic equestrian events was hastily made and LegCo was bypassed in the process. They were concerned that the temporary removal of the Hong Kong Sports Institute to make way for staging the events would adversely affect the training of elite athletes and their preparation for the 2008 Olympic Games.

The panel discussed the relevant issues arising from the case of Albert House, including the legal liability of owners in respect of the common parts of their buildings, regulation of property management companies by legislation, and formation of owners' corporations in buildings with more than one deed of mutual covenant.

Panel on Transport

The panel was gravely concerned about the toll increases of the Eastern Harbour Crossing, Tate's Cairn Tunnel and Tai Lam Tunnel and Yuen Long Approach Road, and the resulting economic and traffic implications. The panel requested the tunnel companies to consider deferring the toll increases and the Administration to review the decision of allowing the tunnel companies to increase their tolls. The panel also called on the Administration to review the effectiveness and appropriateness of using the "Build-Operate-Transfer" approach in taking forward

infrastructure projects. There was also an urgent need for the Administration to formulate measures to address the uneven distribution of traffic among the three road-harbour crossings, and to reduce the toll charges of various tunnels to relieve the burden on the general public.



Members of the Panel on Transport exchanged views with Mr Michael TIEN (second from left), Chairman of the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation, on the newly-constructed East Tsim Sha Tsui station during a site visit.



In order to secure first-hand information and a better understanding of its progress and operation, Members of the Panel on Transport paid a site visit to the recently-completed Ma On Shan Rail.

The panel set up a subcommittee to monitor the development, implementation and operation of railways in Hong Kong. The subcommittee regularly reviewed with the Administration and the two railway companies the operational readiness of new railway lines. The subcommittee was also concerned about the repeated occurrence of railway incidents and the resulting impact on the reliability and safety of railway services. The subcommittee asked the Administration and the two railway companies to put in place adequate remedial measures to avoid recurrence of railway incidents. The panel took every opportunity to remind the two railway companies to set their fares at a reasonable level, taking into account public affordability.



Following media reports on the collision of two West Rail trains in Pat Heung train depot, members of the LegCo Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways visited the depot to inspect the damage to the trains and obtain further information on the accident.

The implementation of Route 4, South Island Line and West Island Line was high on the agenda of the panel. The panel urged the Administration and MTR Corporation Limited to speed up the implementation of the railway projects within the environmental and financial constraints so as to satisfy the transport needs of the public, and tally with the tourism and commercial developments in the Southern District. Route 4 should also be implemented in a timely manner to resolve traffic congestion.

The panel was gravely concerned about the additional traffic generated by the new cross-boundary infrastructural developments in North West New Territories and Lantau, and the resulting traffic impacts on Tuen Mun and Yuen Long. The panel called on the Administration to speed up the planning and implementation of local supporting transport infrastructure to meet forecast demand.



Prior to the official launch of the MTR's Disneyland Resort Line, members of the Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways took a rail ride and were shown the building features of the station by representatives of the MTR Corporation.

With the benefits of public views and inputs from the transport trades, the panel reviewed with the Administration the road safety strategy and measures to enhance road safety. The panel also kept road safety-related legislation under constant review.

During the session, the panel also reviewed the regulatory framework and licensing system for non-franchised bus operation, and studied the current legislation governing the issuance of taxi driving licence to non-local residents.

Panel on Housing

The panel followed closely the disposal of surplus Home Ownership Scheme (HOS) flats, including Private Sector Participation Scheme flats (PSPS). As unsold/returned HOS flats and unsold blocks in partially occupied/sold HOS courts had to be sold as subsidized flats under the land grants, members considered the Government's decision of not putting up these flats for sale before the end of 2006 a waste of resources. The suspended sale would not only result in loss of income but also incur substantial costs for maintaining these flats, thereby further aggravating the financial hardship faced by the Housing Authority (HA). The panel passed a motion urging the Government to sell these HOS flats to Green Form applicants as soon as possible. The panel also examined the plan to demolish and redevelop the Hunghom Peninsula PSPS project by the developer. Given the public concern over the proposed demolition, members considered it necessary for the Government to make public all its correspondence with the

developer as well as papers and minutes of internal meetings at which the disposal was discussed. As the Government only agreed to provide information in accordance with the Code on Access to Information, the panel passed a motion to recommend to the Legislative Council the setting up of a select committee to inquire into the Government's sale of Hunghom Peninsula. The Government subsequently provided the relevant information. The developer announced in December 2004 that it would not proceed with the demolition of Hunghom Peninsula.

The divestment of HA's retail and car-parking facilities (RC facilities) through the establishment of a Real Estate Investment Trust (The Link REIT) was high on the agenda of the Panel. Given the concern that the RC facilities were sold at a low price at the expense of the taxpayers, members urged the Government to enhance the transparency of the divestment exercise. While acknowledging that there would not be any forced redundancy of civil servants as a result of the divestment, and that a scheme had been worked out to assist outgoing contract staff, members remained concerned about the impact of the divestment on existing commercial tenants. The panel passed a motion urging HA and The Link Management Limited, which was set up to manage the RC facilities, to jointly discuss with the commercial tenants as soon as possible the specific transitional arrangements in concrete terms before the listing of The Link REIT. This would ensure that the commercial tenants would not suffer a sharp rent increase or even be forced out of business, thereby saving the residents from

having to bear the adverse impact of rising prices. The motion also urged HA to put the listing arrangements on hold until a consensus had been reached between The Link Management Limited and the commercial tenants. Following the application for judicial review of HA's statutory power to divest its assets by two public rental housing (PRH) tenants, HA announced its decision to postpone the listing of The Link REIT in December 2004.

While agreeing to the need to raise the asset limits for elderly households, the panel considered that the provision of housing assistance to the elderly should be pursued from a wider perspective in preparation for the aging of the population. Members urged HA to review the "property ownership restriction" which barred elderly owner-occupiers of dilapidated properties from applying for PRH to improve their living condition. They also urged HA to reduce PRH rents or introduce rent relief measures as soon as practicable, irrespective of the possible appeal on rent review.

Panel on Security

The raiding by the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) of the offices of several newspaper organizations in July 2004 attracted wide public concern on whether ICAC had abused its powers to search for and seize journalistic materials. Some members were of the view that ICAC should first apply for a production order under the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance. An application for a search warrant should only be made when the

production order was not complied with. If the law enforcement agencies could easily apply for warrants to search media organizations in executing law enforcement work, the freedom of the press would be undermined. The panel formed a subcommittee to review the statutory provisions on search and seizure of journalistic material.



Members of the Panel on Security individually tested the automated passenger clearance system (e-channel) during a visit to the Immigration Department headquarters. The system's roll-out took place in mid-December 2004.

Some members expressed concern about the jurisdiction of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) in dealing with immigration control matters. They queried whether the seven guiding principles announced by Mr Qian Qi-chen could override the provisions in Article 154 of the Basic Law. The panel was informed that in considering an application, the Director of Immigration (D of Imm) would take into account all relevant factors and circumstances before making a decision. In particular, D of Imm would consider whether allowing the entry of the person concerned was in the public interest. In processing an application, D of Imm must act in accordance with the law. He would also have regard to the seven guiding

principles when considering an application for an entry visa from a government official of Taiwan where an official contact was involved.

The panel noted that the number of illegal workers arrested in the first ten months of 2004 stood at 4,575, or an increase of about 3.6% over the corresponding period in the previous year. Of them, about 94% were visitors from the Mainland. Members urged the Government to identify the provinces and cities where large numbers of Mainland visitors were arrested for taking up illegal employment in Hong Kong, and tackle the problem at source. Members also urged the Government to step up publicity efforts on the immediate imprisonment of employers of illegal workers.

The panel discussed the forms of assistance provided to Hong Kong residents detained in the Mainland, and the notification mechanism with the Mainland authorities. Members were concerned as to how the legal rights of Hong Kong residents being detained in the Mainland could be safeguarded, and whether the family members concerned could visit the detainee in the Mainland. They considered that such detention cases should be dealt with in a fair, just and expeditious manner.

Members urged the Government to discuss with the Mainland authorities with a view to reaching a consensus on allowing HKSAR Government officials to visit detainees in the Mainland. The Government undertook to raise the matter with the Mainland authorities again. In response to

members' concern about the length of time that the Mainland authorities took before notifying the Hong Kong authorities of cases of detention of Hong Kong residents, the Government agreed to discuss with the Mainland authorities how the notification could be expedited.

The panel noted the various support services in relation to the employment of rehabilitated offenders provided by the Correctional Services Department, other Government departments and non-Government organizations. Members asked the Government to organize market-oriented training courses for prisoners, so as to equip them with the skills required by the market for seeking employment after release.

Panel on Constitutional Affairs

The panel was briefed on the content and consultation process of the Third Report and Fourth Report published by the Constitutional Development Task Force. The panel also received views from 37 deputations on issues relating to constitutional development, including the methods for selecting the Chief Executive (CE) in 2007 and forming the Legislative Council (LegCo) in 2008, and the role and development of political parties.

In connection with the LegCo election on 12 September 2004, the panel discussed the two reports submitted by the Electoral Affairs Commission to CE, which revealed a number of administrative and planning errors relating to the practical arrangements for the election. The panel also discussed the report of the

Independent Committee of Experts subsequently appointed by CE to review the management, planning and conduct of elections. Some members considered that the report had failed to address the management responsibilities for the blunders made on polling day.

The panel was briefed on the Chief Executive Election (Amendment) (Term of Office of the Chief Executive) Bill. Some members expressed regret that the Government had made a U-turn on its position on the term of office of the new CE. The panel passed a motion urging the Government to give an account to LegCo before seeking an interpretation from the Standing Committee on National People's Congress on Article 53 of the Basic Law concerning the term of office of the new CE.

The panel was consulted on the proposed guidelines on election-related activities in respect of CE elections. Members requested the Government to consider establishing a new Election Committee (EC) so as to avoid legal complications in the event that a by-election of CE became necessary after the term of the current EC expired on 13 July 2005. In view of the fact that some EC members were no longer members of certain subsectors of the EC, members considered that the Government should advise these EC members whether they were disqualified from making nominations and voting.

Regarding the issue of the application of certain provisions of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance (POBO) to CE, which was first raised by the panel in 1999, the Government informed the panel that it would further consider whether any legislative provisions for exclusive application to CE should be given effect through amendment to POBO or other legislative vehicles. Members considered the lack of progress on the part of the Government totally unacceptable, and had formed a subcommittee under the panel to follow up the issue.

On the recommendations of the Independent Commission on Remuneration Package and Post-office Arrangement for the Chief Executive of the HKSAR, members in general supported the new remuneration package for CE, which would be capped at the same level as the existing package (excluding entertainment allowance, housing as well as medical and dental care) and implemented for the third term CE in July 2007. The panel noted that the undertaking signed by CE signifying his agreement to abide by the relevant post-office restrictions on taking up office would be in the form of an agreement under seal and could be enforced by way of civil proceedings in the courts. Having regard to the panel's views on the scope and duration of the package of post-office services recommended for former CEs, the Government agreed to review the appropriateness of the package in the light of practical experience gained over the next few years.

Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

In the 2004-2005 session, the panel monitored closely the outbreaks of avian influenza in neighbouring areas and the effectiveness of control measures in place to prevent an outbreak in Hong Kong. The panel held several meetings to discuss the Government's long-term strategy and action plan in the light of regional developments, the increasing pathogenicity of the virus in chicken and the possibility of a pandemic outbreak.

In order to reduce the risk of an epidemic outbreak through close contact between human and large numbers of live poultry, the Government considered that the total live poultry population in Hong Kong should be reduced. The proposals included reducing the number of live poultry kept in farms, buying back licences from live poultry farmers, wholesalers and retailers, and introducing regional slaughtering of live poultry. While the panel generally supported that better risk management measures should be adopted, members requested the Government to fully assess the impact of the various proposals on the live poultry industry. The panel also gauged the views of the industry and urged the Government to provide more assistance to live poultry operators and workers whose livelihood would be adversely affected under the Government's policies.

The Government consulted the panel on a revised proposal for nutrition information labelling after conducting public consultation and a regulatory

impact assessment. The majority of panel members maintained their view that the Government should expedite the introduction of a mandatory labelling scheme covering energy and nine core nutrients for all pre-packaged food. They did not support a phased approach for implementation, as the food industry would have to incur additional re-labelling costs to adapt to different labelling requirements in two phases. Some members suggested that the Government should make reference to the labelling requirements adopted by Hong Kong's major trading partners, including the Mainland, and consult the industry on the details of implementation.

The panel formed a subcommittee to study the streamlining of food business licensing. The subcommittee held six meetings in the 2004-2005 session to discuss with the Government and representatives of the food business industry measures to simplify/modernise the licensing procedures. The subcommittee was in favour of setting up a one-stop licensing unit, encouraging greater use of private professionals in certifying compliance with licensing requirements, and introducing a composite licence for retail business selling a variety of foods.

The panel gauged the views of the green groups and the fishing industry on the legislative proposal to regulate fishing activities for conservation of Hong Kong's fishery resources. While many fisheries organizations did not have strong views against a licensing system and designation of fisheries protection areas, they strongly opposed the proposed closed season, as

it would adversely affect their livelihood. Panel members urged the Government to consult the fishermen to work out practicable arrangements.

The panel discussed other issues relating to the regulation of live fish, enhanced control measures on chilled meat and poultry, food study findings and environmental hygiene matters including measures to control red fire ants and mosquito breeding.

Panel on Financial Affairs

During the 2004-2005 session, the panel continued to provide a forum for Members of LegCo to exchange views with the Financial Secretary (FS) on matters relating to macro economic issues, with FS briefing the panel periodically on Hong Kong's latest overall economic situation. While members were pleased to note that the Hong Kong economy was back on an upswing and the Government's fiscal position had improved, they were concerned that the majority of the Hong Kong people were not able to benefit from the economic recovery. In this connection, members urged the Government to address the problems of poverty and unemployment. Members also requested FS to consider transferring part of the accumulated surplus of the Exchange Fund to the general revenue so as to meet government expenditure and to finance new initiatives for improving the livelihood of the general public.

On management of public finance, the panel conducted a research on the management of government investment incomes. Having

examined the research report, members considered that the Government should put in place a proper mechanism to govern the dividend payout policy of public corporations, covering the circumstances under which the dividends payable to the Government should be paid or waived. Moreover, the role of the public officers appointed to public corporations in ensuring the protection of government investment interests should be strengthened.

The panel received regular briefings from the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (CE/HKMA) on the work of HKMA. On monetary issues, given the increasing use of Renminbi (RMB) in Hong Kong and the growing economic integration between the Mainland and Hong Kong, members exchanged views with CE/HKMA on whether Hong Kong dollar would be pegged with RMB and whether the Government would review the Linked Exchange Rate (LER) System. While confirming that the LER System would be maintained, HKMA briefed the panel on three refinements to the operation of the System.

As regards the regulation of the banking sector, the panel supported the implementation of the New Basel Capital Accord in Hong Kong for improving risk management of banks and keeping in pace with international developments. In examining the policy issues arising from the destruction of rented safe deposit boxes by DBS Bank (Hong Kong) Limited, the panel noted that banks providing safe deposit box service generally included an exemption of liability clause in their contracts with customers. Members queried whether the exemption of

liability clause, which purported to exclude or restrict a bank's liability even in the case of loss or damages caused by negligence of the bank or its staff, had breached the Code of Banking Practice. All relevant authorized institutions had subsequently conducted a comprehensive review of the terms and conditions for safe deposit service and other banking services to ensure that they were consistent with the Code.

The panel deliberated on three legislative proposals for enhancing corporate governance and two budget-related legislative proposals. On the initiative to enhance the regulation of listing, the panel supported the proposal to amend the Securities and Futures Ordinance to give statutory backing to major listing requirements. On the proposal of splitting the chairman post of the Securities and Futures Commission (SFC) into a non-executive chairman post and a chief executive officer post to improve SFC's governance structure, some members supported the proposal in principle, while others did not support or expressed reservations on the proposal. As regards the proposal of establishing a Financial Reporting Council, a great majority of members indicated their support in principle for enhancing the oversight of the public interest activities of auditors and the transparency of the self-regulatory regime of the accounting profession. Some members, however, expressed concern about the proposal. Members also expressed various concerns about the two budget-related proposals, namely, the proposals on the introduction of the new Personalized Vehicle Registration Marks Scheme and exemption of offshore funds from profits tax.

On investor protection, the panel followed up on the outcome of the public consultation exercise conducted by SFC on the enhanced regulatory measures on securities margin finance providers, and SFC's review of the Investor Compensation Fund (ICF). Given that the practice of pooling and re-pledging of non-borrowing clients' collateral was unfair to clients and infringed their rights, members urged that the Government and SFC should work out a concrete timetable for abolishing such a practice and achieving complete segregation of borrowing and non-borrowing margin clients' collateral. The Government and SFC were invited to report progress to the panel before the end of 2005. As regards the review of ICF, members supported the introduction of an automatic levy triggering and suspension mechanism to increase the transparency of the operation of the Fund.

Panel on Education

Members in general expressed support for the implementation of a new senior secondary and higher education academic structure (the "3+3+4" academic structure). They, however, were of the view that the Government should incorporate the provision of special education and integrated education in the new senior secondary academic structure. Members also considered that the Government should provide appropriate professional development programmes and sufficient support for teachers. They were supportive of the Government's proposal of creating a non-recurrent commitment of about \$2,450 million to provide funding to facilitate University Grants Committee (UGC)-funded institutions and secondary schools

to gear up the preparation for the new academic structure.

The panel held a joint meeting with the Panel on Welfare Services to discuss the provision of boarding places, senior secondary education and employment opportunities for children with special educational needs. Members were of the view that these children were a disadvantaged group and in need of adequate support. They expressed concern that the needs of these children would be neglected under the proposed “3+3+4” academic structure. Upon the recommendation of the two panels, the House Committee set up a subcommittee to study the relevant issues.



Members of the Panel on Education and Panel on Welfare Services paid a visit to a school for children with special needs to understand their daily operation and to hear their views on special education.

Some members were supportive of the early implementation of small class teaching so as to enhance teacher-student interactions, students' academic results and development, and quality of school education. They expressed reservations about the reliability of the three-year longitudinal pilot study on small class teaching. Some

members stressed that apart from academic results, the benefits of small class teaching should be assessed in terms of teacher-student interaction and learning attitude of students. They considered that small class teaching should be implemented as far as resources permitted.

A majority of members were of the view that the Government should implement small class teaching in districts where the problem of under-enrolment had emerged. In order to achieve full implementation of whole-day primary schooling by the 2007-2008 school year, existing bi-sessional schools for which school buildings had been allocated for whole-day conversion purpose should be given priority in the review of the School Building Programme. They also considered that the Government should give due regard to the projected school-aged child population by district in adjusting the Programme. The panel requested the Government to further review the School Building Programme accordingly.

Members belonging to the Liberal Party (LP) supported the adoption of the “0-0-5” model for the allocation of recurrent funding for UGC-funded institutions in the 2005-2006 to 2007-2008 triennium. Some other members expressed objection as it might mean further funding cuts for higher education. Some members also expressed grave concern that the proposed 33% reduction in recurrent funding for the Hong Kong Institute of Education for the 2005-2008 triennium would seriously affect the operation and long-term development of the

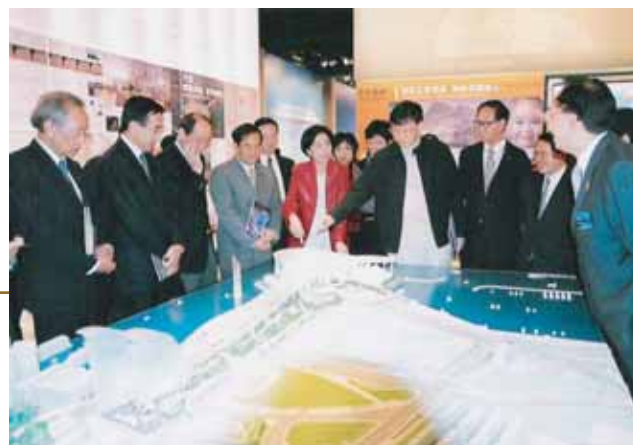
Institute, as well as the provision of professional development programmes for serving teachers.

The panel discussed the proposals of the Working Group on Review of Secondary School Places Allocation and Medium of Instruction (MOI) for Secondary Schools of the Education Commission. Some members were of the view that education should aim to enhance students' language ability. They considered that students who were able to learn through English should be provided with sufficient exposure to English. Members belonging to LP were supportive of the broad direction of mother-tongue teaching and opposed to the within-school approach (i.e. a school can concurrently operate classes adopting Chinese or English as MOI). They considered that the current policy which allowed schools adopting Chinese or English as MOI should continue. The Government, however, should provide resources to schools adopting Chinese as MOI to enhance the English proficiency of their students.

Panel on Planning, Lands and Works

The development of West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) remained high on the agenda of the panel. Following the announcement of the result of stage one of assessment of Invitation for Proposals, the panel made a guided tour to the exhibition of the three screened-in proposals and invited all proponents to attend its meeting to elaborate on their plans. About 30 organizations from building and arts and cultural sectors made oral presentation to the panel. Members reiterated their concerns about the adoption of

the single-package approach, the mandatory provision of a large-sized canopy and the need to know the financial arrangements for the WKCD project. As the House Committee decided to set up a subcommittee to follow up on the motion concerning WKCD passed by the Council, the panel therefore decided that further study of the issues of WKCD would be taken up by the subcommittee.



(Above) At the Hong Kong Science Museum, members of the Panel on Planning, Lands and Works viewed the three screened-in West Kowloon Cultural District Development proposals in order to understand the vision and planning behind the project. (Below) Members received presentations by the three proponents at a special meeting that followed the viewing.

Of equal concern to the panel was the development along the Victoria Harbour. On Wan Chai Development Phase II (WDII) Review, members reiterated their views that the public should be fully consulted on alternatives other than the building of a Trunk Road to relieve traffic congestion problem, such as full utilization of the Western Harbour Crossing. As regards Kai Tak Review, some members considered that the principle of “zero reclamation” should be observed. Particular attention should be paid to the environmental problem of the Kai Tak Approach Channel and the need or otherwise for a stadium and marine facilities.

The panel examined the Concept Plan for Lantau drawn up by the Lantau Development Task Force. Members generally supported the identification of a few key development themes for community discussion, namely economic infrastructure and tourism, theme attractions based on heritage, local character and natural landscape, maximizing the recreation potential of country parks and meeting conservation needs. In developing Lantau, members stressed the need to provide timely the transport infrastructures and to balance the interests of different stakeholders, such as fishing community, private land owners and environmentalists.

The panel examined the proposed arrangements for domestic tenants affected by redevelopment projects and received deputations to listen to their views. The panel noted that the calculation of Home Purchase Allowance (HPA) rate was based on seven separate valuations of a notional

seven-year replacement flat respectively prepared by seven professional surveyor firms appointed by the Urban Renewal Authority (URA). Upon the panel’s request, the URA agreed to state the names of the seven surveyor firms and the seven figures used in the calculation of HPA rate in the acquisition offers issued by the URA.

The panel discussed issues relating to land disposal and its implications on Government revenue. Members welcomed that more sites of smaller size were included in the 2005-2006 Application List to facilitate participation by small developers. On private treaty grants, members found it necessary to address issues such as the mechanism for approving the change of lease modification; the mechanism for negotiating the premium payable for change of lease modification; and the appropriateness of subsidizing commercially operated infrastructure projects in the form of land. The Government was urged to expedite the review on the enforcement of the cessation of user clause in the lease conditions of private treaty grants and to report to the panel on measures to improve the situation.

Panel on Economic Services

The panel kept various major tourism infrastructure projects under periodic review. In order to ensure the smooth commissioning of the Hong Kong Disneyland in September 2005, the panel called on the Administration to draw up contingency plans and keep in view the preparation and operation of the phased opening of the park and the corresponding public

communication plan, and to make adjustments as necessary.



Members of the Panel on Economic Services and other interested Members visited the Hong Kong Disneyland project to be briefed on its progress.

During the session, the panel reviewed with the Administration the progress of the Ngong Ping Skyrail, the tourism improvement schemes on the Peak, the proposed development of a heritage tourism facility at the Central Police Station Compound, and the open plaza development at the existing Tsim Sha Tsui Star Ferry Pier. The panel was briefed on the proposed redevelopment of Ocean Park, and urged the Administration to provide adequate transport infrastructure to tie in

with the overall planning of tourism and commercial development in the Southern District.

On tourism promotion, the panel was concerned about the work of the Hong Kong Tourism Board and called on the Administration to ensure that an effective mechanism was in place to monitor its expenditure to ensure value for money and safeguard public interest. The panel also reviewed with the Administration and the Travel Industry Council of Hong Kong measures to reduce operational risks and enhance protection for outbound travellers.

Given that the two power companies were earning huge profits over the years and that a majority of the general public had not yet benefited from the recovery of the local economy, the panel passed a motion in December 2004 strongly opposing the respective proposals of CLP Power and Hong Kong Electric Company Limited to stop offering tariff rebates and raise electricity tariff in 2005, and urging the Government to expeditiously launch a consultation exercise on the development of the electricity market in 2008. The panel would continue to discuss with the Administration issues relating to the future development of the electricity market in Hong Kong.

There were allegations that the adjustments of local oil product prices were always quick in going up but slow in coming down. The panel requested the Administration to take heed of any unfair mode of competition that might emerge in

the local oil market, and monitor closely the situation with a view to increasing competition in the oil industries and enhancing the transparency of product prices.

On aviation development, the panel requested the Administration to further examine the feasibility of the shared-use of the proposed Government helipad at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre with commercial operators. The panel also discussed with the Administration and major stakeholders the proposed partial privatization of the Airport Authority.

Facing competition from other ports in the region, the panel asked the Administration to introduce measures to improve inland connectivity and reduce cross-boundary trucking costs so as to capture more cargo source in the region.

Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting

On the policy of and the proposed regulatory framework for Internet Protocol (IP) Telephony, the panel noted the proposed two-class licensing approach, whereby Class 1 IP Telephony service should meet nearly all the conditions applicable to fixed carrier licensees, while Class 2 service would be subject to minimal licensing conditions. Members therefore considered that consumers should be fully apprised of the functions and limitations of the respective class of service. The

panel also examined the proposed licensing framework for the deployment of broadband wireless access. Regarding the proposed spectrum utilization fee (SUF) to be imposed on licensees of second generation (2G) mobile service upon expiry of their existing licences, members were keen to ensure that 2G licensees would not pose unfair competition to third generation (3G) licensees in future when they could provide 3G-like services but paying a SUF much lower than that payable by 3G licensees.

The panel supported the Government's multi-pronged approach to tackle the problem of unsolicited electronic messages and considered the draft framework for the proposed anti-spam legislation. Members raised concern about the extra-territorial nature of spamming and noted that the proposed legislation would prevent Hong Kong from becoming a haven for illicit spammers. In formulating its legislative proposals, the Government was urged to consult widely and to ensure that genuine marketing activities via electronic means and the freedom of expression would not be impeded.

In examining the role of Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK) as a public service broadcaster, some members considered that RTHK should fulfil its public mission by providing a balanced mix of high-quality programmes to cater for the needs of the community, instead of producing programmes which were already popular productions by commercial broadcasters. The

panel was also concerned about the impact of the reduction in annual funding on RTHK's broadcasting services, as well as the proposed reprovisioning of RTHK to a new Broadcasting House. In the wake of comments by top government officials on the role of RTHK in June/July 2005, the panel revisited a number of key issues, in particular the editorial independence of RTHK, the allocation of its resources and its programming policy.

The panel reviewed the overall effectiveness of the Cyberport project in the light of the return on the Government's investment, the extent to which the Cyberport could achieve its intended objective of creating a strategic cluster and critical mass of leading IT companies and the way to put the IT infrastructure to its best use. In response to the Government's newspaper articles published in January 2005, the panel followed up concerns about the decision making process in taking the project forward in 1999 without tendering, as well as the question of collusion, if any, between the Government and the business sector. The panel would continue to monitor the development of the Cyberport periodically.

On various IT-related initiatives, the panel received regular updates on the 2004 Digital 21 Strategy and the E-government programme. The panel also reviewed the findings of the 2004 Surveys on IT Usage and Penetration in the Household and Business Sector, as well as the way forward for the IT Easy Link services.

Panel on Welfare Services

A subcommittee was set up under the panel to review the existing arrangements for the Comprehensive Social Security Allowance (CSSA) Scheme and the Social Security Allowance Scheme. The issues discussed by the subcommittee included social security benefits and other services for needy children in Hong Kong, the Household Expenditure Survey on CSSA households, the seven-year residence requirement for CSSA, review of arrangements for single parent recipients under the CSSA Scheme, and findings of the evaluative study of the intensive employment assistance projects.

Members were particularly concerned about the financial difficulties faced by those elderly persons who did not apply for CSSA for various reasons and had to live on their meagre savings and the Old Age Allowance. Members urged the Government to find more ways to assist these needy elderly persons and to re-consider the setting up of a contributory pay-as-you-go old age pension scheme to ensure that older persons could live a dignified life in their retirement years. Members pointed out that the Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF) scheme could not benefit the current older persons, and did not cover people not in the workforce, such as housewives. For persons of low income, the benefits of MPF were limited.

Members noted that an Expert Panel on Financial Security in Old Age had been formed in July

2004 by the Central Policy Unit to develop a research agenda on financial security in old age. The Expert Panel was expected to come up with initial findings in early 2006.

A subcommittee was set up under the panel to review the strategy and measures for tackling family violence. Members of the subcommittee considered that a central mechanism for handling family violence, child abuse and abuse of elderly persons should be established. Members proposed that a commissioner should be appointed to be the executive arm of this new central body, which should have the power to formulate policies on preventing and tackling family violence and to oversee the full and effective implementation of these policies.

Members were also concerned about the problem of women in poverty. The Government responded that the long-term solution was to enhance the employability and earning power of women of low educational attainment and low skills through the various subsidized education opportunities provided by the Government. Members considered that the approach adopted by the Government to combat the problem was too piecemeal and remedial in nature. Members urged the Government to come up with a comprehensive policy.

The Government consulted the panel on the Social Welfare Department's plan to establish a \$200 million one-off Matching Grant for the

establishment of a Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged. Members expressed concern that the proposed ceiling of 15% of the grants from the Fund for staffing or administrative expenses was too low. Members pointed out that as carrying out welfare initiatives invariably involved staff, and staff costs formed the bulk of non-Government organizations' (NGOs) operating expenses, the proposed ceiling would discourage NGOs from applying for the Fund. To address members' concern, the Government revised its proposal by removing the 15% ceiling before submitting it to the Finance Committee for funding approval.

Panel on Health Services

The Government consulted the panel on its proposed amendments to the Smoking (Public Health) Ordinance. The panel was concerned about enforcement of the legislation and was sceptical whether the Tobacco Control Office would have sufficient manpower to effectively enforce the smoking ban in indoor workplaces and public places. Some members suggested that other law enforcement agencies should assist in enforcement. Staff of other Government departments, such as the Labour Department and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, should also be involved in the enforcement of the smoking ban during their inspection of the relevant indoor workplaces and public places. The Government was also urged to consider introducing a fixed penalty system similar to that for littering offences.



Members of the Panel on Health Services visited Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital to observe the queuing time of patients to obtain a “disc” for medical consultation.

The panel was briefed on the proposed Hospital Authority (HA)-wide Drug Formulary. While members had no objection in principle to the policy of standardization of drugs in all HA hospitals, they expressed concern that the introduction of the Drug Formulary was perceived by many patient groups and members of the public as a cost saving measure to reduce public healthcare expenditure. Some members were worried about the impact on patients, as all along, public hospitals had been providing the same medical treatment to patients suffering from the same illness regardless of their means.

The panel passed a motion at its meeting on 8 March 2005 urging that the cost of non-standard drugs proven to be of significant benefits but

extremely expensive should be fully met by HA without any means testing of the patients, and that an appropriate fee reduction mechanism should be put in place for the benefits of patients receiving non-standard drugs which were outside any existing safety net protection.

The panel was briefed on the Government’s way forward in the development of Chinese medicine clinics in the public sector. Members urged the Government to implement its plan of establishing 18 Chinese medicine clinics in the districts as soon as possible to meet the need of elderly patients.

Members expressed concern about provision of clinical training for Chinese medicine graduates. The Government responded that in both service provision and training of new graduates, the public sector should not be the sole or major player. The private sector would also be encouraged to train new graduates of Chinese medicine, most of whom would practise in the private sector environment on completion of training.

The panel’s views were sought on a number of possible measures under consideration by the Government to address the increasing use of public medical services by non-residents of Hong

Kong. The possible measures included raising the charges for such persons at public hospitals and clinics, introducing a minimum package charge for obstetric admissions, increasing the deposit for hospital admissions; and imposing a surcharge on outstanding fees.

Members considered that the situation of an increasing number of women coming to Hong Kong for childbirth should be controlled at source through joint efforts with the Mainland authorities. The Government should also draw reference from other countries in considering appropriate measures to be adopted.

Members noted that the Government was studying the option of amending the law to allow a public officer to seek the court's agreement to issue a direction to the Director of Immigration to prevent a visitor who had yet to settle his/her medical fees with HA from re-entering Hong Kong. The Government would report to members the viability of such an option upon completion of its study.

Panel on Environmental Affairs

The panel continued to monitor the various strategies adopted in addressing regional air pollution and roadside pollution caused by local vehicles. As regional air pollution was increasingly affected by rapid economic and industrial development in the Pearl River Delta Region, members acknowledged that the problem could not be resolved by the Hong Kong Special

Administrative Region Government alone. To reduce emissions from power plants, the panel considered that the Government should liaise with the two local power companies to work out an economically and environmentally acceptable solution to control emissions from power plants. Consideration should also be given to the early implementation of the proposed emissions trading pilot scheme covering power plants in Hong Kong and Guangdong to reduce emissions from power plants from the regional perspective. Furthermore, efforts should be made to examine the feasibility of introducing renewable energy on a larger scale in Hong Kong. To reduce roadside pollution caused by local vehicles, the panel supported the Government's proposal to implement the Euro IV emissions standards for newly registered light duty vehicles in tandem with the European Union and upgrade the emission standards for diesel private cars to the latest California standards, as well as the legislative proposal to require pre-Euro heavy diesel vehicles to be retrofitted with emission reduction devices.

On sewage treatment, the panel supported the proposed phased implementation of the Harbour Area Treatment Scheme (HATS) Stage 2. In view of the uncertainties about the future population build-up in the harbour area, the high cost and additional land requirement for the biological treatment plant and the water quality to be achieved through the provision of chemical treatment and disinfection for the whole HATS

catchment, members emphasized the need for the Government to ensure that HATS Stage 2 was imperative and the proposed treatment option was the most cost-effective, and that public money was well spent. A total water management strategy should also be put in place.

On waste management, the panel generally supported the financial proposal for the Government to set up the sorting facilities on its own to ensure timely implementation of the construction waste disposal charging scheme. Members, however, expressed concern that the scheme might not be able to curb the problem of illegal disposal of construction and demolition waste on agricultural land by unscrupulous developers/contractors. They therefore considered it necessary for the Government to set out clear guidelines to differentiate between land filling and fly-tipping activities in order to plug

the loophole. As regards municipal solid waste (MSW), members supported the Government's three-pronged waste management strategies to avoid, recycle and reduce waste. In this connection, the panel passed a motion urging the Government to include in parallel in the upcoming strategy document on MSW management a holistic and comprehensive plan, targets and timeframes for measures on waste avoidance and minimization; recovery, recycling and reuse; as well as bulk reduction and disposal of unrecyclable waste. Members also supported the concept of EcoPark to promote the growth of the waste recycling and environmental industry in Hong Kong. They, however, expressed concern about the proposed modus operandi of entrusting the operation and management of EcoPark to an operator through leasing or licensing by way of open tender, lest the operator might tend to recruit major tenants with a view to profiteering, thereby affecting the opportunity of small local recyclers.

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, for 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 2004-2005, 1,012 new cases were received. Of these, 171 were group representations and 841 were cases brought up by individual members of the public. Out of the 1,018 cases dealt with and concluded within the period, Members directly handled 714 cases, which constituted 70.1% of the caseload. Of the remaining 304 cases, 297 were views which were circulated to Members for consideration, and seven were enquiries and simple cases which were handled by Secretariat

staff on behalf of Members. In view of the increased complexity of cases and the increasing awareness of civil rights, the demand on the service, in terms of both quantity and quality, grew considerably. In order to resolve cases expeditiously, Members held 61 case conferences with representatives of the Government. In addition to cases, 2,393 telephone enquiries were handled during the year under review.



Representatives of the Alliance of Western District Residents for the Extension of the West Hong Kong Island Line of the Mass Transit Railway petitioned Members' support for the construction of the MTR's south and west Hong Kong Island lines.



Members met with representatives of the Concerned Group on Drivers' Right to obtain their views on proposed measures to enhance road safety.

Appendix 6 illustrates the nature and outcome of the cases concluded during the period under review. Of the 1,018 cases concluded, assistance was provided to 878 cases (86.2%), while the remaining 140 cases (13.8%) were not pursued, as these were either outside the scope of the redress system, groundless, or incomprehensible. *Appendix 7* is a breakdown of these concluded cases, by nature and by outcome, by the 10 Government policy bureaux/departments which received the largest number of complaints. *Appendix 8* is a breakdown of all concluded cases by Government policy bureaux/departments, independent organizations and others.

ANALYSIS OF SIGNIFICANT CASES DEALT WITH

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

Housing Cases

Housing issues attracted the largest number of cases, totalling 90. They consisted mainly of the views and complaints of individuals on the management and maintenance of public rental housing (PRH) estates, and applications for transfer and compassionate rehousing. Group cases were mainly on the redevelopment of PRH estates, the maintenance of Tenants Purchase Scheme (TPS) estates, applications for external

transfer, and assistance for elderly property owners.



To pursue a complaint case lodged by residents of Block 1 and 4 of Lei Muk Shue Estate about the lack of lift facilities in their buildings, Members conducted a site visit and walked up to the 10th floor to experience the inconvenience of residents, in particular the elderly.



Members examined defects in the ceiling of a flat in the Chuk Yuen North Estate, which were sold to tenants under the Tenants Purchase Scheme in which the authority promised a seven-year structural safety guarantee for its maintenance.

The owners of a TPS estate solicited Members' assistance regarding the maintenance of the estate. They were dissatisfied with the design of grooves on the external walls and the spalling of mosaic tiles from the walls, the presence of scaffolding hooks on the external walls, the exposure of reinforcement at air conditioner hoods, and the absence of fire sleeve pipes on some floors. They requested the Housing Department (HD) to make good the items. Members held a case conference at which the representatives of HD undertook to remove the scaffolding hooks, repair the exposed reinforcement at air conditioner hoods, and install the missing fire sleeve pipes. HD clarified, however, that a seven-year Structural Safety Guarantee was provided for TPS estates and the owners could make use of a Maintenance Fund of \$14,000 per unit for undertaking major repair works, including the spalling of mosaic tiles which resulted mainly from prolonged exposure to sunlight.

A deputation sought Members' assistance in urging the Administration to increase the number of flats for allocation and relax the eligibility criteria for a PRH external transfer exercise. The representatives of HD explained that external transfer exercises were launched to assist needy households to improve their living environment. As housing resources were scarce, only those living in PRH units of less than 8 m² per person were eligible to apply in respect of the exercise concerned. Nevertheless, HD would consider

Members' suggestion for relaxation in future exercises wherever possible.

Home Affairs Related Cases

The Home Affairs Bureau attracted the second largest number of cases, totalling 70. The majority of these cases were views on the proposed legislation against sexual orientation discrimination. These views objected to the proposed legislation on the grounds that the rights of heterosexuals and the established social, moral and family values might be undermined, and homosexual practices would increase public health risks. They called on the Administration to adopt approaches other than legislative ones to tackle the problem of sexual orientation discrimination. The Administration advised that it sought to address discriminatory attitudes through public education and administrative means with a view to fostering in the community a culture of greater objectivity, tolerance and mutual respect. A Sexual Minorities Forum had been organized and a Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation Unit had been established to promote equal opportunities for persons of different sexual orientation and transgender persons. The Administration would also conduct a survey on public attitudes towards these issues.

Planning Cases

The Planning Department attracted the third largest number of cases, totalling 55. All cases brought up by individuals and two deputations

were related to a hotel application in Wan Chai. While some were in support of the application, others were concerned about the impact which the project would have on the environment and traffic in the area. As the case involved a significant portion of Government land as well as the procedures undertaken by Government departments in the handling of planning and land exchange applications and the related consultation, Members convened several case conferences, internal meetings and one site visit to follow up the matter. Members subsequently conveyed their concerns on the above issues to the Administration and the Town Planning Board for consideration.



Following on a complaint by Wan Chai residents about the proposed Mega Tower Hotel project, Members conducted a site visit to better understand the development's environmental impact on adjacent areas.

Social Welfare Cases

The fourth largest number of cases, totalling 54, was on social welfare issues. These were mostly views on the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme (CSSA) and social welfare services, and requests for assistance in applications for CSSA. In connection with the reduction of the rates of CSSA in October 2004, some voiced objection and requested reinstatement of the rates to the previous level. Others were, however, supportive of the reduction as it would alleviate the problem of fiscal deficit of the Government.

Health Related Cases

The Health, Welfare and Food Bureau attracted the fifth largest number of cases, totalling 45. The majority of cases were views on the proposed increase in fees and charges for hospital and public health care services. Many were concerned about the new charges for accident and emergency services and considered that these should not be beyond public affordability. The Administration clarified that there was as yet no final decision on the proposed charges but the aim would be to bring accident and emergency charges closer to charges by private medical practitioners so that non-urgent patients could be encouraged to seek consultation by family doctors.

A group of chefs and cooks of the Hospital Authority (HA) sought assistance regarding the proposed contracting out of meal services for patients. The deputation objected to the proposal

as it would affect their job security. They also cast doubt on its cost-effectiveness and its impact on the special needs of patients. Members held two case conferences with the Health, Welfare and Food Bureau and HA to follow up the case. HA explained that the provision of meal services through public-private partnership would improve the standard of food services for patients as it would take advantage of the technology know-how and professional knowledge of the private sector, and achieve greater cost-effectiveness and operational efficiency. HA stressed that stringent criteria would be drawn up for the selection of contractors. As regards the impact on staff, HA advised that the project would be implemented on a pilot basis in the New Territories West and Kowloon Central clusters and assured Members that options would be offered to staff, including transfer to hospitals not covered by the project and a Voluntary Early Retirement Programme. Members urged HA to ensure that the vetting of the contractors would be fair and equitable and the target for implementing the project would be met. Members also emphasized the need for early and effective communication with staff and suitable staffing arrangements.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT CASES

Retrofitting of Noise Barriers

The problem of noise nuisance caused by noisy roads and flyovers is a common phenomenon in Hong Kong and was the subject of a number of complaints handled under the redress system. Many affected residents and District Councils

concerned requested the provision of noise barriers to alleviate the problem, and Members convened a series of case conferences to follow up on these complaints. Members shared the concern of the complainants and saw a need for the Administration to tackle the problem positively by adopting noise mitigating measures such as noise barriers, low noise surfacing material for roads, double-glazed windows and air-conditioning, etc. Members also reminded the Administration to consider the design and choice of materials for the noise barriers to ensure the acceptability of their visual impact by the public. In response, the Administration explained that the provision of noise barriers was subject to their technical feasibility and cost-effectiveness, but the provision of double-glazed windows and air-conditioning was not in accordance with the prevailing policy. Members ultimately succeeded in persuading the Administration to install a noise barrier along Tseung Kwan O Road and to provide other noise mitigating measures in a number of complaint cases. However, Members were dissatisfied that many residents had to continue to put up with such nuisance and the problem remained largely unresolved, and decided to refer this policy issue to the relevant panel for perusal.

Pre-sale of Uncompleted Residential Flats

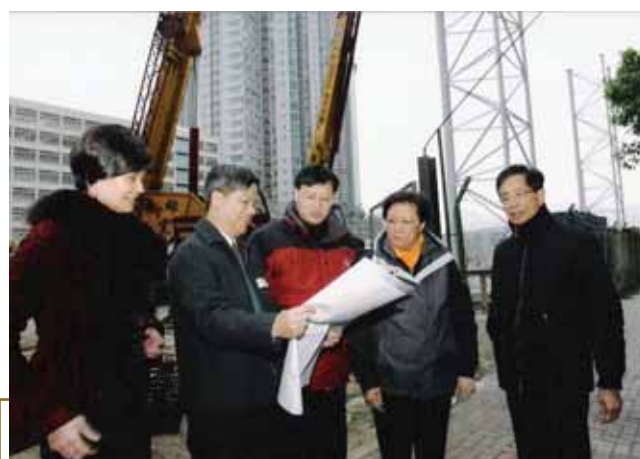
Some deputations comprising purchasers of uncompleted residential flats sought Members' assistance on the pre-sale of such flats under the Consent Scheme. They contended that in the event of delay in the completion of such flats, the developer could not be held responsible for any

loss incurred by the purchasers, as the date for completion of the sale and purchase was not specified in the Agreement for Sale and Purchase. Moreover, notwithstanding the existing provision in the Agreement for the purchasers to rescind the Agreement upon the developer's failure to complete the development at a specified date, the purchasers could hardly exercise the right, as they were not informed of the construction progress. As such, the deputations requested revising the Consent Scheme to afford greater protection to purchasers. Members followed up the deputations' concerns with the Administration at a case conference. The Administration acknowledged that there was room for improvement in the existing arrangements under the Consent Scheme, and undertook to consider further improvements with a view to protecting the interest of the purchasers.

Construction of Golf Driving Range

Pursuant to the award of a short term tenancy on a piece of Government land in Sai Wan Ho as a golf driving range, residents of an adjacent residential development approached Members for assistance. They were dissatisfied with a loss of view of the waterfront as a result of blockage by the safety nets as well as related problems of safety, noise and lighting. Members conducted a

site visit and a meeting with officials from the relevant Government departments. Members noted that golfing had gained popularity in Hong Kong. However, given that other golf driving ranges in the urban area were at least 40 metres away from the nearest residence but the distance of the one in question was only 12.7 metres, Members requested the Lands Department to review its policy on the award of short term tenancies for golf driving ranges in future and ensure that affected parties and relevant District Councils would be duly consulted. For the case in question, Lands Department would pursue with the operator the possibility of relocating the golf driving range and setting back the safety nets to 36 metres away from the residential development. At Members' request, the Lands Department also undertook to liaise with the operator to ensure that nuisance to residents would be minimized.



Following on a complaint by local residents, Members conducted a site visit to discover how the operations of the proposed Golf Driving Range on Tai On Street, Shau Kei Wan, will affect residents' daily lives.

Allocation of New School Premises

A number of cases handled under the redress system were related to the allocation of new school premises. The representatives from three primary schools were dissatisfied that the allocation of new school premises to them for the implementation of whole-day primary schooling was suspended due to the South East Kowloon Development Review. Members urged the Administration to identify replacement sites and, given that the allocation process for the three schools concerned had already been completed at the time when the Administration decided to grant them the new school premises in South East Kowloon, requested the Administration to allocate replacement sites to the school sponsors for their choice on a “first right of refusal” basis as the three schools should be accorded priority over other schools. The Administration subsequently identified five replacement sites in Kowloon the three primary schools decided on their respective choices. The Administration would proceed with seeking necessary funding resources.

The management of a secondary school in Tsim Sha Tsui sought assistance regarding the

allocation of an adjacent piece of vacant Government land for the construction of additional school facilities, as its existing premises fell significantly short of that for a standard school. Members held two case conferences with nine relevant Government departments to pursue the request, and obtained the Administration’s co-operation in resolving a number of issues, including the use of the adjacent Emergency Vehicular Access, the construction of a footpath and related traffic arrangements. The Administration agreed in principle to the allocation of the site, and the Education and Manpower Bureau undertook to seek the necessary funding and sort out the remaining technicalities with the school management concerned.

Boarding Places for Disabled Children

A group of parents of disabled children living in the New Territories sought Members’ assistance for increasing the number of boarding places in schools for children with physical disability. They were dissatisfied that only two out of the seven subvented special schools, which were in Kowloon and Hong Kong Island respectively, provided boarding places for children who had

long-term boarding needs. They requested the Administration to provide boarding places in other special schools to cater for both the short-term and long-term boarding needs of these children. At the case conference, the Administration explained that the sponsoring bodies of some special schools with boarding sections in the New Territories had in principle agreed to render assistance to meet their temporary boarding needs. In addition, a voluntary agency had submitted proposals for implementing a pilot project for operating a self-financed and small-scale boarding section in a special school in Shatin. Members urged the Administration to provide all possible assistance to facilitate the implementation of the project on the one hand, and on the other invited the

deputation to inform Members of individual cases which warranted assistance for referral to the Administration for follow up. The Administration subsequently approved the pilot project proposed by the agency.



Members received a briefing by The Ombudsman, Ms Alice TAI, on the work of her office.

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, and for considering proposals for setting up friendship groups with such organizations. It makes recommendations to the House Committee on such matters. The membership of the subcommittee is in *Appendix 5*.

LUNCHEONS WITH CONSULS-GENERAL



During a luncheon with Consuls-General stationed in Hong Kong, (photo above) Hon Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai (left) and Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming (centre) conversed with Mr Camilo ALONSO-VEGA, Consul-General of Spain; (photo below) Hon CHOY So-yuk exchanged views with Mr Istvan DARVASI, Consul-General of Hungary, during the pre-luncheon reception.

To enhance contacts between Members and the diplomatic community in Hong Kong, luncheons were organized to provide opportunities for Members to make acquaintance and exchange views with consular officials on the work of the Council as well as matters of mutual concern. Between October 2004 and September 2005, three such luncheons were held, which were attended by a total of 44 consular officials.

CONTACT WITH DISTRICT COUNCILS

Members hold on a roster basis regular meetings with the District Councils to exchange views on matters or issues of mutual interest. Each meeting is followed by a luncheon attended by members of the District Council concerned, the President and Members. Policy issues 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 Government. During the 2004-2005 session, 18 meetings were held with District Councils.

CONTACT WITH HEUNG YEE KUK

Members also hold regular meetings with Councillors of Heung Yee Kuk to exchange views on matters or issues of mutual concern. During the 2004-2005 session, one meeting between Members and Heung Yee Kuk Councillors was held on 25 January 2005. The Chairman of the House Committee presided at the meeting. Policy issues raised at the meeting were referred

to the relevant panels and the Government for follow-up.



Members met with Heung Yee Kuk councillors to discuss a number of issues, among them the impact on land owners of the Town Planning Ordinance and the newly-inaugurated Nature Conservation Policy.

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 Government and by consuls-general and tertiary institutions in Hong Kong. During the 2004-2005 session, a total of 128 meetings were held with visitors to brief them on the work of the Council and the latest developments in Hong Kong. These visitors included members of legislatures, political and business leaders, government officials and prominent persons from various territories.



A delegation from the Russian Federation's State Duma visited the Legislative Council and met with Members to discuss issues of mutual interest.



Members met with a delegation led by Mr Laszlo MANDUR, Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Hungary.



House Committee Chairman Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee presented a commemorative souvenir to a delegation from the Parliament of Sweden.



(Above) A delegation from the Parliament of Ireland met with Members to exchange views on issues of mutual interest before paying a courtesy call on Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai, President of the Legislative Council. (Below) Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai posed with the delegation leaders Dr Rory O'HANLON (right), Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Senator Rory KIELY, Speaker of the Senate.

Mr Jose Manuel BARROSO (fourth from left in the photo above), President of the European Commission, met with Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai, before holding a meeting with other Members.



THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL COMMISSION

The Legislative Council (LegCo) Commission is a statutory body established under The Legislative Council Commission Ordinance (Cap. 443). Chaired by the President of the Council and comprising nine other Members (as provided in the Ordinance, the Commission can have not more than 13 members, including the Chairman), 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 and one subcommittee under the Commission to carry

out specific delegated functions. Membership of the Commission, its committees and subcommittee, 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 directly appointed by the Commission. As at 30 September 2005, there was an establishment of 309 posts in the Secretariat. The organization chart is shown in *Appendix 10*.

Appendix 1

Composition of the Legislative Council

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PRESIDENT

Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai, GBS, JP
(Hong Kong Island)

MEMBERS

FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES

Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, S.B.St.J., JP
(Engineering)

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

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

Hon Margaret NG
(Legal)

Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong
(Education)

Hon Bernard CHAN, JP
(Insurance)

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

Hon SIN Chung-kai, JP
(Information Technology)

Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, GBS
(Commercial - Second)

Hon WONG Yung-kan, JP
(Agriculture and Fisheries)

Hon Howard YOUNG, SBS, JP
(Tourism)

Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBM, GBS, JP
(District Council)

Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee, GBS, JP
(Transport)

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

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

Hon LI Fung-ying, BBS, JP
(Labour)

Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP
(Catering)

Hon Vincent FANG Kang, JP
(Wholesale and Retail)

Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH
(Labour)

Dr Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long
(Health Services)

Hon Daniel LAM Wai-keung, BBS, JP
(Heung Yee Kuk)

Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, SBS, JP
(Commercial - First)

Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, SBS, JP
(Industrial - First)

Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki
(Medical)

Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung
(Social Welfare)

Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS
(Import and Export)

Hon CHIM Pui-chung
(Financial Services)

Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS, JP
(Architectural, Surveying and Planning)

Hon KWONG Chi-kin
(Labour)

Hon TAM Heung-man
(Accountancy)

GEOGRAPHICAL CONSTITUENCIES

Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, GBS, JP
(New Territories East)

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 Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye, GBS, JP
(New Territories West)

Hon James TO Kun-sun
(Kowloon West)

Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP
(Kowloon East)

Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP
(Kowloon East)

Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
(New Territories West)

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

Dr Hon YEUNG Sum
(Hong Kong Island)

Hon LAU Chin-shek, JP
(Kowloon West)

Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP
(New Territories East)

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

Hon CHOY So-yuk, JP
(Hong Kong Island)

Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
(New Territories East)

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

Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
(New Territories West)

Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, JP
(Kowloon West)

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

Hon LEE Wing-tat
(New Territories West)

Hon LI Kwok-ying, MH
(New Territories East)

Hon MA Lik, GBS, JP
(Hong Kong Island)

Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC
(Kowloon East)

Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
(New Territories East)

Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming, SBS, JP
(New Territories West)

Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC
(New Territories East)

Hon Albert Jinghan CHENG
(Kowloon East)

Appendix 2

Members' Biographies

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Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai, GBS, JP

President of the Legislative Council

Date of Birth : 20 September 1945

Education and Professional Qualifications :

- Honorary Doctor Degree, China University of Political Science and Law, People's Republic of China (2003)
- Master of Social Science (in Psychology), The University of Hong Kong (1970-1973)
- Certificate in Personnel Management, The University of Hong Kong (1969-1971)
- Bachelor of Science (in Chemistry and Physics), The University of Hong Kong (1964-1967)
- St. Stephen's Girls' College, Hong Kong (1952-1964)

Occupation :

Full-time Legislator

Public Service :

Present Service

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

Past Service

- President of the Second Legislative Council (2000-2004)
- President of the First Legislative Council (1998-2000)
- President of the Provisional Legislative Council (1997-1998)

- Hong Kong Deputy to the Ninth National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China (1998-2003)

- Member of the Preparatory Committee for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1995-1997)

- Member of the Preliminary Working Committee for the Preparatory Committee for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1993-1995)

- Member of the Executive Council (1989-1992)

- Member of the Legislative Council (1983-1992)

- Chairman of the Education Commission (1990-1992)

- Chairman of the Board of Education (1986-1989)

Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye, GBS, JP

President's Deputy

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, House Committee, Legislative Council
- Chairman, Panel on Transport, Legislative Council (1998-2003)
- Chairman, Committee on Members' Interests, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-1998)
- Chairman, Panel on Transport, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-1998)
- Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-1998)
- Chairman, Committee on Members' Interests, Legislative Council (1995-1997)
- Chairman, Panel on Transport, Legislative Council (1991-1997)
- Member, Legislative Council (1988-1997) (Transport and Communication Constituency 1995-1997)
- Member, Selection Committee for the First Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

- Chairman, Security and Guarding Services Industry Authority (1995-2005)
- Chairman, Standing Committee on Disciplined Services Salaries and Conditions of Service (1991-2000)
- Chairman, Correctional Services Children's Education Trust Committee (1990-1999)
- Member, Fight Crime Committee (1989-2001)
- Member, The Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong (1990-1996)
- Chairman, Subcommittee on Guardianship and Custody of The Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong
- Member, Regional Council (1986-1991)
- Member, Hospital Governing Committee, Kowloon Hospital (1993-2001)
- Member, Hong Kong Maritime Industry Council
- Member, Hong Kong Port Development Council
- Chairman, Port Development Advisory Group
- Member, Hong Kong Logistics Development Council
- Shepherd, S-Logistics Project Group
- Council Member, Hong Kong Baptist University
- External Board Member of International Centre for Maritime Studies, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

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, Economic and Employment Council
- Member, Commission on Poverty

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
- Advisor, Heung Yee Kuk New Territories
- Honorary President, New Territories General Chamber of Commerce
- Court Member, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- Member, Council of The Chinese University of Hong Kong

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 :

- Chairman, Panel on Housing, Legislative Council (2003-2004)
- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Housing, Legislative Council (2000 - 2001)
- Member, Tuen Mun District Council (2000 - present)
- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Home Affairs, Legislative Council (1998-2000)
- Chairman, Panel on Home Affairs, Legislative Council (1995-1997)
- Member, Provisional Regional Council (7/1997 - 12/1999)
- Member, Regional Council (1995 - 6/1997)
- Elected Member, Legislative Council (1995 - 6/1997)

Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, S.B.St.J., JP

Date of Birth : 23 March 1939

Education and Professional Qualifications :

- Ph.D., City University of London, UK (1968-1971)
- P.D.S.E., University of Manchester, UK (1963-1964)
- B.Sc. (Eng.), The University of Hong Kong (1963)
- Honorary Doctor of Laws, Hon. LLD, University of Manchester, UK (2001)
- Honorary Doctor of Business Administration, Hon. DBA, City University of Hong Kong (1999)
- Authorized Person (Building Ordinance)
- Registered Structural Engineer (Building Ordinance)
- Registered Professional Engineer (Building, Civil, Environmental, Geotechnical, Structural)
- Honorary Fellow & Past President (1987-1988), The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (Disciplines: - Building, Civil, Environmental, Geotechnical, Structural)
- Fellow, Institution of Civil Engineers, U.K.
- Fellow, Former Vice President (1989-1990) & International Representative (Asia-Pacific Region), Institution of Structural Engineers, U.K.
- Former Council Member (1984-1987) and Registered Principal, The Association of Consulting Engineers of Hong Kong
- Fellow, The Hong Kong Academy of Engineering Sciences
- Honorary Advisor and Honorary Fellow, The Chartered Institute of Building
- Fellow & Past President (1989-1990), The Hong Kong Association for the Advancement of Science and Technology

- Fellow & Honorary Adviser, The Hong Kong Institute of Real Estate Administration
- Honorary Fellow, The Hong Kong Institute of Facility Management
- Founder Member & Fellow, Hong Kong Institution of Highways and Transportation
- Honorary Advisor & Honorary Fellow, The Hong Kong Institute of Utility Surveyors

Occupation :

Engineer

Public Service :

Present Service :

- Non-official Justice of the Peace
- Member, Election Council for Hong Kong Deputies to the Tenth National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China (2002-2007)
- Chairman, Association of Engineering Professionals in Society
- Advisory Professor, Shanghai Tongji University (Since 1991)
- Chairman (Since 02/2005) and Vice Chairman (1988-02/2005), Guangdong Daya Bay Nuclear Plant / Ling Ao Nuclear Plant Safety Consultative Committee
- Member, Gas Safety Advisory Committee (1997-2005)

Past Service

- Member, Second Legislative Council (Engineering Functional Constituency) (2000-2004)
- Member, First Legislative Council (Engineering Functional Constituency) (1998-2000)
- Chairman, Public Works Subcommittee, Second Legislative Council (2000-2004)
- Deputy Chairman, Public Works Subcommittee, First Legislative Council (1998-2000)
- Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-1998)

- Deputy Chairman, Public Works Subcommittee, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-1998)
- Member, Selection Committee for the First Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1996-2002)
- Ex-officio Member, Election Committee for the Second Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (2000-2004)
- Ex-officio Member, Election Committee for the First Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1998-2000)
- 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 (1998-1999)
- Member, Select Committee on Building Problems of Public Housing Units, Legislative Council (2000-2004)
- President, Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (1987-1988)
- Member, Basic Law Consultative Committee (Representing Engineers) (1985-1990)
- Hong Kong Affairs Adviser (1994-1997)
- Member, Election Council for Hong Kong Deputies to the Ninth National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China (1997-2002)
- Council Chairman, City University of Hong Kong / Former City Polytechnic of Hong Kong (1992-1994)
- Chairman, Transport Advisory Committee (1995-1997)
- Member, Industry and Technology Development Council (ITDC) (1992-1994)
- Chairman, Hong Kong Technology Committee of the ITDC (1992-1994)
- Member, Planning Committee on Academic Awards (1986-1987), Vice Chairman, Provisional Hong Kong Council for Academic Accreditation (1987-1990) & Vice Chairman & Chairman of Executive Committee, Hong Kong Council for Academic Accreditation (1990-1991)
- Member, Consultative Committee on the New Airport and Related Projects (1991-1998)
- Council Member, Vocational Training Council (1993-1998)
- Member (1988-1995) & Chairman of Finance Committee, Occupational Safety and Health Council
- Member (1981-1993) & Chairman of Finance Committee (1983-1993), Construction Industry Training Authority
- Member, Advisory Group on Road Openings (2001-2002)

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 (1995-1997)
(1998 - present)
- 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 (1992-1994)
- Organizer, Kwun Tong Occupational Health Centre (1978-1980)
- Executive Secretary, Hong Kong Christian Industrial Committee (1980-1990)
- Committee Member, Employees Retraining Board (1995-2005)
- Committee Member, Construction Advisory Board (1996 - 3/1999)
- Committee Member, Committee on Occupational Safety and Health, Labour Advisory Board (2/1999 - 2005)

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
- Senior Counsel

Occupation :

Barrister-at-law

Public Service :

- Legal Adviser, Hong Kong Medical Association
- Member, Democratic Party
- Member, Hong Kong Bar Association
- Legal Adviser, Federation of Civil Service Unions
- Member of the Board of Reference, Christian Solidarity Worldwide Hong Kong
- Honorary Legal Adviser, The Wong Tai Sin Community Health Promotion Association
- Honorary Legal Adviser, Arts Association, Hong Kong University Students' Union

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
- Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut
- Fellow, Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Fellow, The Hong Kong Institute of Bankers
- Fellow, The Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants

Occupation :

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

Public Service :

Present Service

- 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
- 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
- Chairman, the Advisory Board of The Salvation Army, Hong Kong and Macau Command
- Chairman, East Asian History of Science Foundation
- Life Patron, The Hong Kong Ballet
- Patron, Festival Fringe
- Vice Patron, The Community Chest of Hong Kong
- Honorary Patron, Mandarin Golf and Country Club
- Honorary Patron, Sincere Charitable Foundation
- Governor, Asian Institute of Management
- Pro-Chancellor, The University of Hong Kong
- Member, Hong Kong Red Cross Advisory Council
- Member, Pacific Rim Bankers Program Advisory Board
- Member, Council of Governors, Society for the Promotion of Hospice Care
- Trustee, University Graduates Association Scholarship Fund
- Emeritus Trustee, the Cambridge Foundation
- Trustee, Cambridge Overseas Trust

- Trustee, Board of Trustees, American Graduate School of International Management (Thunderbird)
- Founder Member, Friends of The Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race
- Member, The Asia Society International Council
- Member, A Commission on a New Asia
- Unofficial Justice of the Peace
- Honorary Member, The Hong Kong Aviation Club
- Honorary Adviser, Hong Kong Arts Festival Society Limited
- Member, American Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong
- Honorary Adviser, Overseas Graduates Association
- Member, SEI Center for Advanced Studies in Management Board, The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania
- Fellow, McKinsey Global Institute
- First Honorary Chairman, Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce in China
- Chairman, The International Chamber of Commerce – Hong Kong, China
- Non-Executive Chairman, Edelman Asia Pacific
- Member, The Asia Society Hong Kong Centre Advisory Committee
- Member, International Advisory Boards of Carlos P. Romulo Foundation for Peace and Development
- Member, Daimler Chrysler International Advisory Board
- Member, Federal Reserve Bank of New York's International Advisory Committee
- Member, Komatsu International Advisory Board
- Member, Lafarge International Advisory Board
- Member, Scripps International Network Advisory Board
- Member, Sirocco Aerospace International, SAE International Advisory Board
- Senior Adviser, Metrobank
- Senior Member of The Conference Board, Inc
- Member of the Advisory Council to the Australian International School Board
- Member, Advisory Board of Capital Magazine
- Non-Executive Director, AviChina Industry & Technology Company Limited
- Non-Executive Director, China Merchants China Direct Investments Limited
- Non-Executive Director, China Overseas Land & Investment Limited
- Non-Executive Director, COSCO Pacific Limited
- Director, Dow Jones & Company, Inc
- Non-Executive Director, Guangdong Investment Limited
- Non-Executive Director, Henderson Cyber Limited
- Director, Hong Kong Interbank Clearing Limited
- Director, HKICL Services Limited
- Director, Hong Kong Mortgage Corporation
- Non-Executive Director, The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited
- Non-Executive Director, The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels Limited
- Non-Executive Director, PCCW Limited
- Non-Executive Director, San Miguel Brewery Hong Kong Limited
- Non-Executive Director, SCMP Group Limited
- Non-Executive Director, Sime Darby Berhad
- Non-Executive Director, Vitasoy International Holdings Limited
- Director, St Joseph's College Foundation Limited

Past Service

- Hong Kong Affairs Adviser
- Member, Preparatory Committee for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1995-1997)
- Vice-Chairman, Basic Law Drafting Committee (1985-1990)
- Member, Preliminary Working Committee, Preparatory Committee for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1993-1995)
- Member, Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong (1982-1985)
- Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-1998)
- Member, Legislative Council (Functional Constituency - Finance) (1985-1997)
- Chairman, Banking Training Board of the Vocational Training Council (1985-1993)
- Member, Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation Managing Board (1982-1991)
- Chairman, Hong Kong Festival Fringe (1982-1986)
- Chairman, Appointments Board of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (1986-1987)
- Honorary Adviser, Japan Airlines Hong Kong Office (1991-1992)
- Governor, the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong (1990-1991)
- Member, Hong Kong Institutes of Biotechnology, (Board of Overseers) (1989-1995)
- Member, Jardine Fleming Asian Property Company Advisory Council (1989-2000)
- The Community Chest of Hong Kong
 - Member, Admissions, Budget and Allocations Committee (1977-1979)
 - Deputy Chairman, Admissions, Budget and Allocations Committee (1979-1981)
 - Fourth Vice President and Chairman of Admissions, Budget and Allocations Committee, and Executive Committee Member (1981-1983)
 - First Vice President and Chairman of the Executive Committee (1983-1985)
 - Board Member (1981-1987)
- The Hong Kong Ballet
 - Chairman, Board of Governors (1987-1992)
 - Vice Patron (1992-1996)
- Chairman, Advisory Committee on Graduate Employment of Hong Kong Polytechnic (1983-1985)
- Chairman, Hong Kong Polytechnic Advisory Committee on Business and Management Studies (1989-1993)
- 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 (1986-1997)
- Member, Bank Austria International Advisory Board (1992-1998)
- Member, Bank of Montreal International Advisory Council (1992-1998)
- Member, Rolls-Royce South East Asia Advisory Board
- Member, Advisory Committee of ING Beijing Investment Company Limited
- Senior Member of The Conference Board, Inc (2001-2004)

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 (2000-present)
- Chairman, Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene, Legislative Council (2000-present)
- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Economic Services, Legislative Council (1998-2000)
- Deputy Chairman, Public Accounts Committee, Legislative Council (1998-2000)
- Member, Legislative Council (1991-1997)
- Chairman, Panel on Welfare Services, Legislative Council (1994-1997)
- Member, Urban Council (1991-1997)
- Member, Kwun Tong District Board (1985-1994)
- Member, Executive Committee, Democratic Party (1994-2000)
- Member, Urban Renewal Authority (2001 - present)
- Member, Court and Council, Hong Kong Baptist University (1991-2000)
- Member, Estate Agents Authority (1997-2000)
- Member, Queen Elizabeth Foundation for the Mentally Handicapped (1997-2003)

- Member, Advisory Board, Tung Wah Group of Hospitals (1991-1997)
- Member, Advisory Committee on Corruption (1996-2001)
- Director, AIDS Concern (1998-2002)
- Member, Provisional Urban Council (1997-1999)
- Director, Senior Citizen Home Safety Association (1997 - present)
- Member, ICAC Complaints Committee (2002 - present)
- Member, Investor Education Advisory Committee, The Securities and Futures Commission (2004-2005)
- Member, Action Committee Against Narcotics (2005-2006)
- Member, Hong Kong Housing Authority (2005-2007)

Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah, SBS, JP

Date of Birth : 4 April 1938

Education and Professional Qualifications :

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

Occupation :

Businessman

Public Service :

- Chairman, Panel on Constitutional Affairs, Legislative Council
- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Economic Services, Legislative Council (2000-2004)
- Member, Economic and Employment Council
- Standing Committee Member, The Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong
- Honorary Chairman, The Hong Kong Electronics Industries Association
- Advisor, Hong Kong International Arbitration Center
- Member, Trade and Industry 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
- Standing Committee Member, Shandong Political Consultative Congress
- Vice President, Shandong Province General Chamber of Commerce
- Council Member, China Overseas Friendship Association

- Council Member, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- Advisory Professor, The Shandong University
- Director, Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority
- Chairman, Hong Kong Shandong Business Association
- Vice Chairman, Independent Police Complaints Council
- Member, Guangdong Daya Bay Nuclear Power Station and Ling Ao Nuclear Power Station Nuclear Safety Advisory Board

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 (1995-1997) (1998 - present)
- Deputy Chairman, Committee on Rules of Procedure, Legislative Council (1998 - present)
- Vice Chairman, Justice, Hong Kong Section of the International Commission of Jurists (1999 - present)
- Honorary President, The Prisoners' Friends' Association (2004 - present)
- Member, Operations Review Committee, Independent Commission Against Corruption (1996-2003)
- Member, Panel of Lay Assessors (1979-1981)
- Member, Shatin District Advisory Board (1980-1981)
- Member, Shatin District Board (1981-1982)
- Member, Management and Operations Committee, Hong Kong Housing Authority (1980-1983)
- Member, Citizen's Advisory Committee on Community Relations, Independent Commission Against Corruption (1981-1983)
- Member, Executive Council of The Hong Kong Council of Social Service (1984-1985)
- Adjudicator, Obscene Articles Tribunal (1987-1988)
- Member, Public Relations Committee for The Community Chest of Hong Kong (1989-1990)
- Part-time Member, Central Policy Unit (1989-1990) (1991-1992)
- Member, Standing Committee on Language Education and Research (1996)
- Member, Town Planning Appeal Board

Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye, GBS

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

- Member, Aviation Development Advisory Committee (8/2005 - present)
- Member, National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (3/2005 - present)
- Member, The Greater Pearl River Delta Business Council (3/2004 - present)
- Non-official Member, Executive Council (9/2003 - present)
- Hon. Advisor, "Quality Tourism Services" Association Governing Council (2003 - present)
- Chairman, "Quality Tourism Services" Committee (6/2003 - present)
- Chairman, Hong Kong Intellectual Property Society (6/2003 - present)
- Vice Chairman, Board of Governors, Hong Kong Design Centre (2000 - present)
- Chairman, Hong Kong Tourism Board (4/2000 - present)
- Member, Hong Kong Trade Development Council (4/2000 - present)

- Member, Film Development Fund Advisory Committee (1999 - present)
- Deputy Chairman, Liberal Party (1999 - present)
- Member, Central Committee, Liberal Party (1992 - present)
- Member, Film Services Advisory Committee (1998 - present)
- Patron, Lok Chi Society (1985 - present)
- Hon. Advisor, Against Child Abuse (1981 - present)

Past Service

- Hon. Advisor, Retail Management Association (1996 - 2004)
- Member, Legislative Council "Functional Constituency - Wholesale and Retail" (1995-2004)
- Member, "Quality Tourism Services" Council (2000-2003)
- Vice Patron, "Quality Tourism Services" Scheme (2000-2003)
- Chairman, House Committee, Legislative Council (10/2000 - 10/2003)
- Board Member, Hong Kong Tourist Association (1999-2000)
- Member, Small and Medium Enterprises Committee (1996-2000)
- Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-1998)
- Hon. Advisor, Association of Better Business & Tourism Services (1995-2003)
- Chairman, Central Committee, Liberal Party (1992-1995)
- Appointed Member, Executive Council (1991-1992)
- Member, Education Commission (1990-1992)
- Member, Advisory Committee on Corruption, Independent Commission Against Corruption (1986-1988)

- Member, Hong Kong Housing Authority (1986-1988)
- Chairman, International Youth Year Central Co-Ordinating Committee (1985)
- Member, Council of the Hong Kong Academy for the Performing Arts (1984-1988)
- Chairman, Consumer Council (1984-1988)
- Council Member, Family Planning Association of Hong Kong (1984-1985)
- Member, Council for the Performing Arts (1982-1986)
- District Board Member (Mongkok) (1982-1984)
- Executive Committee Member, Hong Kong Housing Society (1981-1984)
- Member, Law Reform Commission (1980-1984)
- Appointed Member, Urban Council (1980-1984)
- Member, Central Fight Crime Committee (1976-1981)
- President, Zonta Club of Hong Kong (1976-1977)
- Member, Citizens Advisory Committee on Community Relations, Independent Commission Against Corruption (1975)
- Board Member, Airport Authority Hong Kong (1999-2005)

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 :

- Chairman, Panel on Security, Legislative Council (1998-2000, 2001-2002, 2003 - present)
- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Security, Legislative Council (2000-2001, 2002-2003)
- Member, Legislative Council (1991-1997)
- Elected Member, Sham Shui Po District Board (1991-1994)
- Elected Member, Yau Tsim Mong District Council (1999 - present)
- Member, Fight Crime Committee (1992-2003)
- Member, Yau Tsim Mong Fight Crime Committee (2004 - present)
- Member, Action Committee Against Narcotics (1994-2003)
- 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 (1990-1995)
- Founding Member, Democratic Party (1995 - present)

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 (1991-1997) (1998 - 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, Education Commission (1993 - 6/2005)

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 :

- Chairman, Panel on Welfare Services, Legislative Council (2001-2002, 2003 - present)
- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Welfare Services, Legislative Council (2000-2001, 2002-2003)
- Chairman, Panel on Welfare Services, Legislative Council (1998-2000)
- Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-1998)
- Chairman, Panel on Housing, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-1998)
- Member, Legislative Council (1995-1997)
- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Manpower, Legislative Council (1995-1997)
- Vice-Chairman, The Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions (1994 - present)
- Chairman, Hong Kong Department Stores and Commercial Staff General Union
- Member, Standing Committee, Democratic Alliance for Betterment of Hong Kong (1992-2005)

- Director, Education Advancement Society for Workers in Hong Kong and Kowloon
- Hong Kong Affairs Adviser (1994-1997)
- Executive Member, All-China Women's Federation (2005 – present)
- Member, Eastern District Board (1988-1991)
- Member, Selection Committee for the First Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- Member, Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Advisory Committee (1998 – 3/2005)
- Member, Hong Kong Productivity Council (1994-1995)
- 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
- Member, Disaster Relief Fund Advisory Committee (11/2000 – 4/2004)
- Member, Citizens Advisory Committee on Community Relations (1/2003 – present)
- Member, Mongkok Workers' Children School Management Committee (8/2004 – present)
- Supervisor, Mongkok Workers' Children School (11/2004 – present)
- Member, Management Board of the Hong Kong College of Technology (10/2002 – present)

Hon Bernard CHAN, JP

Date of Birth : 11 January 1965

Education and Professional Qualifications :

Bachelor of Arts, Pomona College, California, USA

Occupation :

President, Asia Financial Group
President, Asia Insurance Co. Ltd.

Public Service :

Industry Service

- Member, Insurance Advisory Committee

Community Service

- Member, Executive Council
- Chairperson, The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
- Chairman, Hong Kong – Thailand Business Council
- Chairman, Standing Committee on Disciplined Services Salaries and Conditions of Service
- Deputy Chairman, Lingnan University
- Member, Greater Pearl River Delta Business Council
- Member, Committee on Financial Assistant for Family Members of Those Who Sacrifice Their Lives to Save Others
- Vice Chairman, Oxfam Hong Kong

Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP

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 (2000-2001, 2002-2003, 2004-2005)
- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Housing, Legislative Council (2001-2002, 2003-2004)
- Deputy Chairman, Finance Committee, Legislative Council (1998-2000, 2004-2005)
- Member, Hong Kong Housing Authority
- Board Member, Urban Renewal Authority
- Director, The Hong Kong Mortgage Corporation Ltd
- Member, Economic and Employment Council
- Member, Kwun Tong District Council
- Central and Standing Committee Member, Democratic Alliance for the Betterment and Progress of Hong Kong
- Chairman, Kwun Tong Resident Union
- Vice President, Kowloon Federation of Associations
- Director, Kowloon City, Kwun Tong and Wong Tai Sin Residents Association Company Limited
- Council Member, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (1995-2004)
- Director, Exchange Fund Investment Ltd. (1998-2003)
- Chairman, Panel on Trade and Industry, Legislative Council (1998-2000)
- Chairman, Panel on Manpower, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-1998)
- Deputy Chairman, Public Accounts Committee, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-1998)
- Member, Legislative Council (1995-1997)
- Kwun Tong Provisional District Board Member (1997-1999)
- Elected Member, Kwun Tong District Board (1988-1997)
- Hong Kong District Affairs Adviser (1994-1997)
- Member, Bilingual Laws Advisory Committee (1995-1997)

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

Public Service :

Legislation

- HKSAR Deputy, 10th Of National People's Congress, People's Republic of China (2003-2008)
- Councillor, Third Term of The Legislative Council of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (2004-2008)
- Chairman, Panel on Commerce & Industry, Legislative Council (2004-2005)
- Member, Panel on Constitutional Affairs, Legislative Council (2004-2005)
- Member, Panel on Health Services, Legislative Council (2002-2005)
- Member, Panel on Welfare Services, Legislative Council (2000-2005)
- Member, Panel on Public Service, Legislative Council (2003-2005)
- Chairman, Committee on Members' Interests, Legislative Council (2004-2005)

Textile

- Member, Textiles Advisory Board (1989-2006)
- Director, Textile Council of Hong Kong Limited (1991 - present)
- Patron Member, The Textile Institute (Hong Kong Section) (1995 - present)

- Honorary President, Federation of Hong Kong Garment Manufacturers (1998 - present)

- Director, Federation of Hong Kong Garment Manufacturers (1998 - present)

- Honorary Advisor, Hong Kong Chinese Textile Mills Association (1998 - present)

Women

- Chairperson, Women's Commission (2001-2006)

- Honorary President and Founding Member, Hong Kong Federation of Women (1993 - present)

- Vice-Chairman, Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club (1988 - present)

- Advisor, Chiu Yang Residents Association of Hong Kong Ladies Committee (2003 - present)

- Honorary Advisor, Soul Talk (2004 - present)

Education

- Founding Senior Member, Foundation for Educational Development and Research, The University of Hong Kong (1996 - present)

Youth

- Founder & Chairman, The Young Entrepreneurs Development Council Limited (1998 - present)

- Co-founder, Education Aboard Services (Hong Kong) Limited (1985 - present)

- Honorary Vice President, AIESEC-LC-Lingnan, Lingnan University (2004-2005)

Medical

- Permanent Adviser, Yan Chai Hospital (1986 - present)

- Advisor, Hong Kong Health Care Association on Aging Co Ltd (2003 - present)

Others Public Services

- Member, The Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong (1999-2005)

Environmental

- Honorary Advisor, Hong Kong Environmental Industry Association (2000 - present)
- Committee Member, Governing Board, Hong Kong Organic Resource Centre (2004-2006)

Charity

- Chairman, Chi Lin Trust Fund for the Aged Committee (1993 - present)
- Founder, Elementary Charitable Foundation (1986 - present)
- Patron, Friends Unlimited (1998 - present)
- Member, Disaster Relief Fund Advisory Committee (1998-2008)
- Senior Advisor, The Community Chest of Hong Kong (2002 - present)
- Chairman, Joyful Sunshine 2005, The Joyful (Mental Health) Foundation (2005)

Others

- Council Member and Director, The Hong Kong Institute of Directors Limited (1997 - present)
- Member, The American Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong (1998 - present)
- Permanent Member, the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce (1997 - present)
- Honorary Advisor, Hong Kong Chiu Chow Chamber of Commerce Limited (1998 - present)
- Honorary President, Chiu Yang Residents Association of Hong Kong Limited (1998 - present)
- Honorary Advisor, Federation of Hong Kong Chiu Chow Community Organizations (2002 - present)

- Permanent Honorary President, Friends of Hong Kong Association Limited (1996 - present)
- Permanent Honorary President, Central District Kai-Fong Welfare Association Limited (1986 - present)
- Committee Member, Federation of Hong Kong Guangdong Community organizations Ltd (2003-2005)
- Honorary President, Federation of Hong Kong Guangdong Committee organizations Limited (1996 - present)
- Honorary President, Hong Kong Shunde Xing Tan Clansmen Association Limited (2000-2005)
- Principal, Guangdong Province Shunde Xing Tan Secondary School (1999 - present)
- Committee member, Organizing Committee of Compatriots in Hong Kong for Celebration of the Founding of the People's Republic of China (2003 - present)
- Advisor, Heung Yee Kuk New Territories (2004-2005)
- Honorary President, The Hong Kong Island Federation (2003-2005)
- Honorary President, Friends of Qixia Apple of Hong Kong Association (2004 - present)
- Honorary Chief Adviser in Advisory Committee of the Council of Management, Hong Kong Jewellery & Jade Manufacturers Association (2004 - present)

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 (1995-1997) (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)

Hon SIN Chung-kai, JP

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
- Life Member, Hong Kong Intellectual Property Society

Occupation :

Assistant Information Technology Project Manager

Public Service :

- Member, Legislative Council (Information Technology Functional Constituency) (1998-2008)
- Chairman, Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting (2000 - present)
- Member, Digital 21 Strategy Advisory Committee (2004-2006)
- Deputy Chairman, Committee on Members' Interests (1998 - present)
- Member, Advisory Committee on Code of Practice for Recognized Certification Authorities (2000-2007)
- Member, Competition Policy Review Committee (2005 - present)
- Member, Hong Kong Housing Authority (2001-2007)
- Director, Board of Directors, Hong Kong Mortgage Corporation Limited (1999-2006)
- Member, Advisory Committee on Corruption of the ICAC (2002-2006)
- Member, Travel Agents Advisory Committee (2002-2006)
- Member, RTHK TV Program Advisory Panel (2000-2006)

- Council Member, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (2001-2007)
- Honorary Adviser, Hong Kong Retail Technology Industry Association (2003-present)
- Member, Adviser Committee, Hong Kong Digital Entertainment Association (2003 - present)
- Advisor, Advisory Panel of Hong Kong Education City Ltd (2003-2005)
- Member, Advisory Board of the Hong Kong Wireless Technology Industry Association (2001 - present)
- Member, Advisory Board of Hong Kong Silicon Valley.com (Hong Kong Chapter) (2000 - present)
- Member, Steering Committee, Information Security and Forensics Society (2000 - present)
- Honorary Member, Hong Kong External Telecommunications Services Association (1999 - present)
- Member, Advisory Peer Group, Applied Computing Program, The Open University of Hong Kong (1999 - present)
- Course Honorary Adviser, MSc in Corporate Governance and Directorship, Hong Kong Baptist University (2005-2007)
- Honorary Adviser, ITAccountants Association (2004-2006)
- Member, Advisory Committee on Information Engineering, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (2004-2006)
- Member, Advisory Committee for the Master of Science Programme in Information and Technology Management, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (2000-2006)
- Honorary Adviser, Hong Kong Enterprise Resources Management Society (2003-2005)
- Member, Advisory Committee, R&D Programme in Transport Information Systems, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (2001-2005)
- Adviser, Information and Software Industry Association (1999-2005)
- Member, Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Advisory Committee (1998-2005)
- Member, Information Infrastructure Advisory Committee, Information Technology and Broadcasting Bureau (1998-2004)
- Member, Investor Education Advisory Committee, Securities and Futures Commission (2001-2003)
- Adviser, Hong Kong Linux Industry Association (2003)
- Member, Working Group on Web-enabling Women, Home Affairs Department (2000-2002)
- Member, Steering Committee of the Hong Kong Education City (2000-2002)
- Member, IT Task Force, Equal Opportunities Commission (2000-2001)
- Member, Legislative Council (Geographical Constituency NT South) (1995-1997)
- Member, Regional Council (1988-1994)
- Member, Kwai Tsing District Board/District Council (1985-2003)
- Chairman, Kwai Tsing District Board (1994-1999)

Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, GBS

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, Public Accounts 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

Hon WONG Yung-kan, JP

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 (1995-1997)
- Member, Tai Po District Board/District Council (1991-1997) (1999-2007)
- Member, Tai Po Provisional District Board (1997-1999)
- Member, Agriculture, Fisheries, Commerce and Industries Committee, Tai Po District Board/District Council (1985-2007)
- Member, Traffic and Transport Committee, Tai Po District Board/District Council (1991-2007)
- Member, Environmental Improvement and Works Committee, Tai Po District Board (1991-1997)
- Member, Recreation, Sports and Cultural Affairs Committee, Tai Po District Board (1991-1997)
- Member, Social Services Committee, Tai Po District Board/District Council (1991-2007)
- Convenor, Working Group for Elderly Project, Social Services Committee, Tai Po District Board (1996-1998)
- 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, Mainland Fishermen Deckhands Appeal Board
- Member, Working Group on Close Fishing Season in the South China Sea
- Deputy President, New Territories Association of Societies
- 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 (1997-2005)
- Chairman, Federation of Hong Kong Aquaculture Associations
- President, Tai Po Dragon Boat Race Committee

Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, GBS, 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 :

- Member, Executive Council
- Member, National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference
- Council Member, The Open University of Hong Kong
- Supervisor, Pui Kiu Middle School
- Manager, Pui Kiu Primary School
- Board Member, Airport Authority
- Non-Executive Director, Securities and Futures Commission
- Member, ICAC Complaints Committee
- Member, Disaster Relief Fund Advisory Committee
- Member, Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Advisory Board

Hon Howard YOUNG, SBS, 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 :

- Member, Southern District Council
- Member, Legislative Council (1991-1997) (1998 - present)
- Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-1998)
- Member, Preparatory Committee for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1995-1997)
- Member, Election Committee for the First Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- Member, Vocational Training Council
- Member, Copyright Tribunal
- Member, Tourism Strategy Group
- Member, Standing Commission on Civil Service Salaries and Conditions of Service
- Member, Steering Committee on Civil Service Pay Adjustment Mechanism
- Board Member, Urban Renewal Authority
- Member, Executive Committee, Outward Bound Trust of Hong Kong
- Member, Central Committee, Liberal Party

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)

Public Service :

- Member, Executive Committee, Democratic Party
- Member, Central Committee, Democratic Party
- Chairman, Panel on Education, Legislative Council (2000-2001, 2002-2003, 2004-2005)
- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Education, Legislative Council (2001-2002, 2003-2004)
- Committee Member, Education Action Group

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
- Vice Chairman, Hong Kong Christian Industrial Committee
- President, Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions
- Spokesman, Coalition to Monitor Public Transport and Utilities
- Board Member, Hong Kong Marrow Match Foundation
- Member, Court of The University of Hong Kong

Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP

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 Transport, Legislative Council
- Vice Chairman, Democratic Alliance for the Betterment and Progress of Hong Kong
- Founding Member, Civil Force

Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBM, 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/District Council (1982 - present)
- Chairman, Tuen Mun Rural Committee (1972 - present)
- Member, Legislative Council (1985-1997)
- Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-1998)
- Chairman, Provisional Regional Council (1997-1999)
- Member, Regional Council (1985-1997)
- 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

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 :

- Chairman, Finance Committee, Legislative Council (2004-2005)
- Deputy Chairman, Public Accounts Committee, Legislative Council (2000-2004)
- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Constitutional Affairs, Legislative Council (2000-2004)
- Directly Elected Legislative Councillor (1991-1997) (1998 - present)
- Vice-Chairperson, Hong Kong Journalists Association (1988-1989)
- Chairperson, Hong Kong Journalists Association (1989-1991)

Hon CHOY So-yuk, JP

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 :

- Member, Legislative Council (1998 to present)
- Chairman, Panel on Environmental Affairs, Legislative Council (2001 to present)
- Chairman, Panel on Home Affairs, Legislative Council (1998-2001)
- Member, Eastern District Council
- Member, Fujian Committee, The Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference
- Central Committee Member, Democratic Alliance for the Betterment and Progress of Hong Kong
- Member, Court of The University of Hong Kong
- Deputy Secretary General, Board of Directors, Overseas Chinese University of China
- Chairman, Hong Kong Trees Conservation Association
- Member, Council for Sustainable Development
- Member, Environment and Conservation Fund Committee
- Chairman, Waste Recovery Projects Vetting Sub-Committee, Environment and Conservation Fund Committee

- Honorary Fellow, Institute of Horticulture (Hong Kong)
- Permanent Honorary Chairman, South China Athletics Association
- Honorable Chairman, Yin Ngai Central Council
- Honorary Vice President, Hong Kong Federation of Women
- Honorary Chairman, Hong Kong Southern District Community Association
- Honorary Chairman, Hong Kong Eastern District Community Association
- Honorary Chairman, Joint Committee of Hong Kong Fishermen's Organizations
- Honorary Chairman, Hong Kong Eastern District Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Director, Fujian Middle School, Hong Kong
- Permanent Honorary Chairman, Gee Tuck General Association Hong Kong
- Honorary Chairman, Hong Kong Youth Association

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 Health Services, Legislative Council (2004 - present)
- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Transport, Legislative Council (2003-2004)
- Chairman, Panel on Home Affairs, Legislative Council (2000-2001)
- Member, Legislative Council (1995-1997) (1998 - present)
- Member, Economic and Employment Council (2004 - present)
- Member, Task Force on Employment (2002-2004)
- Member, Tai Po District Council (1999 - present)
- Member, Southern District Council (1994-1999)

Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, GBS, 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
- Member, International Olympic Committee
- Vice-President, Olympic Council of Asia

Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP

Date of Birth : 15 December 1949

Education and Professional Qualifications :

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

Occupation :

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

Public Service :

- Chairman, Elderly Commission
- Chairman, Panel on Public Service, Legislative Council
- Member, Standing Commission on Civil Service Salaries and Conditions of Service
- Member, Manpower Development Committee
- Member, Steering Committee on Civil Service Pay Adjustment Mechanism
- Non-Executive Director, Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority
- Member, Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference

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 :

Company Director

Public Service :

- Member, Managing Board of Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation
- Advisory Professor, Tsinghua University, Beijing
- Advisory Professor, Huazhong University of Science and Technology
- Director, The Hong Kong Mortgage Corporation Ltd.
- Member, the Ninth Wuhan Municipal Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference
- Member, the Fourth Shenzhen Municipal Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference

Hon LI Fung-ying, BBS, JP

Date of Birth : 2 December 1950

Education and Professional Qualifications :

Tertiary Education

Occupation :

Trade Union Officer

Public Service :

- Member, Manpower Development Committee
- Member, Economic and Employment Council
- Member, Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Advisory Committee
- Member, Commission on Poverty
- Vice Chairman, The Federation of Hong Kong and Kowloon Labour Unions

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, Villani Ltd.
Chairman, Syto Trading and Investment Ltd.
Chairman, Citiway Development Ltd.
Deputy General Manager, World Trade Centre Club Hong Kong
Director, Art Concept International Culture Studies Foundation Ltd.
Independent Non-Executive Director, Wah Yuen Holdings Ltd.
Independent Non-Executive Director and Member of the Audit Committee, Ocean Grand Chemicals Holdings Ltd.
Independent Non-Executive Director of Sanpo Entertainment and Investment Ltd.
Director, Gibson Holdings (HK) Ltd.

Public Service :

- Member, Legislative Council
- Chairman, Panel on Home Affairs, Legislative Council
- Member, Eastern District Council
- Member, Advisory Committee on Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals
- Member, ICAC Complaints Committee
- Member, Liquor Licensing Board
- Member, Hong Kong Housing Authority
- Member, Hong Kong Housing Authority – Commercial Properties Committee
- Chairman, Hong Kong Catering Industry Association

- Honorary Life President, The Association of Restaurant Managers Ltd.
- Convenor and Spokesman, Restaurant Trade TES Concern Group
- Adviser, Sai Kung Food & Beverages Association
- Honorary President, Hong Kong & Kowloon Vermicelli & Noodle Manufacturing Workers Union
- President, Kowloon City Merchant Association
- Vice Chairman, Hong Kong Eye Foundation
- Member, Quality Tourism Services Committee
- Adviser, Quality Tourism Services Association
- Member, The Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce
- Committee Member, Diocesan Boys' School
- Member of the Legislative Council to The English Schools Foundation
- 港九新界販商社團聯合會名譽會長

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 :

- Member, Public Works Subcommittee, Legislative Council
- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Transport, Legislative Council
- Member, Panel on Plannings, Lands and Works, Legislative Council
- Member, Panel on Home Affairs, Legislative Council
- Member, Panel on Housing, Legislative Council
- Member, Panel on Environmental Affairs, Legislative Council
- Member, Panel on Constitutional Affairs, Legislative Council
- Member, Panel on Welfare Services, Legislative Council
- Member, Subcommittee on West Kowloon Cultural District Development, Legislative Council
- Member, Subcommittee on Strategy and Measures to Tackle Family Violence, Legislative Council
- Member, Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways, Legislative Council
- Member, Former Subcommittee to Follow Up the Outstanding Capital Works Projects of the Former Municipal Councils, Legislative Council

- Deputy Chairman, Bills Committee on Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Bill 2005, Legislative Council
- Member, Bills Committee on Building Management (Amendment) Bill 2005, Legislative Council
- Member, Subcommittee on Proposed Resolutions under the Road Traffic (Driving-offence Points) Ordinance (Cap. 375) and Fixed Penalty (Criminal Proceedings) Ordinance (Cap. 240), Legislative Council
- Member, Bills Committee on Chief Executive Election (Amendment) (Term of Office of the Chief Executive) Bill, Legislative Council
- Member, Subcommittee on Town Planning (Amendment) Ordinance 2004 (Commencement) Notice, Legislative Council
- Chairman, New Territories West's Coalition
- Chairman, New Territories West's Coalition on Livelihood
- Chairman, The Association for Property Owner's Rights
- Member, Tsuen Wan District Board/District Council (1985 - present)
- Member, Legislative Council (1991-1997)
- Member, Regional Council (1986-1995)

Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, JP

Date of Birth : 17 March 1953

Education and Professional Qualifications :

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

Occupation :

Legislative Councillor

Public Service :

Political Experience

- Founder (1986) and Chairman (1989 - present), Hong Kong Association for Democracy and People's Livelihood (ADPL)
- Vice-Chairman, Hong Kong Association for Democracy and People's Livelihood (1986-1989)

Experience on Community Organizations and Societies

- Chairman, ADPL Social Service Centre (2002 - present)
- President, Concern for Sham Shui Po People's Livelihood (1984 - present)
- Community Organizer, Society for Community Organization (1976-1979)

Experience on China-Hong Kong Affairs

- Member, Election Council for Hong Kong Deputies to the Ninth and the Tenth National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China (1997 - present)
- Member, Preparatory Committee for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1996-1997)

Experience on Educational Affairs

- Member, Selection Committee for the First Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1996-1998)
- Hong Kong Affairs Adviser (1994-1997)

- Member, Hong Kong Basic Law Consultative Committee (1985-1989)
- Member, Election Committee for the Second Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (2000-2005)

Parliamentary Experience

- Elected Member, Legislative Council (2000 - present)
- Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-1998)
- Elected Member, Legislative Council (1991-1997)
- Elected Member, Sham Shui Po District Board/District Council (1988-1991, 2000 - present)
- Elected Member, Urban Council (1983-1995)
- Ex-Officio Member, Sham Shui Po District Board (1983-1988)

Experience on Cultural Affairs

- Chairman, Performing Companies Sub-committee of Urban Council (1985-1995)
- Vice Chairman, Culture Select Committee of Urban Council (1984-1995)
- Board Member, Hong Kong Philharmonic Society (1984-1985)

Experience on Housing Affairs

- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Housing, Legislative Council/Provisional Legislative Council (1991-1998)
- Member, Hong Kong Housing Authority (1990-1998)
- Director, Hong Kong People's Council on Public Housing Policy (1982-1989)

Experience on Educational Affairs

- Tutor, City University of Hong Kong Continuous and Professional Education (1998-2003)
- General Education Co-ordinator, The University of Hong Kong (2/1999 - 8/2000)

Columnist

- Hong Kong Daily News (1993-1994)
- Singpao (1994-1995)
- The Sun (1998-2000)
- Oriental Daily News (1999-2003)

Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP

Date of Birth : 11 September 1953

Education and Professional Qualifications :

- St. Francis Canossian College (1960-1970)
- St. Paul's Co-Educational College (1970-1972)
- LL.B. (Hons.), The University of Hong Kong (1972-1975)
- LL.M., University of London (1975-1976)
- College of Law (Bar Finals) (1976-1977)
- 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 :

- Member, ICAC - Operations Review Committee (1.1.2003 - 31.12.2006)
- Member, ICAC - Witness Protection Review Board Panel (1.1.2003 - 31.12.2006)
- Member, Estate Agents Authority, Housing, Planning and Lands Bureau (1.11.2002 - 31.10.2006)
- Honorary Adviser, Hong Kong Association of Registered Tour Co-ordinators Ltd. (2002-2003)
- Honorary Legal Adviser, Hong Kong Doctors Union (2002-2003)
- 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 - 30.11.2006)

- Chairman, Appeal Board Panel (Consumer Goods Safety), Commerce and Industry Bureau (20.10.1999 - 19.10.2003)
- 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 (1995-1998)
- Member, Sub-Committee on Description of Flats on Sale, Law Reform Commission (1992-1998)
- 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)

Hon Vincent FANG Kang, JP

Date of Birth : 7 May 1943

Education and Professional Qualifications :

- M.Sc of Textiles Engineering, North Carolina State University (1969)
- B.Sc of Textiles Engineering, North Carolina State University (1967)
- Wah Yan College (1962)

Occupation :

**Chief Executive Officer, Toppo Co
(Hong Kong) Ltd**
Managing Director, Fantastic Garments Ltd

Public Service :

- Member, Hospital Authority (2000 - present)
- Chairman, Hospital Governing Committee, Princess Margaret Hospital (2001 - present)
- Chairman, Hospital Governing Committee, Kwai Chung Hospital (2003 - present)
- Chairman, Quality Tourism Services Association (2002 - present)
- Member, Hong Kong Tourism Board (2003 - present)
- Honorary Advisor, Hong Kong Retail Management Association (2004 - present)
- Director, The Federation of Hong Kong Garment Manufacturers (2002 - present)
- Committee Member, Operation Review Committee, Independent Commission Against Corruption (2005 - present)
- Council Member, The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (2005 - present)
- Member, Hong Kong Airport Authority (6/2005 - present)

Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH

Date of Birth : 29 March 1949

Education and Professional Qualifications :

- Diploma of Social Administration, HKU School of Professional and Continuing Education
- BA, Sociology of Jinan University
- Outstanding Lifelong Learner Award, HKU School of Professional and Continuing Education (9/2001)

Occupation :

Labour Service Executive Officer
Writer
**Executive Officer, The Hong Kong Federation
of Trade Unions (HKFTU) New Territories
Office**

Public Service :

- Vice Chairman, HKFTU Social Policy Committee
- Vice Chairman, Eastern District Council
- Elected Member, Eastern District Board/District Council (1991 - present)
- Elected Member, Urban Council (1995-1999)
- Member, Liquor Licensing Board (2000-2005)
- Vice Chairman, Public Health Committee of the Urban Council (1995-1999)

Hon LEE Wing-tat

Date of Birth : 25 December 1955

Education and Professional Qualifications :

- St. Paul's College
- Bachelor of Science, The University of Hong Kong

Occupation :

Full-time Councillor

Public Service :

- Chairman, Democratic Party
- Member, Housing Authority (1992-2000)

Hon LI Kwok-ying, MH

Date of Birth : 18 November 1949

Education and Professional Qualifications :

- Tai Po Wong Shiu Chi Secondary School
- Liverpool John Moore University, England

Occupation :

Solicitor

Public Service :

Present Service

- Member, Estate Agents Authority (11/2004-10/2006)
- Member, Hong Kong Housing Authority (4/2005-3/2006)
- Member, Investor Education Advisory Committee, Securities and Futures Commission (4/2005-3/2006)
- Member, Tai Po District Fight Crime Committee (4/1999 - present)
- Elected Member, Tai Po District Council (1/2000 - present)
- Member, Appeal Tribunal (Buildings) 1 (12/2000 - present)
- Member, Home Purchase Allowance Appeals Committee (7/2003 - present)
- Member, Tai Po Clean Hong Kong District Committee (4/2004 - present)
- Member, Hospital Authority Regional Advisory Committee (4/2004 - present)
- Member, Hospital Governing Committee of Tai Po Hospital (4/2004 - present)
- Member, Lam Tsuen Village Office, Tai Po (6/1995 - present)
- Vice-Chairman, Democratic Alliance for the Betterment and Progress of Hong Kong Tai Po Office (9/1997 - present)
- Member, Central Committee of Democratic Alliance for the Betterment and Progress of Hong Kong (12/2002 - present)

- Member, Local Customer Advisory Committee of CLP Power Hong Kong Limited (2/2001 - present)
- Director, Tai Po Lam Tsuen Wong Fook Luen Memorial School (7/2001 - present)
- Director, Lam Tsuen Public School (7/2001 - present)
- Director, Tai Po Betterment of Livelihood Association (8/2001 - present)
- Member, Association of Tai Po People (6/2002 - present)
- Vice-Chairman, The Scout Association of Hong Kong (Tai Po South District) (6/2002 - present)
- Director, Po Nga Court Residents Association (6/2002 - present)
- Member, Guangdong Overseas Friendship Association (11/2003 - present)
- Legal Advisor, Lam Tsuen Village Office, Tai Po (6/1995 - present)
- Legal Advisor, Shatin Woman's Association (8/1995 - present)
- Legal Advisor, Sha Tin Kai Fong Welfare Association (12/1996 - present)
- Legal Advisor, Tai Po Wai Tau Tsuen Village Office (3/1996 - present)
- Legal Advisor, Ma On Shan Civil Recreational Association (5/1996 - present)
- Legal Advisor, The Scout Association of Hong Kong (Shatin West District) (6/1996 - present)
- Legal Advisor, Ma On Shan Association (8/1996 - present)
- Legal Advisor, Sha Tin Committee for the Celebration of Hong Kong's Return to the Motherland (9/1996 - present)
- Legal Advisor, New Territories Commercial and Industrial General Association (Shatin) (6/1997 - present)
- Legal Advisor, Shatin Youth Association (7/1997 - present)
- Legal Advisor, Civil Force (1/1998 - present)
- Legal Advisor, Overseas Chinese United Association of New Territories (2/1998 - present)
- Legal Advisor, Luk Heung Village Office, Tai Po (2/1998 - present)
- Legal Advisor, Tai Po Rural Committee (10/1998 - present)
- Legal Advisor, Tai Po Societies Fraternal Association (10/1998 - present)
- Legal Advisor, Tai Hang Village Office (10/1998 - present)
- Legal Advisor, Tai Po Tsat Yeuk Village Office (10/1998 - present)
- Legal Advisor, Association of New Territories Radio Taxicabs (4/1999 - present)
- Legal Advisor, Tai Po Association for Promotion of Educational Exchange Hong Kong (4/1999 - present)
- Legal Advisor, Wu Kai Sha Tsuen Village Office, Sha Tin (5/1999 - present)
- Legal Advisor, Tai Po District Residents Association (5/1999 - present)
- Legal Advisor, New Territories Fishermen Fraternity Association (7/1999 - present)
- Legal Advisor, The Incorporated Owners of Serenity Villa, Tai Po (8/1999 - present)
- Legal Advisor, Tai Po Lorry Drivers Association (9/1999 - present)
- Legal Advisor, Teachers' Association, Tai Po Government Secondary School (10/1999 - present)
- Legal Advisor, Tai Po Merchants Association (11/1999 - present)
- Legal Advisor, New Territories Commercial and Industrial General Association (Tai Po) (3/2000 - present)
- Legal Advisor, Tai Po Suen Wan Tsim Uk Tsuen Village Office (4/2000 - present)
- Legal Advisor, The Scout Association of Hong Kong New Territories East Region (5/2000 - present)
- Legal Advisor, Wong Shiu Chi Secondary

School Alumni (7/2000 - present)

- Legal Advisor, Hong Kong Public Nurses Association (11/2000 - present)
- Legal Advisor, Tai Po Hawkers and Merchants Fraternity Association (12/2000 - present)
- Legal Advisor, Shek Wu Hui Market Merchants Association (12/2000 - present)
- Legal Advisor, Tai Po District Primary School Heads Association (2/2001 - present)
- Legal Advisor, Tai Po Youth Association (3/2001 - present)
- Legal Advisor, North District Woman's Association (3/2001 - present)
- Legal Advisor, Construction Industry Training Authority Staff Association (4/2001 - present)
- Legal Advisor, The Incorporated Owners of Tai Wo Estate, Tai Po (4/2001 - present)
- Legal Advisor, The Incorporated Owners of Fu Hang Estate, Tai Po (4/2001 - present)
- Legal Advisor, Ma On Shan Residents Services Association (5/2001 - present)
- Legal Advisor, Tseung Kwan O Cultural and Recreational Centre (6/2001 - present)
- Legal Advisor, New Territories Youth Association (6/2001 - present)
- Legal Advisor, The Incorporated Owners of Ming Nga Court, Tai Po (7/2001 - present)
- Legal Advisor, The Incorporated Owners of Ka Tin Court, Sha Tin (9/2001 - present)
- Legal Advisor, Lam Tsuen Tong Sheung Tsuen Village Office, Tai Po (11/2001 - present)
- Legal Advisor, Tai Po Yim Tin Tsai West Fishermen Association (11/2001 - present)
- Legal Advisor, The Incorporated Owners of Po Nga Court, Tai Po (12/2001 - present)
- Legal Advisor, Tai Po Wan Tau Tong District Women Association (12/2001 - present)

- Legal Advisor, Buddhist Tai Kwong Yuen Foundation (1/2002 - present)
- Legal Advisor, The Incorporated Owners of Belair Monte, Fan Ling (4/2002 - present)
- Legal Advisor, The Association of Tai Po Incorporated Owners (5/2002 - present)
- Legal Advisor, Tai Po Lok Kwan Volunteer Team (6/2002 - present)
- Legal Advisor, New Territories Association of Societies (7/2002 - present)
- Legal Advisor, Tai Po Thai Chi Health Exploration Association (8/2002 - present)
- Legal Advisor, The Incorporated Owners of On Shing Court (8/2002 - present)
- Legal Advisor, The New Territories District Adviser Alumni Association (1/2003 - present)
- Legal Advisor, Hong Kong Women Development Association (4/2003 - present)
- Legal Advisor, Rural Training College Alumni Association Limited (7/2003 - present)
- Legal Advisor, The Incorporated Owners of Kwong Fuk Place (1/2004 - present)
- Legal Advisor, Fu Heng Chung Nga Social Service Volunteer Group (3/2004 - present)

Past Service

- Member, West One Area Committee, Sha Tin District Board (4/1996-3/1998)
- Member, Structural Engineers Registration Committee (2/2001-1/2003)
- Member, Tai Po District Fire Safety Committee (4/2000-3/2004)
- Co-opted Councillor, New Territories Heung Yee Kuk (8/2000-8/2004)
- Chairman, Tai Po District Fire Safety Committee (4/2004-3/2005)
- Committee Member, The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups, Tai Po Lions Youth Centre (11/2001-10/2004)
- Chairman, ICAC Tai Po District Community Integrity Programme 2002

Dr Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long

Date of Birth : 14 August 1959

Education and Professional Qualifications :

Ph.D. (Social Science)

Registered Nurse

Occupation :

Assistant Professor, The Open University of Hong Kong

Public Service :

- Board Member, Hospital Authority
- Member, Housing Authority
- Member, Nursing Council of Hong Kong
- Member, Hospital Governing Committee of Kwai Chung Hospital/Princess Margaret Hospital
- Education Committee Member, The Nursing Council of Hong Kong
- Honorary Research Fellow, Asia-Pacific Institute of Ageing Studies at Lingnan University of Hong Kong
- Chairman, Association of Hong Kong Nursing Staff

Hon Daniel LAM Wai-keung, BBS, JP

Date of Birth : 27 February 1949

Education and Professional Qualifications :

Bachelor of Business Administration

Occupation :

Company Director

Public Service :

- Vice Chairman, Heung Yee Kuk
- Chairman, Islands District Council
- Chairman, Peng Chau Rural Committee
- Chairman, Rural Planning and Improvement Strategy Minor Works Steering Committee (Islands)
- Chairman, Hong Kong Islands District Association
- Chairman, China Light and Power Local Customer Advisory Committee, West Region (I)
- Chairman, School Council of New Territories Heung Yee Kuk Southern District Secondary School
- Chairman, Asian Pacific Rim Windsurfing Continental Championship Organizing Committee
- Chairman, Islands District Sports Association

Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, SBS, JP

Date of Birth : 23 October 1951

Education and Professional Qualifications :

- St. Joseph's College, Hong Kong
- Tufts University, USA (BSME)

Occupation :

**Managing Director, Forward Winsome
Industries Limited**

Managing Director, Eltee Enterprise Limited

Public Service :

- General Committee Member, Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce
- Council Member, Hong Kong Trade Development Council
- President, Hong Kong Plastics Manufacturers Association
- General Committee Member, Federation of Hong Kong Industries
- Vice Chairman, The Hong Kong Shippers' Council
- Honorary President, The Toys Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong Ltd.
- Honorary Chairman, The Hong Kong Exporters' Association
- Honorary Director, The Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong
- Chairman, Hong Kong Trade Development Council Toys Advisory Committee
- Member, Hong Kong/Japan Business Co-operation Committee
- Member, Court of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- Member, Hong Kong Committee for Pacific Economic Co-operation
- Chairman, Hong Kong Export Credit Insurance Corporation Advisory Board

- Chairman, Innovation and Technology Fund (General Support Programme) Vetting Committee
- Member, Skills Upgrading Steering Committee
- Convenor, Working Group, Import and Export Industry Skills Upgrading Scheme, Education and Manpower Bureau
- Member, Design Focus Group, Continuing Education Fund, Education and Manpower Bureau
- Member, P-Logistics Project Group, Hong Kong Logistics Development Council
- Board Member, Hong Kong Plastics Technology Centre
- Director, The Hong Kong Safety Institute Ltd.
- Director, The Hong Kong Standards & Testing Centre
- Honorary Director, Federation of Hong Kong Guangdong Community Organizations Limited
- Secretary General, Cheng Si-yuan (China-International) Hepatitis Research Foundation
- Chief President, Nanhai City Clansmen General Association (Hong Kong)
- Committee Member, Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (Guangxi Zhuangzu Autonomous District)
- Committee Member, Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (Foshan City)
- Director, China Overseas Friendship Association
- Honorary President, Guangdong Province Toys Association
- Honorary President, The Association of Enterprises with Foreign Investment of Foshan City
- Assessor, Innovation and Technology Support Programme

Hon MA Lik, GBS, JP

Date of Birth : 23 February 1952

Education and Professional Qualifications :

BA (Hons), The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Occupation :

Deputy Publisher, Hong Kong Commercial Daily

Public Service :

Mainland

- Hong Kong Deputy to the Tenth National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China (2004 - present)
- Hong Kong Deputy to the Ninth National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China (1998-2003)
- Hong Kong Affairs Adviser (1993-1997)
- Fujian Committee Member, Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (1992-1998)

Hong Kong

- Chairman, Democratic Alliance for the Betterment and Progress of Hong Kong (5/2005 - present)
- Chairman, Democratic Alliance for Betterment of Hong Kong (12/2003-5/2005)
- Member of the Board, Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation (2001 - 2005)
- Member, Basic Law Promotion Steering Committee (1998-2003)
- Executive Committee Member, Hong Kong Cheshire Home Foundation (1997 - 2005)
- Secretary General, Democratic Alliance for Betterment of Hong Kong (1997-2003)
- Member, Committee on Promotion of Civic Education (1996-2002)
- Member, Selection Committee for the First Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region(1996-1997)

- Member, Research Panel, Joint Committee for the Promotion of the Basic Law of Hong Kong (1996 - present)
- Chairman, Disciplinary Committee, Democratic Alliance for Betterment of Hong Kong (1995-2003)
- Member, Central Committee & Standing Committee of Democratic Alliance for Betterment of Hong Kong (1994 - present)

Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, SBS, JP

Date of Birth : 24 February 1951

Education and Professional Qualifications :

- Leeds University, BSc (Hon)
- Textiles Institute Fellow
- Clothing and Footwear Institute Fellow

Occupation :

Merchant

Public Service :

- Honorary President, Federation of Hong Kong Industries
- Chairman, Hong Kong Productivity Council
- Chairman, Textile Council of Hong Kong
- Chairman, Board of Governors of the Prince Philip Dental Hospital
- Member, Greater Pearl River Delta Business Council
- Member, Textiles Advisory Board
- Council Member, Hong Kong Trade Development Council
- Member, the Council of Vocational Training Council
- Member, Clothing Industry Training Authority
- Honorary President, Hong Kong Woollen and Synthetic Knitting Manufacturers' Association
- Member, Skills Upgrading Steering Committee
- Member, Steering Committee on Innovation and Technology
- Chairman, Garment Advisory Committee of Hong Kong Trade Development Council
- Member, ICAC Advisory Committee on Corruption
- Member, Competition Policy Review Committee

Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC

Date of Birth : 22 February 1958

Education and Professional Qualifications :

- LL.B., The University of Hong Kong (1982)
- LL.M., University of Cambridge (1984)
- Called to the Hong Kong Bar (1983)
- Called to the Inner Bar (1998)

Occupation :

Senior Counsel

Public Service :

Present Service

- Vice-Chairman, Independent Police Complaints Council (1/2005 - present)
- Director, Applied Research Council (2/2000 - present)
- Member, Criminal and Law Enforcement Injuries Compensation Boards (6/2000 - present)
- Honorary Lecturer, Department of Professional Legal Education, The University of Hong Kong (9/2000 - present)
- Chairman, Water Pollution Control Appeal Board (1/2001 - present)
- Member, Professional Services Advisory Committee, Hong Kong Trade Development Council (1/2002 - present)
- Non-Executive Director, Urban Renewal Authority (5/2005 - present)

Past Service

- Chairman, Hong Kong Bar Association (1/2001 - 1/2003)
- Chairman, Special Committee on Mainland Practice and Relations – Hong Kong Bar Association (2000-2004)
- Part-time Member, Central Policy Unit (2000-2002)

- Bar's Representative on the Department of Justice's Working Group on Review of Legal Education (1999-2002)
- Member, Central Policy Unit Panel on Social Cohesion (8/2002 - 7/2003)
- Chairman, Task Force on Accreditation re Internship – Advisory Committee on Teacher Education and Qualification (2003)
- Member, Independent Police Complaints Council (2000-2004)
- Member, Committee of Bilingual Legal System in Hong Kong (1997-2004)

Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung

Date of Birth : 27 March 1956

Education and Professional Qualifications :

Form Six

Occupation :

Legislative Councillor

Public Service : /

Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki

Date of Birth : 20 July 1961

Education and Professional Qualifications :

- M.B.,B.S., The University of Hong Kong (1985)
- Fellow, Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh (1990)
- Fellow, College of Surgeons of Hong Kong (1990)
- Fellow, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine (1993)
- Master of Arts, The University of Hong Kong (2003)

Occupation :

Private Urologist

Public Service :

- Member, Human Resources Committee (HRC), Hospital Authority
- Member, Medicinal Services Development Committee (MSDC), Hospital Authority
- Convenor, Alliance on Anti-Smoking
- Honorary Advisor, Hong Kong Workers' Health Centre
- Convenor, Action Group on Medical Policy
- Member, Medical Council of Hong Kong
- Member, Labour Department Committee on Proposed Compensation Scheme for Workers Suffering from Occupational Noise-induced Hearing Loss
- Elected Member, Central and Western District Council
- Chairman, Working Group on Medical and Health, Central and Western District Council
- Convenor, Action Group on SARS
- Convenor, Action Group on Protection of the Harbour, Central and West
- Chairman, Government Doctors' Association (1991-1992)
- Council Member, Hong Kong Medical Association (1993-1996)

Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung

Date of Birth : 23 February 1957

Education and Professional Qualifications :

- Ph.D.
- Registered Social Worker

Occupation :

Lecturer

Public Service : /

Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming, SBS, JP

Date of Birth : 3 July 1952

Education and Professional Qualifications :

College

Occupation :

Full-time Councillor

Public Service :

- Chairman, Tai Po District Council and Provisional District Board (1994-2003)
- Member, Basic Law Promotion Steering Committee (2003 – present)
- Member, Hong Kong District Affairs Adviser (appointed by China) (1994)
- Member, National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (1998 – present)
- President, New Territories Association of Societies (1999 – present)
- Chairman, Tai Po Rural Committee (1998 – present)
- District Councillor, New Territories Heung Yee Kuk (1999 – present)
- Vice-Chairman, New Territories Heung Yee Kuk (2004 – present)

Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS

Date of Birth : 12 September 1949

Education and Professional Qualifications :

Heung To Middle School

Occupation :

Merchant

Public Service :

- Member, Small and Medium Enterprises Committee
- Member, The Hong Kong Export Credit Insurance Corporation Advisory Board
- Non-executive Director, Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority
- Member, Po Leung Kuk Advisory Board
- Member, Working Group, Import and Export Industry Skills Upgrading Scheme, Education and Manpower Bureau, the Government of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- Member, Central and Standing Committees, Democratic Alliance for the Betterment and Progress of Hong Kong
- President, The Hong Kong Chinese Importers' and Exporters' Association
- Committee Member, The Chinese General Chamber of Commerce
- Director, The Hong Kong and Kowloon General Merchandise Merchants' Association
- Honorary President, Hong Kong Leather Shoe and Shoe Material Merchants Association
- Consultant, Hong Kong United Youth Association
- Honorary President, The Tung Koon District General Association
- Vice President, Chi Kin Winter Swimming Club Ltd.

Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC

Date of Birth : 28 August 1950

Education and Professional Qualifications :

- Queen's College, Hong Kong
- LL. B. (1st Class Honours/1st of Class), The University of Hong Kong (1972)
- B.C.L. (Honours), Oxford University (1974)
- Holder of Simon Lee Medal in Laws, The University of Hong Kong (1972)
- Graduate Awardee, Rotary International (1973-1974)
- Winter-Williams Scholar of St. Edmund Hall, Oxford University (1972-1974)
- Certificate of Honour, London Bar Final Examination (First Class Honours/1st of Candidates) (1974)
- The Lloyd Stott Memorial Prize (1974)
- J.B. Montagu Pupillage Prize (1974)
- The Middle Temple Certificate of Honour Prize (1974)
- Member of Hong Kong Bar Association
- Member of The General Council of the Bar of England
- Member of the New York State Bar Association of the United States of America

Occupation :

Senior Counsel

Public Service :

- Representative of Hong Kong Bar Association on the Hong Kong Supreme Court Rules Committee (1978-1979)
- Representative of Hong Kong Bar Association on the Hong Kong District Court Rules Committee (1979 – 12/1990)
- Member of Working Party on District Court Rules and Costs (1980)

- Member of Committee of Inquiry of Hong Kong Bar in the investigation of alleged misconduct of a Barrister (1986)
- Member of Committee of Inquiry of Hong Kong Bar in the investigation of alleged misconduct of a Barrister (1987)
- Member of Working Party on District Court Rules (1988)
- Member of Standing Committee on Legal Aid (2/1988 – 2/1992)
- Member of Criminal and Law Enforcement Injuries Compensation Boards (1/1989 – 6/1995)
- Member of Committee of Inquiry of Hong Kong Bar in the investigation of alleged misconduct of a barrister (1989)
- Member of the Board of Review, Inland Revenue (6/1991 – 1/1995)
- External Examiner for the Commercial Law and Practice paper of the Post-graduate Certificate in Laws courses of The University of Hong Kong and the City Polytechnic of Hong Kong (1991-1994)
- Member of Special Committee on Legal Education (1994 - present)
- Course Consultant to Commercial Law and Practice of PCLL Course of The University of Hong Kong (1994 - present)
- Member of Securities and Futures Appeals Panel (10/1994 – 10/1996)
- Deputy Chairman of the Board of Review, Inland Revenue (1/1995 – 1/2004)
- Deputy Chairman of Securities and Futures Appeals Panel (10/1996 – 10/1999)
- Deputy Chairman of Takeovers Appeal Committee (6/1994 – 1999)
- Adjudicator of the Registration of Persons Tribunal (5/1996 - present)
- Honorary Lecturer of the Department of Professional Legal Education, The University of Hong Kong (1998 – 8/2002)

- Member of the Municipal Services Appeals Board (8/1996 – 8/2002)
- Member of the Urban Services Appeals Board and Regional Services Appeals Board (8/1996 – 8/2002)
- Chairman of Special Committee on Right of Audience of Solicitors (1997)
- Member of Bar Council (1998-1999)
- Chairman, Hong Kong Bar Association (1999-2001)
- Member of the Editorial Advisory Board for the Hong Kong Court Forms (8/1999 - present)
- Member of the School Advisory Committee, School of Law of City University of Hong Kong (1/2001 – 1/2003)
- Member of the Steering Committee and Drafting Committee of the Hong Kong Mortgage Corporation Limited on the Standardization Project (3/2001)
- Member and Tribunal Convenor of the Barristers Disciplinary Tribunal Panel (10/2001 – 10/2004)
- Chairman of Special Committee on Civil Justice Reform (2001-2002)
- Member, Economic and Employee Council (11/2004 - present)

Hon CHIM Pui-chung

Date of Birth : 1946

Education and Professional Qualifications :

Secondary School

Occupation :

Director of a number of companies

Public Service :

- Member, Legislative Council (1991-1998)
- Life Honorary President, Hong Kong Swatow Merchants Association Ltd.

Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS, JP

Date of Birth : 1 June 1944

Education and Professional Qualifications :

- PRC Class I Registered Architect Qualification (2004)
- Fellow of the Hong Kong Institute of Architects (1989)
- Member of the Hong Kong Institute of Architects (1974-1989)
- Member of Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (1971)
- Lecturer, Senior Lecturer and Professor of Department of Architecture, The University of Hong Kong (1973-2004)
- Head of Department of Architecture, The University of Hong Kong (1996-2000)
- Master of Business Administration, University of East Asia (1988)
- Bachelor of Architecture, University of Manitoba (1969)
- The Artist of the Year Award (1999)
- HKIA Outstanding Architect Award (1991)
- Ten Outstanding Young Persons Award (1984)

Occupation : **Architect**

Public Service :

- Vice Chairman, Town Planning Board
- Member, Housing Authority
- Member, Antiquities Advisory Board
- Board Member, Ocean Park Corporation
- Council Member, The Open University of Hong Kong
- Member, Security and Guarding Services Industry Authority

- External Academic Advisor for Associate of Science in Architectural Studies of Building Science and Technology Division of the City University of Hong Kong
- Chairman, HKTDC Infrastructure Development Advisory Committee
- Honorary Advisor, Hong Kong Institute of Utility Surveyors
- Patron, Hong Kong Interior Designers Association
- Council Member, St. Paul's College
- Member, Construction Industry Training Authority (2003-2005)
- Director, Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation (2001-2005)
- Vice Chairman, Architects Registration Board (2003-2004)
- Chairman, Professional Green Building Council (PGBC) (2002-2004)
- Part-time Member, Central Policy Unit (2001-2004)
- Member, ICAC Operations Review Committee (2000-2004)
- President, Hong Kong Institute of Architects (2001-2002)
- Council Member, Hong Kong Institute of Education (1996-2000)
- Chairman, Outstanding Young Persons' Association (1996-1997)

Hon Albert Jinghan CHENG

Date of Birth : 3 July 1946

Education and Professional Qualifications :

Aircraft Maintenance Engineer

Attended aircraft type approval endorsement courses :

CONVAIR 880

DC8 – 40/50/60

DC10 – 30

BOEING 737 – 200

BOEING 727 – 100/200

BOEING 747 – 200

Occupation :

Legislative Councillor

Public Service :

- Vice-Chairman, Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting, Legislative Council
- Member, Finance Committee, Legislative Council
- Member, House Committee, Legislative Council
- Member, Public Accounts Committee, Legislative Council
- Member, Committee on Members' Interests, Legislative Council
- Member, Panel on Constitutional Affairs, Legislative Council
- Member, Panel on Financial Affairs, Legislative Council
- Member, Panel on Health Services, Legislative Council
- Member, Panel on Housing, Legislative Council
- Member, Panel on Welfare Services, Legislative Council
- Member, Subcommittee to study the subject of combating poverty, Legislative Council

NGO

- Honorary Development Director, The English Schools Foundation (2005)
- Chairperson of the Validation Panel (Higher Diploma in Press Relations and Campaign Management), Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (Chai Wan) (2005)
- Founder/Trustee, Senior Citizen Home Safety Association (1996 - present)
- Trustee/Council Member, Foundation of Businesses in Support of the Arts (1990 - present)
- Allocations Committee Chairman, Foundation of Businesses in Support of the Arts (1991 - present)
- Member, Public Relations Committee, The Community Chest of Hong Kong (1990-1992)
- Member, Corporate & Employee Contribution Programme Organizing Committee, The Community Chest of Hong Kong (1991-1998)
- Honorary Vice-President, Economics and Finance Society of The University of Hong Kong (1990 - present)
- Honorary Advisor, The Society of Business Administration of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (1991 - present)
- Member, Securities & Futures Commission Public Shareholders Group (2003-2004)
- Board Member, Hong Kong Audit Bureau of Circulation (HKABC) (1989-1993)
- Board Member, The Society of Hong Kong Publishers (1990)
- Treasurer, The Society of Hong Kong Publishers (1988)
- Chairman, The Society of Hong Kong Publishers (1989)
- Founding President, Chinese Canadian Association of Hong Kong (1988)
- Convenor, Hong Kong Expo' 97 Initiative Committee (1988)
- Chairman, Hong Kong Film Awards (1984)

Hon KWONG Chi-kin

Date of Birth : 15 February 1958

Education and Professional Qualifications :

- Bachelor of Social Sciences, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Bachelor of Laws, University of London
- Master of Laws, University of London
- Called to the Bar in England
- Called to the Bar in Hong Kong
- Called to the Bar in Australia

Occupation :

Legal Adviser, The Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions

Public Service :

- Member, The Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong (1999-2002)
- Part-time Member, The Central Policy Unit (1999-2003)
- Honorary Legal Adviser, Hong Kong Construction Industry Employees General Union (2004 - present)
- Honorary Legal Adviser, Hong Kong Customs and Excise Staff General Association (2000 - present)
- Honorary Legal Adviser, Hong Kong Securities and Futures Industry Staff Union (2003 - present)
- Member, Council of The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Member, Employees Retraining Board

Hon TAM Heung-man

Date of Birth : 8 June 1957

Education and Professional Qualifications :

- Fellow of The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants
- The Chartered Institute of Taxation (Chartered Tax Adviser)
- Fellow of Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants

Occupation :

Tax Advisor

Public Service :

- Chairman, Bills Committee on Bankruptcy (Amendment) Bill 2004
- Member, Bills Committee on Companies (Amendment) Bill 2004
- Member, Bills Committee on Revenue (Allowance for Tax) Bill 2005
- Member, Bills Committee on Revenue (Abolition of Estate Duty) Bill 2005
- Member, Bills Committee on Building Management (Amendment) Bill 2005
- Member, Bills Committee on Securities and Futures (Amendment) Bill 2005
- Member, Bills Committee on Chief Executive Election (Amendment) (Term of Office of the Chief Executive) Bill
- Deputy Chairman, Panel on Home Affairs
- Deputy Chairman, Public Accounts Committee
- Member, Panel on Economic Services
- Member, Panel on Financial Affairs
- Member, Panel on Constitutional Affairs
- Member, Finance Committee
- Member, Public Works Subcommittee

- Member, House Committee
- Member, Subcommittee on Members' Remuneration and Operating Expenses Reimbursement
- Member, Subcommittee to Consider a Mechanism for Handling Complaints and Allegations Concerning Members' Operating Expenses Reimbursement Claims
- District Councillor of Wong Tai Sin
- Member, Equal Opportunities Commission
- Chairman, Galaxia Owners Committee
- Member, Stewards Limited
- Secretary, The Chartered Tax Advisor
- Advisor, The Society of Accountancy, Student Union of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUSA)
- Honorable Advisor, Hong Kong Accounting Professionals Association

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Bills Passed

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		Bills	Gazette Date	1st Reading Date	Passage through LegCo Date
	1.	Merchant Shipping (Limitation of Shipowners Liability) (Amendment) Bill 2005	7.1.2005	26.1.2005	9.3.2005
@+	2.	Vocational Training Council (Amendment) Bill 2004	8.10.2004	13.10.2004	6.4.2005
	3.	Appropriation Bill 2005	16.3.2005	16.3.2005	27.4.2005
+	4.	Chief Executive Election (Amendment) (Term of Office of the Chief Executive) Bill	24.3.2005	6.4.2005	25.5.2005
+*	5.	Citibank (Hong Kong) Limited (Merger) Bill	11.3.2005 & 18.3.2005	6.4.2005	25.5.2005
	6.	Immigration (Amendment) Bill 2005	15.4.2005	27.4.2005	1.6.2005
*	7.	Federation of Hong Kong Industries (Amendment) Bill 2005	28.1.2005 & 4.2.2005	4.5.2005	1.6.2005
@+	8.	Trade Descriptions (Amendment) Bill 2004	29.10.2004	10.11.2004	8.6.2005
+	9.	Revenue (Allowances for Tax) Bill 2005	22.4.2005	27.4.2005	8.6.2005
@+	10.	Companies (Amendment) Bill 2004	8.10.2004	13.10.2004	29.6.2005
@+	11.	Undesirable Medical Advertisements (Amendment) (No.2) Bill 2004	8.10.2004	13.10.2004	29.6.2005
+	12.	Transfer of Sentenced Persons (Amendment) (Macau) Bill	24.12.2004	5.1.2005	29.6.2005
@+	13.	Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2005	18.2.2005	9.3.2005	29.6.2005
+	14.	Aviation Security (Amendment) Bill 2005	18.2.2005	9.3.2005	29.6.2005
@+	15.	Child Care Services (Amendment) Bill 2005	15.4.2005	27.4.2005	29.6.2005
*	16.	The Methodist Church, Hong Kong, Incorporation (Amendment) Bill 2005	22.4.2005 & 29.4.2005	1.6.2005	29.6.2005
	17.	Supplementary Appropriation (2004-2005) Bill	3.6.2005	8.6.2005	29.6.2005
@+	18.	Bankruptcy (Amendment) Bill 2004	8.10.2004	13.10.2004	6.7.2005
@+	19.	Banking (Amendment) Bill 2005	4.3.2005	6.4.2005	6.7.2005
#*	20.	Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (Asia) Limited (Merger) Bill	13.5.2005 & 20.5.2005	25.5.2005	6.7.2005

+ Indicates that a Bills Committee was formed for the Bill

@ Bill passed with CSA moved by Administration

Bill passed with CSA moved by Members

* Member's Bill

Date of Council meeting, Subject and Mover	Wording of Motion and Result
I. MOTIONS PASSED	
<p><i>20 October 2004</i> “Total smoking ban in workplaces” moved by Hon Bernard CHAN</p> <p>amendments moved by Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo Hon Albert Jinghan CHENG</p>	<p>The motion as amended by Hon Albert Jinghan CHENG: “That this Council urges the new Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food to actively expedite the implementation of a total smoking ban in workplaces so as to safeguard public interests and protect the public from the health hazards of passive smoking, and to step up anti-smoking efforts to combat the problem of young smokers and, at the same time, take proactive action to expedite the implementation of a total smoking ban in restaurants and air-conditioned indoor public areas.” was passed.</p>
<p><i>3 November 2004</i> “Reducing the duty on ultra low sulphur diesel” moved by Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye</p> <p>amendments moved by Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah Hon WONG Kwok-hing</p>	<p>The motion as amended by Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah: “That this Council urges the Government to expeditiously review the current rate of duty on ultra low sulphur diesel with a view to easing the hardship caused by the high cost of ultra low sulphur diesel to the affected industries, especially the transport industry which is the hardest hit, and to ensure that end-users of ultra low sulphur diesel can really benefit from any reduction of the duty rate.” was passed.</p>
<p><i>3 November 2004</i> “Alleviating the disparity between the rich and the poor” moved by Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee</p> <p>amendments moved by Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung Hon James TIEN Pei-chun</p>	<p>The motion as amended by Hon James TIEN Pei-chun: “That, as the Hong Kong economy has entered an inflation period, yet the unemployment rate remains high, with wages not showing an evident rebound and the disparity between the rich and the poor becoming more serious, this Council urges the Government to set up a governmental interdepartmental committee on aiding the poor to comprehensively examine the disparity between the rich and the poor in Hong Kong, so as to enhance the self-help capability of the socially disadvantaged groups and enable a more effective allocation of social resources, thereby helping those who are most in need and safeguarding the basic needs of the grass-roots people; at the same time, the Government should co-ordinate the efforts of various departments in formulating corresponding policies as well as measures to help get rid of poverty, with a view to narrowing the gap between the rich and the poor, reducing social conflicts and promoting harmonious social development.” was passed.</p>

Date of Council meeting, Subject and Mover	Wording of Motion and Result
I. MOTIONS PASSED	
<p><i>17 November 2004</i> “Expectations for Policy Address” moved by Dr Hon YEUNG Sum</p>	<p>The motion: “That this Council urges the Government to prudently consider the expectations of the Members of this Council for the 2005 Policy Address.” was passed.</p>
<p><i>24 November 2004</i> “Developing town planning and urban designs featuring local characteristics for the 18 districts” moved by Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing</p> <p>amendments moved by Hon LEE Wing-tat Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit</p>	<p>The motion as amended by Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit: “That, as the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines (‘HKPSG’) currently adopted by the Planning Department was first compiled in the 1960s and have since been in use with substantial revisions made only in 1974, most of the guidelines have become out of step with present-day circumstances, this Council urges the Government to thoroughly review the existing planning policy in partnership with civil society and under the primary principle of promoting public participation, and carry out long-term planning for Hong Kong in accordance with the concept of sustainable development, so as to break away from the present situation in which the use of land is dominated by private developers.” was passed.</p>
<p><i>1 December 2004</i> “Implementing small class teaching” moved by Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee</p> <p>amendment moved by Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee</p> <p>amendment to amendment moved by Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong</p>	<p>The motion as amended by Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee and Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong: “That this Council urges the Government to make optimal use of the resources saved due to the drop in the primary and secondary school student population to provide training for teachers on small class teaching and, through a ‘by district and by grade’ mode of transition, progressively implement small class teaching, starting with primary schools and junior secondary forms, to enable teachers to tailor their teaching to students’ varied abilities, so as to realize and achieve the goal of quality education, promote education reform and fulfil the expectations of parents, teachers and students.” was passed.</p>

Date of Council meeting, Subject and Mover	Wording of Motion and Result
<p>I. MOTIONS PASSED</p>	
<p><i>1 December 2004</i></p> <p>“Overall development of Chinese medicine practitioners” moved by Hon LI Kwok-ying</p> <p>amendments moved by Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo</p> <p>(amendment proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki was withdrawn)</p>	<p>The motion as amended by Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung and Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo: “That, whereas the professional status of Chinese medicine practitioners (‘CMPs’) has been established for quite a long time, the development of CMPs has been handicapped because the Government does not have a long-term development strategy for Chinese medicine, is not adequately involved in this regard, and fails to establish avenues for CMPs to receive professional training or provide proper registration avenues that cater for the CMPs’ tradition of acquiring practice skills through apprenticeship or family succession, resulting in some 3 000 listed CMPs still not being able to become registered CMPs, this Council urges the Government to formulate a long-term policy on the development of CMPs, which should include:</p> <p>(a) expediting the expansion of the scope of services provided by CMPs in the public medical system, implementing the outstanding plan to set up 15 public Chinese medicine out-patient clinics, establishing a mechanism for public hospitals whereby their in-patients can seek joint consultation and treatment by CMPs, setting up a Chinese medicine in-patient department in public hospitals, and studying the establishment of a Chinese medicine hospital;</p> <p>(b) establishing a committee on the development of Chinese medicine, and formulating strategies and policies to facilitate the development of Chinese medicine, such as giving statutory status to the sick leave certificates issued by CMPs, and reviewing the medical equipment that CMPs are allowed to use;</p> <p>(c) formulating a mechanism and avenues for CMPs to receive professional training;</p> <p>(d) having regard to the unique circumstances of CMPs and bone-setters who acquire their practice skills through apprenticeship or family succession, devising a more suitable examination system and syllabus for them, and arranging for the listed CMPs concerned to receive training before taking the</p>

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<p>I. MOTIONS PASSED</p>	<p>examination, in order to enable them to become registered CMPs smoothly;</p> <p>(e) reforming the compositions of the Chinese Medicine Council of Hong Kong and its various boards and committees, and enhancing their transparency and the representativeness of their members, so as to enable them to reflect a wide spectrum of opinions in the sector;</p> <p>(f) reviewing the levels of fees as well as the fee subsidy and waiver systems in respect of public Chinese medicine out-patient clinics, and considering subsidizing elderly recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance payments who use the services of non-public Chinese medicine out-patient clinics; and</p> <p>(g) giving statutory status to the insurance claim forms, receipts and other documents issued by CMPs, and reviewing CMPs' rights and responsibilities in the referral of patients." was passed.</p> <p>The motion as amended by Dr Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long, Hon LI Kwok-ying and Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo: "That, as the medical and health services in Hong Kong are now facing a big challenge in which the public medical organizations have to cope with unlimited demands with limited resources, and the deficit of the Hospital Authority is increasing year by year whilst there is not sufficient room for the healthy development of the private medical and health services, this Council urges the Government to:</p> <p>(a) expeditiously formulate a long-term health policy that allows for sustainable development, and draw up a timetable for the implementation of the policy so that the difficulties currently faced by the medical and health services in Hong Kong can be overcome;</p>

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"Medical reform" moved by
Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki

amendments moved by
Dr Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long
Hon LI Kwok-ying
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo

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<p>I. MOTIONS PASSED</p>	<p>(b) establish an advisory framework that comprises front-line health care workers and incorporates broad representation to review the existing policies and assist in formulating future policy directions;</p> <p>(c) set up a training fund to provide proper training for the new generation of health care personnel so as to tie in with the needs for clinical specialization in medical and health services and avoid any succession gap in health care professionals;</p> <p>(d) enhance the training on family medicine and community health service so that health care professionals can effectively promote community health and public health;</p> <p>(e) address the prevailing serious imbalance in the public and private medical and health services;</p> <p>(f) study and implement options for financing health care;</p> <p>(g) strengthen the efforts in the prevention of diseases and primary health care with a view to reducing the demand for in-patient services;</p> <p>(h) incorporate Chinese medicine services into the scope of health care services planning;</p> <p>(i) adopt as the premise in formulating a medical policy an approach that is people-oriented and does not increase the health care burden on grass-roots people;</p> <p>(j) enhance primary health efforts, including strengthening the prevention of and scientific research on infectious diseases to prevent any outbreak of epidemics in Hong Kong; and</p> <p>(k) ensure that there are representatives of patients' organizations in the relevant advisory framework when reviewing the existing policies and formulating future policy directions." was passed.</p>

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I. MOTIONS PASSED	
<p><i>8 December 2004</i></p> <p>“Reviewing the basis for charging the trade effluent surcharge and its appeal mechanism” moved by Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan</p> <p>amendments moved by Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming</p>	<p>The motion as amended by Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming: “That this Council urges the Environment, Transport and Works Bureau to expeditiously conduct a comprehensive review of the basis for charging the trade effluent surcharge and its appeal mechanism with a view to ensuring that the charging scheme is fair and reasonable, and that the polluter pays principle is put into effect; furthermore, the Government should also assist the affected persons and businesses in adopting various means including new and high technologies to further conserve water and reduce the discharge of effluent.” was passed.</p>
<p><i>15 December 2004</i></p> <p>“Vigorously reducing air pollution” moved by Hon James TIEN Pei-chun</p> <p>amendments moved by Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing Hon CHOY So-yuk Hon LEE Wing-tat</p> <p>amendment to amendment moved by Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen</p>	<p>The motion as amended by Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, Hon CHOY So-yuk, Hon LEE Wing-tat and Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen: “That, since air pollution remains severe in Hong Kong in recent days, which not only poses a health hazard to Hong Kong people, but also discourages foreign businesses from investing in Hong Kong, this Council urges the Government to expeditiously discuss with the Guangdong authorities to jointly draw up a definite timetable for various work items and adopting vigorous tackling measures to improve the situation, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) strengthening co-operation with the Guangdong authorities to tighten the emission standards for factories, power plants and motor vehicles, etc, setting the mid-term targets and an interim review timetable in this regard, and achieving the emission reduction targets for 2010 at an earlier date; (b) endeavouring to unify the emission standards and regulatory systems in Hong Kong and Guangdong; (c) expeditiously implementing the emissions trading pilot scheme in collaboration with the Guangdong authorities; (d) providing Hong Kong business operators in the Pearl River Delta who have installed air pollution control systems in their plants with tax relief on depreciation of the relevant machinery;

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<p>I. MOTIONS PASSED</p>	<p>(e) striving to reduce pollutants such as sulphur dioxide emitted in the process of power generation by the two power companies in Hong Kong, and increasing the use of more environmentally friendly energy;</p> <p>(f) further promoting the incentive scheme for liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) light buses and extending it to light goods vehicles;</p> <p>(g) considering the provision of additional sites for setting up LPG filling stations;</p> <p>(h) actively engaging in research and development on the utilization of renewable energy, formulating a policy on renewable energy, requesting the two power companies to follow this policy, and stipulating in the Scheme of Control Agreements with the power companies the proportion of renewable energy to be used in electricity generation;</p> <p>(i) expediting the introduction of a registration system for vehicle repair technicians and garages;</p> <p>(j) vigorously introducing other types of environmentally friendly vehicles and related incentive measures, and offering relief on the first registration tax and licence fee to environmentally friendly vehicles, such as hybrid electric-petroleum vehicles;</p> <p>(k) vigorously introducing other types of environmentally friendly fuels and related incentive measures;</p> <p>(l) setting higher utilization targets for renewable energy;</p> <p>(m) requesting franchised bus companies to expeditiously renew their fleets, deploy buses that comply with Euro III emission standards to serve routes along busy roads and introduce additional bus-bus interchange discount schemes;</p>

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<p>I. MOTIONS PASSED</p>	<p>(n) actively studying the feasibility of increasing the fines for smoky vehicles;</p> <p>(o) using such high-technology equipment as satellite imaging and remote surveillance devices to enhance monitoring of air pollution sources and changes in pollution conditions;</p> <p>(p) the HKSAR Government taking the lead in implementing energy conservation measures in various departments, and promoting community-wide involvement in energy conservation;</p> <p>(q) adopting suitable methods to regulate products for industrial and commercial use that may emit volatile organic compounds;</p> <p>(r) stepping up the testing of vehicle emissions and introducing road-side remote sensors to check emissions from vehicles on the roads in the territory and from cross-boundary vehicles, so as to ensure their compliance with Hong Kong's emission standards;</p> <p>(s) establishing a safe and convenient network of pedestrian walkway systems, which should include pedestrian precincts, footbridge networks and automatic escalators, etc, in densely populated areas that have a high pedestrian flow, so as to develop Hong Kong into a 'city of elevated corridors', which will enable vehicle-pedestrian segregation, improve the environment for walking and encourage people to walk; and</p> <p>(t) further promoting the 'Indoor Air Quality Management Programme' and enacting relevant legislation, as well as joining hands with the industrial and commercial sectors in actively promoting the programme, in order to prevent poor indoor air quality from harming the public's health, with a view to minimizing emissions, thereby enabling residents of the whole Pearl River Delta to enjoy clean fresh air." was passed.</p>

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<p><i>15 December 2004</i> “Formulating a sustainable policy on agriculture and fisheries” moved by Hon WONG Yung-kan</p> <p>amendment moved by Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing</p>	<p>The motion as amended by Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing: “That, as Article 119 of the Basic Law provides that the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region shall formulate appropriate policies to promote and co-ordinate the development of various trades including agriculture and fisheries, and pay regard to the protection of the environment, this Council urges the Government to comprehensively consult members of the industries, green groups and the public to formulate a sustainable policy on agriculture and fisheries, including developing offshore fishing, deep-sea purse-seine fishing, leisure agriculture and fisheries, and mariculture, as well as studying the impact of sustainable development measures on bottom-trawling fishing as well as shallow-water and deep-water purse-seine fishing; setting up a priority zone for agriculture, and developing quality livestock farming and organic farming; assisting the development of the agricultural and fishery products processing industries, establishing a monitoring system for green agricultural and fishery food products, as well as reviewing the monitoring system for marine works involving sand dredging and mud disposal, so as to enable the local agriculture and fisheries industries to develop through further restructuring and to supply quality agricultural and fishery foods to the people of Hong Kong.” was passed.</p>
<p><i>5 January 2005</i> “Development of the West Kowloon Cultural District” moved by Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit</p> <p>amendments moved by Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming Hon CHAN Yuen-han Hon James TO Kun-sun</p>	<p>The motion as amended by Hon James TO Kun-sun: “That, as the Administration has decided to award the development of the 40-hectare West Kowloon Cultural District (‘the WKCD development’) to a single consortium in one go and allows the public only 15 weeks to comment on the three proposals selected in the first stage, such course of action has failed to ensure the optimal use of precious land resources in Hong Kong and safeguard public interests while nurturing arts and culture, this Council strongly asks the Administration to:</p> <p>(a) extend the consultation period to six months to allow sufficient time for public participation;</p>

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<p>I. MOTIONS PASSED</p>	<p>(b) make public all the proposals submitted to the Government by persons interested in participating in the WKCD development, including information on financial arrangements, so as to enable the public to fully grasp the details of the development proposals during the consultation period;</p> <p>(c) remove the requirement that the canopy, which requires huge funds to construct, be a mandatory component of the WKCD development;</p> <p>(d) withdraw the decision to award the entire piece of land together with the WKCD development by way of one single tender, and break the lot into smaller pieces of land for public tender or auction in the market by batches so that small and medium developers in Hong Kong can participate in the development, with a view to maximizing the proceeds from the land sale;</p> <p>(e) formulate long-term and sustainable policies on Hong Kong's arts and culture, use part of the proceeds from the sale of the 40 hectares of land to support and promote the related policies and, in drawing up the specific details and implementing the policies, allow institutionalized participation of the civil society and, in particular, solicit and adopt the views of the local art and cultural sectors; and</p> <p>(f) set up a West Kowloon Cultural District development authority, which should be a statutory body comprising members from various sectors, to take up the planning, development and management of the West Kowloon Cultural District." was passed.</p>

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I. MOTIONS PASSED	
<p><i>26, 27 and 28 January 2005</i> “Introducing a fair competition law for the oil industries” moved by Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye</p> <p>amendment moved by Hon WONG Kwok-hing Hon Fred Li Wah-ming</p>	<p>The original motion: “That, as the adjustments of local oil product prices are always quick in going up but slow in coming down and the pace of price adjustments by various oil companies tends to be synchronized, while oil product pump prices often fail to truly reflect import costs, this Council urges the Government to actively consider introducing a fair competition law and other effective measures for the oil industries, including requesting the Competition Policy Advisory Group to take heed of any unfair mode of competition that may emerge in the local oil market, and entrusting the Group to monitor and study the situation, with a view to increasing competition in the oil industries and enhancing the transparency of product prices, thereby avoiding oligopoly, promoting fair competition and safeguarding commercial clients and the public against high oil prices.” was passed.</p>
<p><i>26, 27 and 28 January 2005</i> “Enacting legislation on freedom of information” moved by Hon James TO Kun-sun</p> <p>amendments moved by Hon Albert Jinghan CHENG Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing Hon Margaret NG</p>	<p>The motion as amended by Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing and Hon Margaret NG: “That this Council urges the HKSAR Government to enact legislation on freedom of information, on the premise of fully consulting various sectors of the community and having regard for the public’s right to know and their social responsibilities, so as to safeguard Hong Kong’s freedom of the press and information, enhance the transparency and accountability of the HKSAR Government, safeguard the public interests of the Hong Kong community, and consolidate the core values of Hong Kong as well as facilitate public participation in assessing and proposing public policies; and the relevant legislation should provide for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the public’s right of access to information held by public authorities; (b) clearly defined categories of information the disclosure of which may be refused; and (c) the mechanisms for enforcing the right and for appeal.” was passed.

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<p><i>2 February 2005</i></p> <p>“Monitoring the post-retirement employment of the Chief Executive, principal officials under the accountability system and civil servants at directorate level with private-sector organizations” moved by Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong</p> <p>amendment moved by Hon TAM Yiu-chung</p>	<p>The motion as amended by Hon TAM Yiu-chung: “That, since the approval granted in recent years to a number of civil servants at directorate level for their post-retirement employment with private-sector organizations has aroused public concern, in order to fortify the prevention of civil servants at directorate level from taking up post-retirement employment that involves conflicts of interests with their previous service in the Government, this Council urges the Government to immediately tighten up, monitor the implementation of and strictly enforce the policies and measures governing the post-retirement employment of civil servants at directorate level with private-sector organizations, which should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) imposing across the board a sanitization period of at least one year for directorate officers; (b) prohibiting directorate officers from taking up employment with private-sector organizations during their pre-retirement leave to guard against double pay; (c) identifying loopholes in the work of the Advisory Committee on Post-retirement Employment to prevent the Committee from becoming a rubber stamp which approves applications indiscriminately; (d) making public information on the approvals granted by the Government for civil servants at directorate level to take up post-retirement employment with private-sector organizations; and (e) closely monitoring the changes in the nature of post-retirement employment taken up by directorate officers with private-sector organizations after such approvals have been granted so as to ensure that there is no conflict of interest between their post-retirement employment and their previous service in the Government;

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<p><i>23 February 2005</i></p> <p>“Taking forward the issues of concern to the elderly” moved by Hon TAM Yiu-chung</p> <p>amendment moved by Dr Hon YEUNG Sum</p> <p>(amendment proposed by Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun was withdrawn)</p>	<p>furthermore, this Council also calls upon the Civil Service Bureau to expeditiously complete the investigation into the incident of Ms Elaine CHUNG Lai-kok and publish the relevant report, and urges the Administration to strictly enforce the relevant policies by exercising appropriate and forceful regulation over the post-departure or post-retirement employment of the Chief Executive and the principal officials under the accountability system with private-sector organizations, so as to achieve the policy direction of ‘resolutely against collusion between business and the Government to eliminate any transfer of benefits’ announced in the Chief Executive’s 2005 Policy Address, thereby ensuring that upon the departure of the Chief Executive, principal officials and directorate officers, they do not enter into any business or take up any employment which may constitute a conflict of interest with their previous service in the Government or adversely affect the image of the Government.” was passed.</p> <p>The motion as amended by Dr Hon YEUNG Sum: “That, in view of the ageing of the population in Hong Kong, this Council urges the Government, in response to the recommendations made by nine major elderly and social service organizations and elderly groups, to formulate a sustainable policy on care for the elderly and pursue vigorous measures to take forward the seven issues of most concern to the elderly, which include:</p> <p>(a) Long-term care: reinforcing the continuum of community and residential care services, and rendering support to carers of the elderly;</p> <p>(b) Medical services: alleviating the burden of medical expenses on the elderly, and enhancing the efficiency of medical services;</p> <p>(c) Disease prevention: introducing health care schemes for the elderly, and improving environmental hygiene;</p>

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<p>I. MOTIONS PASSED</p>	<p>(d) Mental health: promoting activities which foster a sense of health and worthiness among the elderly, and strengthening the rehabilitation and outreaching services for the elderly;</p> <p>(e) Retirement protection: studying the establishment of a community-wide retirement protection scheme, providing support for the elderly who opt for returning to their hometowns in the Mainland to spend their twilight years, and allowing the elderly who live with their families to apply independently for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance;</p> <p>(f) Prevention of elderly abuse: enacting legislation to protect the elderly, providing shelter support for the elderly, and advocating the culture of respect for the elderly and filial piety; and</p> <p>(g) Accommodation for the elderly: helping the elderly with financial difficulties to solve their accommodation problems, including the introduction of a grading system for residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) in Hong Kong so as to give the elderly greater confidence in living in RCHEs; building more small public rental housing (PRH) units with suitable supporting social services to accommodate them; studying the relaxation of the eligibility criteria for PRH of the elderly who live in their self-owned old properties, and allowing them to put their properties under the trusteeship of non-governmental organizations and to use the rental income to pay for their living expenses, so that they can enjoy a peaceful life, with a view to continuously improving the quality of life of the elderly and building a society with concern and care for the elderly.” was passed.</p>

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<p><i>23 February 2005</i></p> <p>“Policy on the recycling industry” moved by <i>Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen</i></p> <p>amendment moved by <i>Hon LEE Wing-tat</i> <i>Hon CHOY So-yuk</i> <i>Hon CHAN Yuen-han</i></p>	<p>The motion as amended by Hon CHOY So-yuk and Hon CHAN Yuen-han: “That this Council urges the Government to implement as early as possible a sustainable development plan that adheres to the waste disposal strategy premised on the reduction, recovery and reuse of wastes, which includes implementing the polluters pay principle, formulating a long-term policy on the recycling industry, devising respective schemes on waste separation at source for various trades and communities, implementing the development plan of the ‘Recovery Park’, considering the imposition of a reasonable green tax, priority should be given by government departments to using locally manufactured recycled products, and establishing a high-level inter-departmental industries facilitation council to co-ordinate the communication and co-operation among various departments in a highly efficient manner so as to enhance public awareness of environmental protection and instill in them the correct attitude to handling wastes, with a view to solving the aggravating environmental pollution problem in Hong Kong as early as possible, as well as creating business opportunities and increasing job opportunities; furthermore, the Government should also implement measures in order that the waste recycling and export industries can be retained and developed, and should set up large regional recyclable collection centres outside the ‘Recovery Park’ as well as establish a network for collecting recyclable waste in various districts across the territory, so as to increase the opportunities for grass-roots workers and operators of small-scale enterprises to join the recycling industry.” was passed.</p>
<p><i>2 March 2005</i></p> <p>“Expectations for the Commission on Poverty” moved by <i>Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee</i></p> <p>amendment moved by <i>Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee</i></p>	<p>The original motion: “That, as the Chief Executive announced in his Policy Address delivered early this year the establishment of the Commission on Poverty (‘the Commission’), and the Commission, from its incubation to its present inception, lacks a clear positioning and specific plans in regard to the direction for alleviating poverty as well as its mode of operation, this Council urges the Government to vigorously adopt the following proposals regarding the Commission’s direction, operation and efforts to promote community engagement:</p>

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<p>I. MOTIONS PASSED</p>	<p>(a) setting a clear and definite direction for alleviating poverty, and defining the Commission’s role and the values behind it;</p> <p>(b) establishing a benchmark for measuring poverty so as to accurately analyze and assess the problem of poverty in the community, and clearly defining the target recipients of assistance so as to enable a more effective use of resources;</p> <p>(c) studying the causes of poverty in Hong Kong, examining the overall social structure and existing systems, and identifying the areas of poverty that need to be studied, such as poverty among children and the elderly, working poverty, secondary safety net and the review of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme, etc;</p> <p>(d) as the coverage of the Commission’s present membership is inadequate, appointing to the Commission such additional members as representatives from policy bureaux and relevant executive departments responsible for the housing and transport portfolios, etc, as well as from public transport operators, so as to take account of the various aspects of the daily life of the poor;</p> <p>(e) co-ordinating various policy bureaux and their departments in formulating specific plans for alleviating poverty, establishing feasible and clear objectives for alleviating poverty and setting specific implementation timetables, as well as requiring various departments to submit reports to the Commission on a regular basis, with the latter reporting to the public on the progress of its work and briefing the public after each of its meetings;</p> <p>(f) setting up an evaluation mechanism for assessing the implications of individual policies on the disparity between the rich and the poor in the community, whereby all new policies and initiatives launched by policy bureaux and departments must be subject to such assessment and be adjusted as appropriate before implementation, and all existing relevant legislation and policies must also undergo this assessment; and</p>

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<p><i>2 March 2005</i></p> <p>“Scheme of Control Agreements of the two power companies and the long-term energy policy” moved by <i>Hon LEE Wing-tat</i></p> <p>amendment moved by <i>Hon CHAN Kam-lam</i> <i>Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan</i> <i>Hon WONG Kwok-hing</i></p> <p>amendment to amendment moved by <i>Hon Fred LI Wah-ming</i></p>	<p>(g) promoting community engagement and the building of partnerships, encouraging the business sector to give support and fulfil their corporate social responsibility, and devolving powers and allocating resources to district organizations and, by making effective use of their flexibility, responding appropriately to the needs of various districts having regard to their different poverty situations, as well as holding regular public forums to enable public participation in the course of formulating the policies on poverty alleviation.” was passed.</p> <p>The motion as amended by Hon CHAN Kam-lam and Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan: “That, as the Scheme of Control Agreements of the two power companies will expire in 2008, this Council requests the Government to seriously consider the following principles in order to decide on the way forward for the future development of the electricity market:</p> <p>(a) tariffs charged by the power companies should be reasonable;</p> <p>(b) the mechanism for tariff adjustments should be more transparent, and a study should be conducted on the introduction of a mechanism that allows both upward and downward tariff adjustments;</p> <p>(c) any new scheme of control agreements should have adequate flexibility and should allow for a review within a reasonable number of years;</p> <p>(d) more considerations should be taken into account in determining the permitted rate of return, and the rate should be reduced;</p> <p>(e) effective measures should be adopted to minimize the emissions of pollutants in the generation of electricity;</p>

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	<p>(f) the power companies should be encouraged to develop and introduce the use of renewable energy;</p> <p>(g) the stability and safety in the supply of electricity should be maintained;</p> <p>(h) the full implementation of power interconnection should be actively studied; and</p> <p>(i) the power companies should use more environmentally friendly energy sources;</p> <p>furthermore, the Government should also study the feasibility of establishing an energy authority with the responsibility of formulating a long-term and comprehensive energy policy.” was passed.</p>
<p><i>9 and 16 March 2005</i> “Defending sovereignty over the Diaoyutai Islands” moved by Hon LEE Wing-tat</p>	<p>The motion: “That this Council strongly protests against the Japanese Government’s unlawful occupation of the Diaoyutai Islands which are within the territory of our country, and urges our Government and people to defend our sovereignty over the Diaoyutai Islands.” was passed.</p>
<p><i>6 April 2005</i> “Perfecting the policy on protection of trees” moved by Hon CHOY So-yuk</p> <p>amendment moved by Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming</p>	<p>The original motion: “That, as currently the Government does not have a set of effective administrative measures or legislation to protect trees, and as co-ordination is lacking because the responsibilities are scattered among various departments, which may result in trees in the territory being destroyed, damaged or removed due to urban development, negligence or other reasons, this Council urges the Government to expeditiously formulate an effective policy on protection of trees, and at the same time perfect existing relevant legislation, administrative measures as well as administrative framework, so as to effectively protect and preserve various kinds of trees, especially those that are exceptionally old and large, rare and valuable, of historical, cultural or memorial significance, and of special ecological or scientific research value.” was passed.</p>

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<p><i>6 April 2005</i> “Policy on assisting women in poverty” moved by Hon CHAN Yuen-han</p> <p>amendments moved by Hon Albert HO Chun-yan Hon LEE Cheuk-yan</p>	<p>The original motion: “That, as the problem of poverty among women in Hong Kong is worsening, this Council urges the Government to face up to the feminization of poverty and formulate concrete policies and measures in various policy areas to assist the women in poverty.” was passed.</p>
<p><i>4 May 2005</i> “Reviewing the protection of wages on insolvency system” moved by Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing</p> <p>amendments moved by Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo Hon LEE Cheuk-yan Hon WONG Kwok-hing</p>	<p>The motion as amended by Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo: “That this Council urges the Government to expeditiously review the protection of wages on insolvency system and related legislation, streamline the application procedures for the Protection of Wages on Insolvency Fund, and step up prosecution against those employers who deliberately default on payment of wages to their employees, so as to safeguard employees’ rights and benefits and prevent abuse of the Protection of Wages on Insolvency Fund by employers.” was passed.</p>
<p><i>4 May 2005</i> “Opposing Japan’s textbooks distorting history” moved by Hon LAU Kong-wah</p> <p>amendments moved by Hon Albert HO Chun-yan Hon James TIEN Pei-chun</p>	<p>The motion as amended by Hon Albert HO Chun-yan and Hon James TIEN Pei-chun: “That this Council strongly condemns the recent approval by Japan’s Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of the history textbooks for 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, and also strongly demands the Japanese Government to fulfil its post-war responsibilities, i.e. totally abandoning militarism, facing up to the historical facts, disclosing all the information on the war crimes it committed when invading its neighbouring countries during the Second World War, compiling history textbooks that are faithful to historical facts, ceasing to pay official homage to the Yasukuni Shrine, making its sincere confession and apologies to the countries and people who were subjected to its invasion during the Second World War, and offering reasonable compensation to the war crimes victims; and, until the Japanese Government has fulfilled the above responsibilities, this</p>

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<p><i>11 May 2005</i> “Comprehensive review of the Inland Revenue Ordinance” moved by Hon TAM Heung-man</p> <p>amendments moved by Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing Hon LEE Cheuk-yan</p> <p><i>18 May 2005</i> “Continuing decline in birth rate” moved by Hon LEE Cheuk-yan</p> <p>amendments moved by Hon CHAN Kam-lam</p> <p>(amendment proposed by Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun was withdrawn)</p>	<p>Council resolutely opposes Japan becoming a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC), and urges the Government of the SAR to request the Central Government to exercise its right of veto to forestall Japan becoming a permanent member of the UNSC; furthermore, this Council also strongly demands that, to totally abandon militarism, the Japanese Government should cease the unlawful occupation of the Diaoyutai Islands and the oil and natural gas fields in the East China Sea which are within the territory of our country.” was passed.</p> <p>The motion as amended by Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing: “That, in order to further strengthen and expand Hong Kong’s edge as an ideal place for investment in the international arena, this Council urges the Government to, under the principle of maintaining a simple tax regime with low tax rates, examine the specific issues relating to Hong Kong’s taxation system and the implementation of the Inland Revenue Ordinance, with a view to enhancing Hong Kong’s competitiveness and its attractiveness to international investors.” was passed.</p> <p>The motion as amended by Hon CHAN Kam-lam: “That, in view of the continuing decline in Hong Kong’s birth rate, this Council urges the Government to formulate a package of comprehensive population policies, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) perfecting the existing Capital Investment Entrant Scheme and the current policies regarding admission of Mainland people to Hong Kong for settlement, etc, so as to prevent the ageing of Hong Kong’s population from further worsening as a result of the continuing decline in our birth rate; (b) reviewing the existing policies on housing, education, manpower, welfare and health care, etc, in Hong Kong, in order to cater for the changes brought about by the continuing decline in our birth rate and the ageing of the population;

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<p><i>18 May 2005</i> “Display of the national flag” moved by Hon MA Lik</p>	<p>(c) reviewing afresh the present publicity and promotional strategies on family planning in Hong Kong, and formulating measures to encourage childbirth; and</p> <p>(d) looking into the anxieties and obstacles experienced by Hong Kong people in giving birth to children, and formulating measures that are conducive to achieving a balance between work and family life, so that Hong Kong people’s childbirth plans will not be affected by their work.” was passed.</p> <p>The motion: “That, to promote patriotic education in Hong Kong and in order that Hong Kong people attach greater importance to the display of the national flag, this Council urges the Government to require the display of the national flag at government buildings, primary and secondary schools as well as the University Grants Committee-funded institutions on National Day, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Establishment Day and New Year’s Day, and to require schools to organize the national flag-raising ceremony on a regular basis with full participation by all teachers and students; furthermore, the Government should strengthen education to enhance public understanding of the national flag and the regional flag.” was passed.</p>
<p><i>25 May 2005</i> “Regulating the handling of electronic wastes and promoting the electronic waste recycling industry” moved by Hon KWONG Chi-kin</p> <p>amendments moved by Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan</p>	<p>The motion as amended by Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan: “That this Council urges the Government to amend the legislation relating to the regulation of the disposal as well as the import and export of electronic wastes, and to step up law enforcement in order to eliminate the environmental hazards posed by electronic wastes to Hong Kong and other places; at the same time, the Government should implement a comprehensive responsibility scheme encompassing the producers, importers and users, and establish a comprehensive and effective recycling system to promote the recycling of electronic wastes, with a view to creating employment opportunities.” was passed.</p>

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<p><i>1 June 2005</i> “Investment income of the Exchange Fund” moved by Hon SIN Chung-kai</p> <p>amendment moved by Hon CHAN Kam-lam</p>	<p>The motion as amended by Hon CHAN Kam-lam: “That this Council urges the Government to review the existing methodology for sharing the Exchange Fund’s investment income between the Government and the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, allocate more investment income of the Exchange Fund to the Government, and ensure that there is stable government revenue from the investment income; in determining the level of the Exchange Fund’s investment income to be allocated to the Government, the principle of keeping expenditure within the limits of revenues in drawing up the budget, striving to achieve a fiscal balance, avoiding deficits and keeping the budget commensurate with the growth rate of the gross domestic product must be strictly followed.” was passed.</p>
<p><i>8 June 2005</i> “Labelling Scheme on Nutrition Information for pre-packaged food” moved by Dr Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long</p> <p>amendments moved by Hon Vincent FANG Kang Hon WONG Yung-kan</p>	<p>The motion as amended by Hon WONG Yung-kan: “That, as the Government’s proposal to legislate on the Labelling Scheme on Nutrition Information for pre-packaged food by phases fails to effectively assist the public and people with chronic diseases in properly obtaining food nutrition information, and also fails to fully consider and assess the impact on and the disruption to the industry after enactment of the legislation, this Council urges the Government to:</p> <p>(a) expedite the legislation on a mandatory labelling scheme, and allow a grace period of three years after enactment of the legislation for full implementation of the ‘1+9’ option, which covers energy and nine core nutrients, in one go;</p> <p>(b) expeditiously conduct a feasibility study on the regulation of labelling of food for infants and pre-packaged food for people with special dietary needs;</p> <p>(c) work out a long-term plan and timetable for bringing into the regulatory ambit another four nutrients which have a bearing on the level of healthiness, namely potassium, monounsaturated fatty acid, trans fatty acid and soluble fibre;</p>

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<p><i>8 June 2005</i></p> <p>“Actively improving the business environment for small and medium enterprises” moved by Hon Vincent FANG Kang</p> <p>amendments moved by Hon Fred LI Wah-ming</p> <p>amendment to amendment moved by Hon CHAN Kam-lam</p>	<p>(d) formulate concrete proposals and guidelines to provide targeted technical support and ancillary facilities to small and medium enterprises engaging in the relevant food businesses, so as to assist the industry in achieving a successful transition;</p> <p>(e) establish an ad hoc group to draw up concrete proposals and an implementation timetable to help promote and educate the public on the importance of a nutrition information labelling scheme and the ways to comprehend the labels, as well as to co-ordinate professional bodies and voluntary organizations in the provision of relevant consultation and education services to the public; and</p> <p>(f) set up a nutrition information analysis database that is applicable to Hong Kong, so as to address the difficulties encountered by the public, the industry and stakeholders in gathering, comprehending and analyzing nutrition information.” was passed.</p> <p>The motion as amended by Hon Fred LI Wah-ming and Hon CHAN Kam-lam: “That, although the Government has all along followed the policy of positive non-intervention in economic development, the laws, policies and measures implemented by the Government in recent years have however created hurdles and restrictions in the business environment, and unfair competition even exists in some industries, such as the monopolies in energy supplies and operations in the form of bundled services, adversely affecting the development of small and medium enterprises particularly and posing serious threats to the reviving employment market; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to immediately review all the laws and regulations as well as administrative measures that are detrimental to the business environment and, in the light of the outcomes of the relevant reviews, adopt policies and measures that are conducive to socio-economic development, and to consider the feasibility of enacting legislation on fair competition on the premise of safeguarding Hong Kong’s free economy system and enhancing its market competitiveness, with a view to achieving the objective of benefiting the people, facilitating businesses, and creating wealth together.” was passed.</p>

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<p><i>15 June 2005</i> “Nature conservation policy” moved by Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming</p>	<p>The motion: “That, as the two measures, namely management agreements and public-private partnership, introduced by the Government under the new nature conservation policy implemented last year have failed to truly achieve the objective of conserving ecologically important sites under private ownership in a sustainable manner, and have even given rise to landowners’ dissatisfaction about the infringement of their rights and interests as well as the public’s doubt about the effectiveness of such measures, this Council urges the Government to review the policy, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) establishing policy objectives and strategies which genuinely accord priority to conservation; (b) reviewing the existing fragmented legislation relating to nature conservation, and considering the enactment of legislation which specifically deals with the conservation of nature and ecology; (c) the Government assuming a more proactive role by undertaking conservation and management work on the 12 priority sites for enhanced conservation (‘priority sites’); (d) exploring afresh practicable and reasonable options to make reasonable compensation or arrangements for owners of private land in the priority sites, so as to ensure that there is more effective conservation and management of the lands concerned; (e) enhancing the training for the personnel responsible for managing and supervising conservation work so as to upgrade their professionalism, and promoting public awareness of nature conservation; and (f) the relevant government departments taking the lead in co-ordinating exchanges on conservation matters among the Administration, green groups, the private sector, rural organizations, universities, research institutions, etc, and in uniting the efforts of the various parties in promoting the conservation of the ecology.” was passed.

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<p><i>15 June 2005</i></p> <p>“Deepening the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement” moved by Hon WONG Ting-kwong</p> <p>amendment moved by Hon SIN Chung-kai</p>	<p>The motion as amended by Hon SIN Chung-kai: “That, as the SAR Government has just completed its study on the economic benefits of the first phase of the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (‘CEPA I’), and the business sector and professional organizations have respectively expressed their views on ways to improve CEPA, this Council urges the Government to take proactive measures to respond to the aspirations expressed by various sectors in the review of CEPA I, including:</p> <p>(a) strengthening its promotion efforts to attract Mainland enterprises to set up offices in Hong Kong for developing the international market, and pursuing with the Central Authorities the relaxation of the control of capital flows, with a view to implementing the investment facilitation policy for Mainland enterprises to invest in Hong Kong and Macao;</p> <p>(b) assisting Hong Kong businessmen in overcoming the trade barriers they encounter in various Mainland provinces and cities, improving the customs clearance facilities, and promoting the trading of goods, so as to assist the development of local industries and to create local job opportunities;</p> <p>(c) stepping up its promotion efforts to encourage low-skilled people of Hong Kong to start their businesses in the Mainland by setting up individually owned stores;</p> <p>(d) pursuing with the Central Authorities the admittance of Hong Kong professionals to the Mainland to set up their businesses and practise there, so as to facilitate the trade in services;</p> <p>(e) enhancing its support for those Hong Kong people who work and operate businesses in the Mainland, e.g. by strengthening the functions of the Office of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in Beijing and the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Guangdong, so as to render assistance to Hong Kong residents who encounter in the Mainland such difficulties as trade or legal disputes and threats to personal safety;</p>

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<p>22 June 2005 “Enhancing the quality of early childhood education” moved by Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong</p>	<p>(f) discussing with the Central Authorities the early implementation of the Qualified Domestic Institutional Investors scheme for promoting Mainlanders’ investments in Hong Kong; and</p> <p>(g) discussing with the Central Authorities according national treatment to Hong Kong companies operating in the Mainland.” was passed.</p> <p>The motion: “That, as the Government is actively carrying out the integration of early childhood education (‘ECE’), which includes the harmonisation of teacher qualifications and the regulatory guidelines for kindergartens and nurseries, with a view to achieving quality ECE in a progressive manner, this Council urges the Government to make use of the opportunity to improve the quality of ECE, increase subsidized training places for in-service kindergarten teachers (‘KG teachers’) and fully upgrade the qualifications of KG teachers to diploma level, so as to help them meet the basic academic qualifications required of KG teachers in advanced countries and to lay a foundation for upgrading the qualifications of KG teachers to degree level; furthermore, in order to avoid wastage of qualified KG teachers, the Government should formulate a pay scale for teachers with diploma or degree in ECE, and provide additional grants to ECE organizations if the number of their diploma or degree teachers reaches a specified proportion, so as to encourage and assist these organizations in upgrading the qualifications of their teachers without having to keep on increasing their school fees; in the long run, the Administration should consider integrating ECE into subsidized education, and should continuously enhance the quality of ECE to meet the expectations of the community for improving ECE.” was passed.</p>

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<p><i>22 June 2005</i> “Expectations for the new Chief Executive” moved by <i>Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming</i></p> <p>amendments moved by <i>Hon Howard YOUNG</i> <i>Hon TAM Yiu-chung</i> <i>Hon WONG Kwok-hing</i></p> <p><i>amendment to amendment moved by</i> <i>Dr Hon YEUNG Sum</i></p>	<p>The motion as amended by Hon Howard YOUNG and Hon TAM Yiu-chung: “That, as the new Chief Executive has been elected, this Council urges him to carefully consider the recommendations and expectations of this Council in relation to policies regarding the development of Hong Kong’s economy, democracy, human rights, rule of law and people’s livelihood, etc, and that he must:</p> <p>(a) strictly adhere to the principle of ‘one country, two systems’, uphold national unity, and be fully committed to implementing the Basic Law and the principle of ‘Hong Kong people ruling Hong Kong’ with ‘a high degree of autonomy’;</p> <p>(b) strive to uphold and develop the spirit of the rule of law in Hong Kong, ensure equality before the law, and safeguard the human rights and freedoms of Hong Kong people in accordance with the law;</p> <p>(c) unite all strata of the community to foster social stability and harmony, endeavour to improve the standard of governance, and promote the constitutional development in Hong Kong;</p> <p>(d) persevere in the ‘people-oriented’ spirit, strive for improvement to people’s livelihood, and raise the standard of living for the community; and</p> <p>(e) exert all efforts to promote co-operation between Hong Kong and the Mainland, enhance public understanding of the motherland, and open up a new phase of political mutual trust, reciprocal economic benefits and cultural exchanges.” was passed.</p>

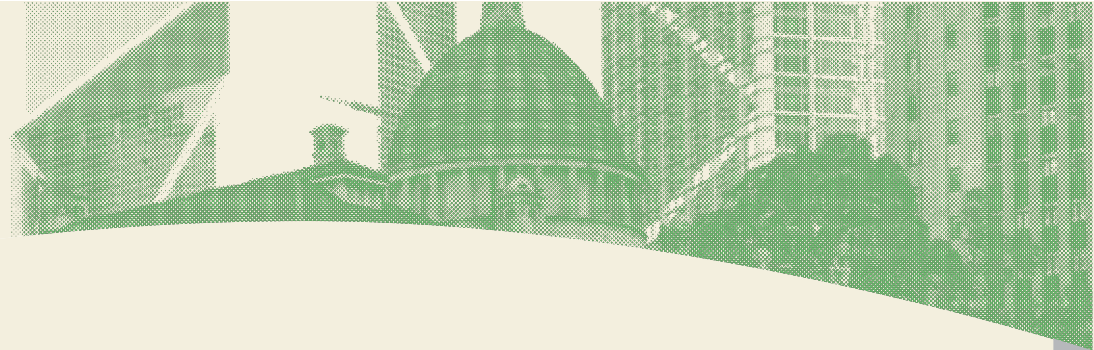
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<p>I. MOTIONS PASSED</p>	
<p><i>29 June 2005</i> “Enhancing the regulation of commercial marketing practices” moved by Hon CHAN Kam-lam</p> <p>amendments moved by Hon James TO Kun-sun</p>	<p>The motion as amended by Hon James TO Kun-sun: “That, as the practice of direct marketing has become increasingly prevalent in commercial activities and has given rise to such problems as consumers receiving lots of nuisance telephone calls and obstruction of access by on-street promotional activities, and as the number of consumers’ complaints about being misled or deceived by salespersons are also on the increase, in order to safeguard consumers’ rights and interests, this Council urges the Government to adopt measures to enhance the regulation of commercial marketing practices, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) establishing a system for ‘blocking promotional calls’; (b) conducting a study on requiring telecommunication companies to provide customers with services to filter spam promotional calls or short messages, including defining the term ‘spam’; (c) requiring the departments concerned to strictly enforce the relevant legislative provisions, so as to prevent excessive nuisance to the public caused by on-street promotional activities; (d) encouraging commercial clients to simplify the provisions of their contracts with customers, so as to make the provisions more explicit and enhance their transparency; (e) exploring the provision of a cooling-off period in the contracts, so as to allow time for consumers to consider the features of the service plans and decide whether or not ultimately to accept the services; and (f) raising penalties in order to impose severe punishments against misleading or deceptive marketing behaviours.” was passed.

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<p><i>6 July 2005</i></p> <p>“Reviewing the mode of construction and operation for transport infrastructure” moved by <i>Hon LAU Kong-wah</i></p> <p>amendments moved by <i>Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye</i> <i>Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo</i></p> <p>amendment to amendment moved by <i>Hon TAM Yiu-chung</i></p>	<p>The motion as amended by Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye and Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo: “That, in view of the toll increases by the operators of a number of transport infrastructures delivered through the Build-Operate-Transfer (‘BOT’) mode, which not only directly increase the burden of transport expenses on the public and lead to a rise in transportation costs for the business and industrial sectors, but also greatly aggravate the traffic congestion at other lower-toll tunnels or toll-free routes, thereby defeating the intended purpose of diverting traffic flows to various tunnels, this Council urges the Government to expeditiously put up, in six months’ time, specific proposals for improvement regarding the following:</p> <p>(a) actively exploring with the tunnel companies which own the franchises of the tunnels ways to achieve effective distribution of traffic among various tunnels and to relieve the pressure on various tunnels to increase their tolls, such as extending the franchise periods, standardizing and reducing the tolls or adopting other feasible measure;</p> <p>(b) conducting a comprehensive review of the BOT mode and drawing conclusion from the relevant experience to serve as guidance in the financing, construction, toll charging and operation, etc, of future transport infrastructures, so as to avoid the above pitfalls and safeguard the interests of the public;</p> <p>(c) reviewing whether the current toll increase mechanisms under the Tai Lam Tunnel and Yuen Long Approach Road Ordinance and the Western Harbour Crossing Ordinance are in the public interest, and avoiding the introduction of similar mechanisms for future transport infrastructures; and</p> <p>(d) negotiating common ownership of the three road harbour crossings with the consortium which owns the franchises of both the Eastern Harbour Crossing and the Western Harbour Crossing, and presenting to this Council reports on the progress of the negotiations.” was passed.</p>

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<p><i>6 July 2005</i></p> <p>“Improving general out-patient services” moved by <i>Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo</i></p> <p>amendments moved by <i>Hon WONG Kwok-hing</i> <i>Hon Vincent FANG Kang</i></p>	<p>The original motion: “That, as the Hospital Authority (‘HA’) has in recent years adopted the practice of referring patients of its specialist out-patient clinics (‘SOPCs’) who are in stable condition to general out-patient clinics (‘GOPCs’), leading to an increased demand for general out-patient (‘GOP’) services, while at the same time the Administration has reduced the funding for HA, as a result of which the existing GOP services are grossly inadequate and patients have to wait for an excessively long time for the services, this Council urges the Government to formulate a clear policy on the provision of out-patient services, ensure that GOP services can provide grass-roots people with an effective health care safety net; at the same time, the Government should enhance HA’s transparency in policy formulation, service planning, resources deployment, service delivery, etc., so that the general public and local people can take part in deciding and monitoring the primary health care services provided by HA; furthermore, HA should increase the resources and manpower for GOPCs having regard to the number of patient referrals from SOPCs to GOPCs, and adopt effective measures to improve the quality and quantity of out-patient services, including:</p> <p>(a) improving the processes and administrative arrangements of service delivery, increasing the quotas of booked appointment, and exploring alternative means, such as telephone and on-line booking, to replace the present chips allotment system, thereby saving patients the trouble of having to wait and collect the chips in person;</p> <p>(b) formulating clearly defined staffing standards for health care personnel at GOPCs;</p> <p>(c) allocating additional resources to shorten the waiting time at out-patient clinics in districts with a longer waiting time for out-patient services;</p> <p>(d) allocating more resources to set up additional evening out-patient clinics in districts in need and increase the consultation quota at such clinics;</p>

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II. MOTIONS NEGATIVED	
<p><i>13 October 2004</i> “Minimum wage, maximum working hours” moved by Hon CHAN Yuen-han</p> <p>amendment moved by Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo</p>	<p>The original motion: “That, as Hong Kong’s sluggish economy in the past few years has rendered the working conditions of the labour force extremely deplorable and low wages and long working hours are very common among workers, with our economy picking up in recent months, this Council suggests that employers should consider adjusting the pay and benefits of their employees so as to enable them to reasonably share the economic benefits; furthermore, this Council also urges the Government to:</p> <p>(a) legislate for a minimum wage to safeguard the most basic living standard of workers, and priority should be accorded to individual low-income industries and jobs; and</p> <p>(b) prescribe the maximum number of working hours and reasonable rest breaks during working hours to ensure that employees have sufficient rest time and opportunities to pursue their studies at their leisure time.” and the proposed amendment to the motion were negatived.</p>
<p><i>13 October 2004</i> “Facilitating the integration of people with disabilities into society” moved by Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung</p> <p>amendments moved by Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan</p> <p>amendment to amendment moved by Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit</p>	<p>The original motion: “That, in view of the Government’s failure to give effect to the motions passed by this Council in two consecutive years on the transport needs of people with disabilities, thus depriving them of proper assistance and hindering their integration into society and, at the same time, as the Government has been reducing its spending on people with disabilities in recent years, causing them to live in hardship, this Council expresses regret and demands that the Government adopt the following measures to assist people with disabilities:</p> <p>(a) pressing public transport operators to offer half-fare concessions to people with disabilities and improve their facilities to cater for the needs of such people;</p> <p>(b) improving the Rehabus service;</p>



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<p><i>20 October 2004</i> “Enacting a fair competition law” moved by Hon Fred LI Wah-ming</p> <p>amendments moved by Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung</p>	<p>(c) taking the lead in introducing an employment quota system in government departments for people with disabilities and then extending it to the private sector; and</p> <p>(d) curtailing the implementation of the reduction of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance rates for the elderly and people with disabilities, which has come into effect since 1 October this year.” and all the proposed amendments to the motion were negatived.</p> <p>The original motion: “That, as a survey conducted by the Consumer Council shows that the management companies of a number of private housing estates have, without giving prior notice to or obtaining the prior consent of the property owners, outsourced the estates’ telecommunication services to their associate companies, with the charges of such services being bundled into the management fees, such practices have violated the principle of fair competition and undermined the interests of consumers, this Council urges the Government to thoroughly review the existing policy on fair competition, including the powers and operation of the Competition Policy Advisory Group, and to study the feasibility of enacting a fair competition law so as to safeguard the business environment in Hong Kong.” and all the proposed amendments to the motion were negatived.</p>
<p><i>27 October 2004</i> “Public inquiry on irregularities in the 2004 Legislative Council Election” moved by Hon Margaret NG</p>	<p>The motion: “That this Council urges the Chief Executive to appoint an independent Commission of Inquiry to investigate the irregularities and general confusion on the polling day of the 2004 Legislative Council Election and make such recommendations as appropriate on improvement and disciplinary measures.” was negatived.</p>

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II. MOTIONS NEGATIVED	
<p><i>27 October 2004</i> “Civil service policy” moved by Hon WONG Kwok-hing</p> <p>amendment moved by Hon LEE Cheuk-yan Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong Hon Howard YOUNG</p>	<p>The original motion: “That this Council urges the Government, on the basis of full consultation with civil servants, to formulate a policy to stabilize the confidence of civil servants so as to boost their morale, and that the Government should, before formulating such a policy:</p> <p>(a) cease the corporatization of departments, contractization of staff employment and indiscriminate outsourcing of services;</p> <p>(b) cease employing temporary staff in place of permanent staff; and</p> <p>(c) review the policy of imposing operating expenditure envelopes across the board and the practice of reducing civil service pay, benefits and establishment, so as to consolidate public confidence, give impetus to healthy social interactions, promote social prosperity and help build up the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.” and all the proposed amendments to the motion were negatived.</p>
<p><i>10 November 2004</i> “Constitutional reform” moved by Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah</p> <p>amendment moved by Hon TAM Yiu-chung</p> <p>amendment to amendment moved by Hon Margaret NG</p>	<p>The original motion: “That this Council urges the HKSAR Government to immediately arrange, with regard to constitutional reform, for all Members of the Legislative Council to meet relevant officials of the Central People’s Government, so that Members can directly reflect to the Central People’s Government the views of all the people of Hong Kong on the implementation of universal suffrage in 2007 and 2008.” and all the proposed amendments to the motion were negatived.</p>

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II. MOTIONS NEGATIVED	
<p><i>10 November 2004</i> “Conserving the Central Police Station Compound and formulating a comprehensive policy on antiquities and monuments” moved by Hon CHOY So-yuk</p> <p>amendment moved by Dr Hon YEUNG Sum Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing</p> <p>amendment to amendment moved by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki</p>	<p>The original motion: “That, as the Central Police Station, Victoria Prison and the former Central Magistracy Compound is of great historic and cultural value, this Council urges the Government to adopt the following measures to review afresh the direction for its development:</p> <p>(a) to preserve the historic character and features of the Compound, since monuments form part of the collective memory of the people of Hong Kong;</p> <p>(b) to actively work out a sustainable mode of operation of the Compound, subject to the principle of allowing public access and enjoyment of the Compound;</p> <p>(c) to consult the public widely on the use of the Compound before conducting an open tender exercise for the heritage tourism project at the Compound, and to establish a monitoring body with public participation to monitor the tendering work and the development of the project; and</p> <p>(d) to put proper conservation of the Compound as an overriding factor for assessing the tender proposals for the project;</p> <p>furthermore, the Government should also expeditiously formulate, in an open and highly transparent manner, a comprehensive policy on the preservation of antiquities and monuments to ensure that buildings which have been declared as monuments are duly maintained and conserved, and the original environment and atmosphere of their surroundings are preserved; at the same time, the Government should, through publicity and education, actively enhance the public’s knowledge and awareness of antiquities and monuments and their preservation, and should study the feasibility of developing heritage tourism with a view to promoting a local community economy that has cultural characteristics, and to creating job opportunities.” and all the proposed amendments to the motion were negatived.</p>

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<p>II. MOTIONS NEGATIVED</p>	
<p><i>17 November 2004</i> “Enhancing the safety of railway and road traffic” moved by Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo</p> <p>amendments moved by Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye Hon LAU Kong-wah</p>	<p>The original motion: “That this Council expresses regret about the frequent disruptions or delays that have occurred in recent months in the railway services provided by the MTR Corporation Limited and the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation, which affected railway commuters; furthermore, as the recent spate of serious traffic accidents involving public light buses (PLBs) have caused casualties, the safety of school buses has long been a matter of public concern, and the excessively long working hours of drivers of franchised buses have also aroused public concern about the safety of buses, this Council urges the Government to adopt the following measures to enhance the safety of railway and road traffic:</p> <p>in respect of the safety of railway -</p> <p>(a) to appoint an independent investigation body to conduct independent investigations into the disruptions or delays that occurred between July and October 2004 in the two railway corporations’ train services;</p> <p>(b) to study amendments to the Mass Transit Railway Ordinance and the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation Ordinance to stipulate clear criteria in respect of defaults by the two railway corporations, and to introduce a demerit points system for disruptions or delays in train services, whereby penalties may be imposed on the railway corporations concerned when the demerit points they incur exceed the prescribed limit within a specified period;</p> <p>(c) to comprehensively review the impact of outsourcing maintenance works on the train services provided by the two railway corporations;</p> <p>in respect of the safety of road traffic -</p> <p>(d) to amend the Road Traffic (Driving-offence Points) Ordinance to increase the driving-offence points (DOP) for the offence of ‘failing to comply with traffic signals’ under the DOP system;</p>

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<p>II. MOTIONS NEGATIVED</p>	<p>(e) to install red light cameras at all traffic black spots which have a high incidence of red light jumping;</p> <p>(f) to explore the feasibility of installing countdown displays on the traffic signal system;</p> <p>in respect of the safety of PLBs -</p> <p>(g) to study legislative amendments to require the mandatory installation on all PLBs of a speed display device with recording function;</p> <p>(h) to study the conversion of all red minibuses to green minibus operation so as to facilitate the regulation of their operation;</p> <p>in respect of the safety of school buses -</p> <p>(i) to explore the feasibility of installing seat belts for all school buses; and</p> <p>in respect of the safety of franchised bus operation -</p> <p>(j) to consider revising the Guidelines on Working Schedule for Bus Drivers issued by the Transport Department, which should include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the maximum hours of duty (including all breaks) per day should be reduced from not exceeding 14 hours to 10 hours; (ii) the hours of driving duty per day should be reduced from not exceeding 11 hours to eight hours; (iii) the timing of meal breaks for drivers should not deviate from the normal biological clock of human beings; and (iv) duty schedules should be issued to drivers at least seven days in advance.” and all the proposed amendments to the motion were negatived.

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II. MOTIONS NEGATIVED	
<p><i>24 November 2004</i> “Restoring Comprehensive Social Security Assistance rates to the level prior to 1 June 2003” moved by <i>Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung</i></p> <p>amendments moved by <i>Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun</i> <i>Hon TAM Yiu-chung</i> <i>Hon Fred LI Wah-ming</i></p> <p>amendment to amendment moved by <i>Hon CHAN Yuen-han</i></p>	<p>The original motion: “That, as the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (‘CSSA’) Scheme is the only safety net in Hong Kong, and with the worsening disparity between the rich and the poor, the reduction of CSSA rates has caused greater hardship to all the socially disadvantaged groups in receipt of CSSA payments, including the elderly, the disabled, single families, low-income groups and the unemployed, this Council urges the Government to:</p> <p>(a) restore the CSSA rates to the level prior to 1 June 2003; and</p> <p>(b) immediately conduct a study on basic and essential needs, and re-determine the CSSA rates based on the findings of the study, so as to ensure that the basic livelihood of the general public is safeguarded.” and all the proposed amendments to the motion were negatived.</p>
<p><i>5 January 2005</i> “The Fourth Report of the Constitutional Development Task Force” moved by <i>Hon Albert Jinghan CHENG</i></p>	<p>The motion: “That this Council expresses deep regret that, in the Fourth Report of the Constitutional Development Task Force published recently, the Government has disregarded public opinion and rejected the demand of the majority of Hong Kong people for the election of the Chief Executive and all Members of the Legislative Council for the next term by universal and equal suffrage, but has failed to put forward a specific proposal; furthermore, as the Government has an unshirkable constitutional duty to answer, as far as possible, the public’s strong demand for universal suffrage, this Council urges the Government to expeditiously present to the Council a constitutional reform proposal, which includes the methods for selecting the Chief Executive in 2007 and for forming the Legislative Council in 2008, to facilitate discussion by the public and this Council.” was negatived.</p>

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II. MOTIONS NEGATIVED	
<p><i>26, 27 and 28 January 2005</i> “Motion of Thanks” moved by Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye</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>amendment moved by Hon LEE Wing-tat</p>	
<p><i>2 February 2005</i> “Opposing collusion between business and the Government and transfer of benefits” moved by Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing</p>	<p>The original motion: “That, as the Chief Executive has stated in his 2005 Policy Address that while ensuring the efficiency of Hong Kong’s free market and its capacity to create wealth, the Administration also seeks to properly balance the interests of different social strata and sectors, and is resolutely against ‘collusion between business and the Government’ and will strictly enforce the monitoring systems to eliminate any ‘transfer of benefits’, this Council urges the Administration to:</p>
<p>amendment moved by Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung</p>	<p>(a) clearly define what constitutes ‘collusion between business and the Government’ and ‘transfer of benefits’, and elaborate on how the monitoring systems will operate;</p>
	<p>(b) review the existing political system and the procedure for allocating resources, and plug the loopholes;</p>
	<p>(c) open up the mechanism for nominating members to advisory and statutory bodies and enhance its transparency, strictly enforce the rules whereby a person should not serve as a member on more than six boards/committees and should not serve more than six years in any board/committee as well as the principle of ‘making appointments on the basis of merits’, listen widely to the views of different sectors of the community, and avoid ‘cronyism’ and ‘transfer of benefits’; and</p>
	<p>(d) implement the election of the Chief Executive and all Members of the Legislative Council by universal suffrage in 2007 and 2008 respectively to prevent the small-circle electoral system from continuing to give rise to problems of ‘collusion between business and the Government’ and ‘transfer of benefits’.” and the proposed amendment to the motion were negatived.</p>

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II. MOTIONS NEGATIVED	
<p><i>9 March 2005</i> “Shortcomings of functional constituencies” moved by Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah</p> <p>amendments moved by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki</p>	<p>The original motion: “That this Council considers that any constitutional reform proposal which involves an increase in the numbers of functional constituency seats in the Legislative Council and of the members representing functional constituencies in the Election Committee violates Articles 45 and 68 of the Basic Law, which stipulate that the principles of ‘gradual and orderly progress’ and ‘actual situation’ should be followed in achieving the aim of universal suffrage; and requests the Government to state clearly in the Fifth Report of the Constitutional Development Task Force that any so-called ‘mainstream proposal’ which will be put forward in the future will not include proposals to increase the numbers of functional constituency seats in the Legislative Council and of the members representing functional constituencies in the Election Committee.” and the proposed amendment to the motion were negatived.</p>
<p><i>11 May 2005</i> “Regretting interpretation of the Basic Law by the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress” moved by Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung</p>	<p>The motion: “That this Council regrets that the HKSAR Government has twice requested the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress (‘NPCSC’) to interpret the provisions of the Basic Law in 1999 and 2005 respectively and requests the NPCSC to withdraw its decisions in the last two interpretation exercises, and demands the SAR Government to apologize to the people of Hong Kong for having done so and undertake not to further request the NPCSC to interpret the Basic Law; furthermore, this Council also urges the NPCSC to rescind its decision made on 26 April 2004 to rule out the election of the Chief Executive and all Members of the Legislative Council by universal suffrage in 2007 and 2008 respectively in Hong Kong which throttles the rights of the people of Hong Kong to the full implementation of election by universal suffrage in 2007 and 2008, as well as demands the Chief Secretary for Administration, Hon Donald TSANG Yam-kuen, to rescind the four constitutional development reports, so as to give a true account of the facts.” was negatived.</p>
<p><i>25 May 2005</i> “The 4 June incident” moved by Hon Albert HO Chun-yan</p>	<p>The motion: “That this Council urges that: the 4 June incident be not forgotten, the 1989 pro-democracy movement be vindicated, and tribute be paid to the late Mr ZHAO Ziyang.” was negatived.</p>

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II. MOTIONS NEGATIVED	
<p><i>1 June 2005</i> “Demanding the suspension of privatization” moved by <i>Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip</i></p> <p>amendments moved by <i>Hon WONG Kwok-hing</i> <i>Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai</i></p>	<p>The original motion: “That, as the Government’s recent public asset privatization plans, such as the listing of The Link Real Estate Investment Trust, the privatization of the Airport Authority Hong Kong, and the proposed merger of the two railway corporations, have aroused public concerns, and such plans involve issues of whether the implementation of privatization is beneficial to the community as a whole and whether it will affect people’s livelihood and widen the disparity between the rich and the poor, etc, this Council demands that the Government should act prudently and suspend the privatization plans concerned and that, before the implementation of any public asset privatization plans, ad hoc committees comprising representatives from various sectors of the community should be set up to comprehensively and thoroughly assess and study their cost-effectiveness, return, legality and impact on the general public, etc and, based on the findings of such assessments and studies, conduct full and extensive consultations; furthermore, the Government should ensure that any privatization plan which involves the public interest is for the benefit of the general public and must be subject to public scrutiny.” and all the proposed amendments to the motion were negatived.</p>
<p><i>29 June 2005</i> “Immediate resumption of sale of Home Ownership Scheme flats” moved by <i>Hon Albert Jinghan CHENG</i></p> <p>amendments moved by <i>Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee</i> <i>Hon CHAN Kam-lam</i></p>	<p>The original motion: “That, since the beginning of this year, the local economy is showing signs of revival and the property market is also regaining vitality, the Government should no longer freeze the sale of Home Ownership Scheme (‘HOS’) flats to boost the property market, and as the HOS flats are mainly targeted at public rental housing (‘PRH’) tenants and low-income households who cannot afford private housing, the resumption of sale of HOS flats will have minimal impact on the private housing market, and it is only a waste of public resources to allow some HOS flats to remain unoccupied; as such, this Council urges the Government to immediately put up the surplus HOS flats for sale by phases, including the more than 3 000 flats which have never been offered for sale in the market as well as the over 10 000 unsold flats in existing HOS courts and returned HOS flats, and to consider the construction of new HOS estates as well as to consult the public on its overall housing strategy, including the policies on HOS flats and PRH rent, etc.” and all the proposed amendments to the motion were negatived.</p>

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<p>III. MOTIONS FOR ADJOURNMENT</p>	
<p><i>1 December 2004</i> Motion for adjournment moved by Hon Albert Jinghan CHENG</p>	<p>The motion: “That this Council do now adjourn for the purpose of enabling Members, having regard to the Administration’s and the Housing Authority’s disregard for the motion passed by the Panel on Housing of this Council at its special meeting on 22 November this year that the Housing Authority should put the listing arrangements for The Real Estate Investment Trust (‘The Link REIT’) on hold until a consensus has been reached between The Link Management and the commercial tenants, to debate and express opinions on the listing and public offering arrangements, evaluation of assets and all matters relating to the divestment of retail and car-parking facilities in public rental housing estates in respect of The Link REIT.” was negated.</p>
<p><i>5 January 2005</i> Motion for adjournment moved by Hon LEE Wing-tat</p>	<p>The motion: “That this Council do now adjourn for the purpose of enabling Members to debate the following issue: Measures taken by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in regard to tsunami victims in South Asia, as well as the Hong Kong people whose whereabouts remain unknown or who are still stranded in the disaster-stricken areas.” was passed.</p>
<p><i>16 March 2005</i> Motion for adjournment moved by Hon LEE Wing-tat</p>	<p>The motion: “That this Council do now adjourn for the purpose of enabling Members to debate the following issue: All the constitutional and legal issues arising from the office of the Chief Executive having become vacant, and related policies, measures and arrangements.” was not voted upon.</p>
<p><i>6 April 2005</i> Motion for adjournment moved by Hon Albert HO Chun-yan</p>	<p>The motion: “That this Council do now adjourn for the purpose of debating the following issue: The Chief Executive’s Office will submit to the State Council later today a Report, proposing that the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress interpret, at their meeting to be held at the end of April, Article 53 of the Basic Law concerning the term of office of the new Chief Executive.” was negated.</p>

Appendix 5

Membership of Legislative Council Committees

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SUBCOMMITTEES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Establishment Subcommittee

Hon LI Fung-ying (Chairman)
Hon KWONG Chi-kin (Deputy Chairman)
Hon James TIEN Pei-chun
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Dr Hon David LI Kwok-po
Hon Margaret NG
Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong
Hon Bernard CHAN
Hon SIN Chung-kai
Hon WONG Yung-kan
Hon Howard YOUNG
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him
Hon WONG Kwok-hing
Hon MA Lik
Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki
Hon WONG Ting-kwong
Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing

Public Works Subcommittee

Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai (Chairman)
Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit (Deputy Chairman)
Hon Fred LI Wah-ming
Hon Margaret NG
Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee
Hon James TO Kun-sun
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Hon CHAN Yuen-han
Hon CHAN Kam-lam
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Hon CHOY So-yuk

Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
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Hon LEE Wing-tat
Hon LI Kwok-ying
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming
Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing
Hon TAM Heung-man

COMMITTEE ON MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun (Chairman)
Hon SIN Chung-kai (Deputy Chairman)
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him
Hon LI Kwok-ying
Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit
Hon Albert Jinghan CHENG

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong (Chairman)
Hon TAM Heung-man (Deputy Chairman)
Hon LAU Kong-wah
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him
Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung
Hon Albert Jinghan CHENG

COMMITTEE ON RULES OF PROCEDURE

Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing (Chairman)
Hon Margaret NG (Deputy Chairman)
Hon James TIEN Pei-chun
Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming
Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yeec
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing
Hon LI Fung-ying
Hon Daniel LAM Wai-keung
Hon MA Lik
Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah
Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing
Hon KWONG Chi-kin

BILLS COMMITTEES

Bills Committee on Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications Bill

Hon TAM Yiu-chung (Chairman)
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
Hon Margaret NG
Hon CHAN Yuen-han
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
Hon SIN Chung-kai
Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
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Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan
Hon Vincent FANG Kang
Dr Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long
Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung
Hon WONG Ting-kwong

Bills Committee on Aviation Security (Amendment) Bill 2005

Hon Margaret NG (Chairman)
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon SIN Chung-kai
Hon Howard YOUNG
Hon LAU Kong-wah
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee
Hon Albert Jinghan CHENG

Bills Committee on Banking (Amendment) Bill 2005

Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung (Chairman)
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Dr Hon David LI Kwok-po
Hon CHAN Kam-lam
Hon SIN Chung-kai
Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen
Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah

Bills Committee on Bankruptcy (Amendment) Bill 2004

Hon TAM Heung-man (Chairman)
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Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah
Hon CHAN Kam-lam
Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yeec
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee
Hon LI Kwok-ying
Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah
Hon KWONG Chi-kin

*Bills Committee on Building Management
(Amendment) Bill 2005*

Hon James TO Kun-sun (Chairman)
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Hon Margaret NG
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Hon TAM Heung-man

*Bills Committee on Certification for Employee
Benefits (Chinese Medicine)
(Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2005*

Hon LI Kwok-ying (Chairman)
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Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
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Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee
Hon Vincent FANG Kang
Dr Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long
Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen
Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki
Hon KWONG Chi-kin

*Bills Committee on Chief Executive Election
(Amendment) (Term of Office of the Chief
Executive) Bill*

Hon TAM Yiu-chung (Chairman)
Hon Howard YOUNG (Deputy Chairman)
Hon James TIEN Pei-chun
Hon Albert HO Chun-yan
Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
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Dr Hon YEUNG Sum
Hon LAU Kong-wah
Hon LAU Wong-fat
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Hon CHIM Pui-chung
Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing
Hon Albert Jinghan CHENG
Hon KWONG Chi-kin
Hon TAM Heung-man

*Bills Committee on Child Care Services
(Amendment) Bill 2005*

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Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong
Hon CHAN Yuen-han
Hon Bernard CHAN
Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung
Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing

*Bills Committee on Citibank (Hong Kong)
Limited (Merger) Bill*

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Dr Hon David LI Kwok-po
Hon Bernard CHAN
Hon CHAN Kam-lam
Hon SIN Chung-kai
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing
Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah

*Bills Committee on Civil Aviation
(Amendment) Bill 2005*

Hon Margaret NG (Chairman)
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*Bills Committee on Companies
(Amendment) Bill 2004*

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Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah
Hon CHAN Kam-lam
Hon SIN Chung-kai
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Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him
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Hon TAM Heung-man

Bills Committee on Construction Industry Council (No. 2) Bill

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Hon CHAN Yuen-han
Hon Howard YOUNG
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Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit
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Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing

Bills Committee on Financial Reporting Council Bill

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Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing
Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung
Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen
Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah

Bills Committee on Marriage (Introduction of Civil Celebrants of Marriages and General Amendments) Bill

Hon Margaret NG (Chairman)
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Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee
Hon LI Kwok-ying
Hon Albert Jinghan CHENG

Bills Committee on Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels and Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2005

Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye (Chairman)
Hon CHAN Kam-lam
Hon SIN Chung-kai
Hon WONG Yung-kan

Bills Committee on Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Bill

Hon CHOY So-yuk (Chairman)
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Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye
Hon SIN Chung-kai
Hon WONG Yung-kan
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan
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Hon WONG Ting-kwong

Bills Committee on Public Health and Municipal Services (Amendment) Bill 2005

Hon Fred LI Wah-ming (Chairman)
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Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan

Bills Committee on Revenue (Abolition of Estate Duty) Bill 2005

Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye (Chairman)
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Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah
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Bills Committee on Revenue (Allowances for Tax) Bill 2005

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Bills Committee on Revenue (Personalized Vehicle Registration Marks) Bill 2005

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Bills Committee on Revenue (Profits Tax Exemption for Offshore Funds) Bill 2005

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Bills Committee on Securities and Futures (Amendment) Bill 2005

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Bills Committee on Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Bill 2005

Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo (Chairman)
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Bills Committee on Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2005

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Bills Committee on Trade Descriptions (Amendment) Bill 2004

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Bills Committee on Transfer of Sentenced Persons (Amendment) (Macau) Bill

Hon James TO Kun-sun (Chairman)
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Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee
Hon Daniel LAM Wai-keung

Bills Committee on Undesirable Medical Advertisements (Amendment) (No.2) Bill 2004

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Hon Fred LI Wah-ming

Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah

Hon CHAN Yuen-han

Hon TAM Yiu-chung

Hon Vincent FANG Kang

Hon LI Kwok-ying

Dr Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long

Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki

Hon WONG Ting-kwong

Bills Committee on Vocational Training Council (Amendment) Bill 2004

Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai (Chairman)

Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah

Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye

Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong

Hon CHAN Yuen-han

Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing

Hon Howard YOUNG

Hon LI Fung-ying

Hon WONG Kwok-hing

Hon WONG Ting-kwong

Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing

Bills Committee on Waste Disposal (Amendment) Bill 2005

Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee (Chairman)

Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai

Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah

Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing

Hon CHOY So-yuk

Hon LI Fung-ying

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Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung

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Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee

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Hon KWONG Chi-kin

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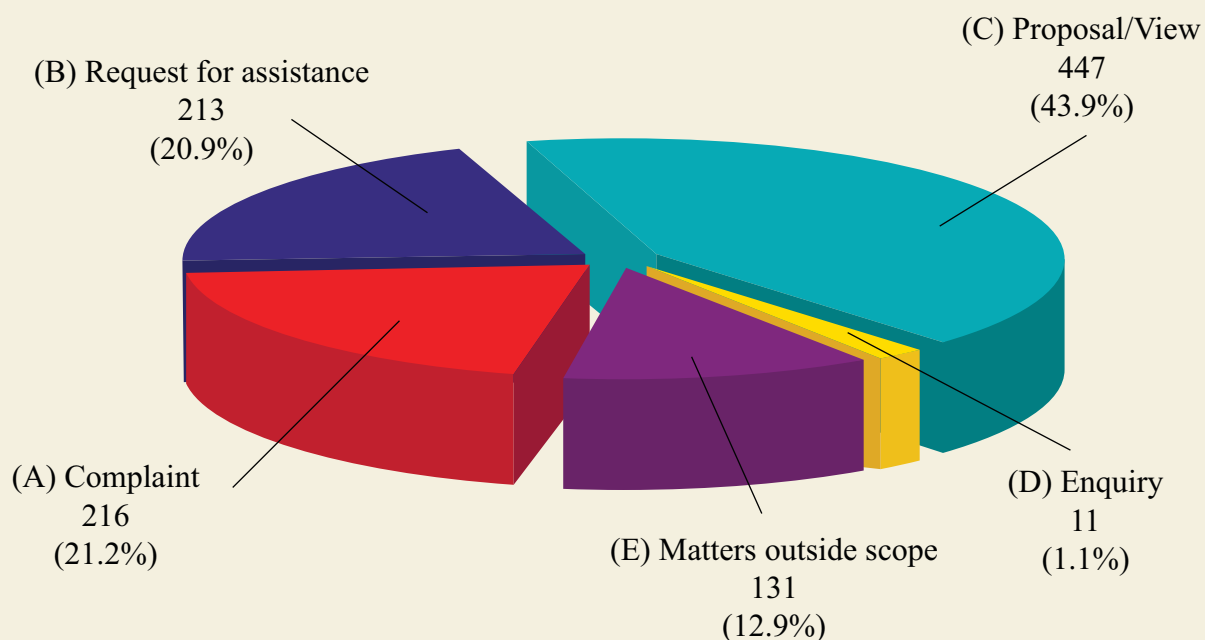
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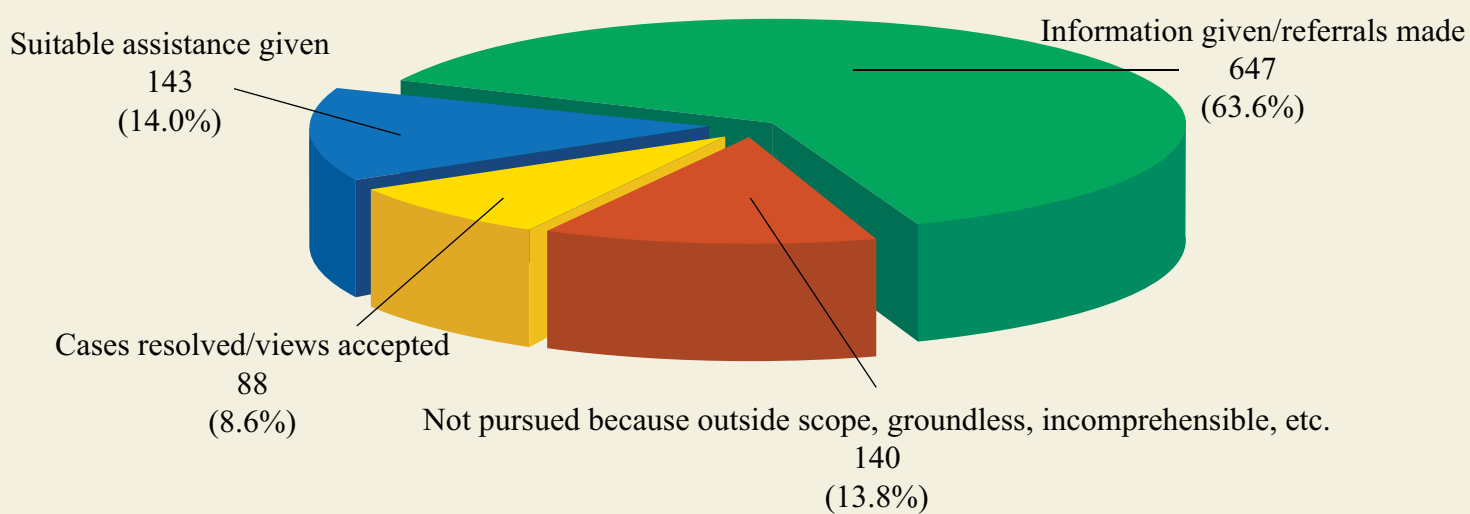
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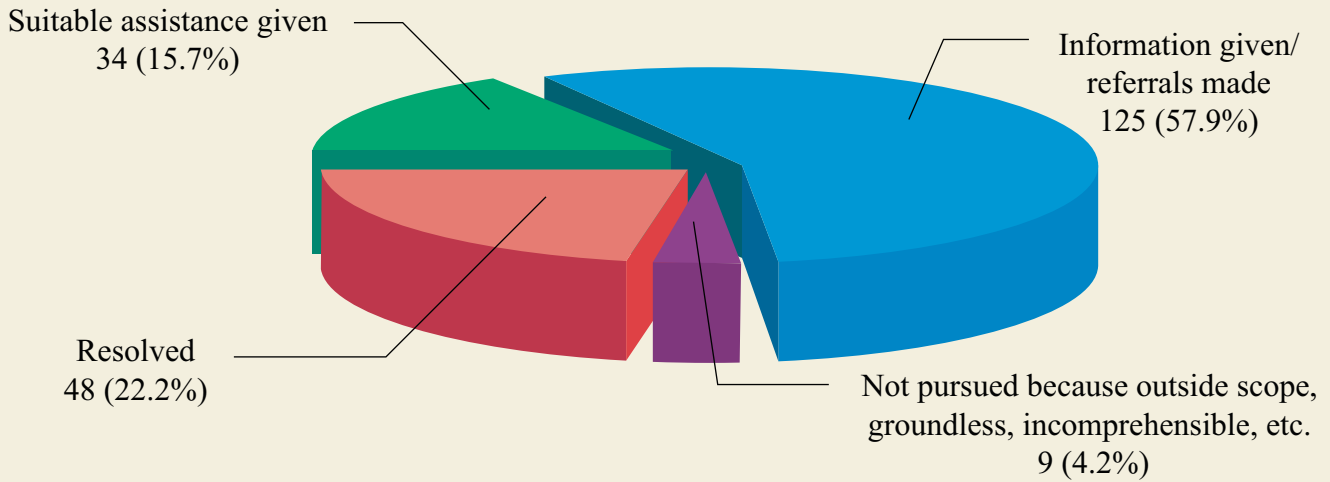


Overall outcome of concluded cases

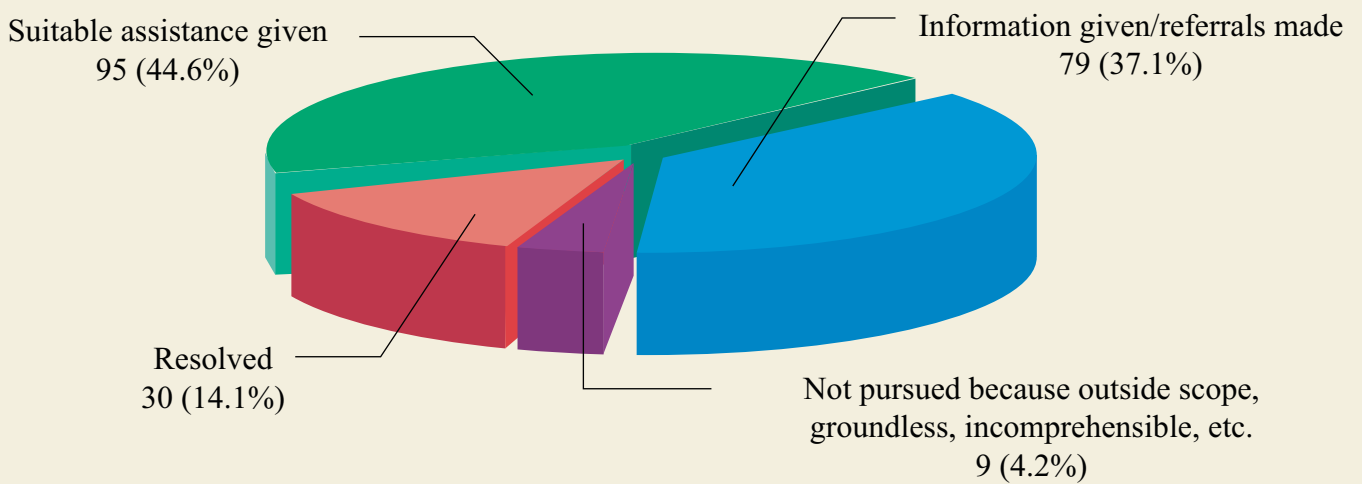


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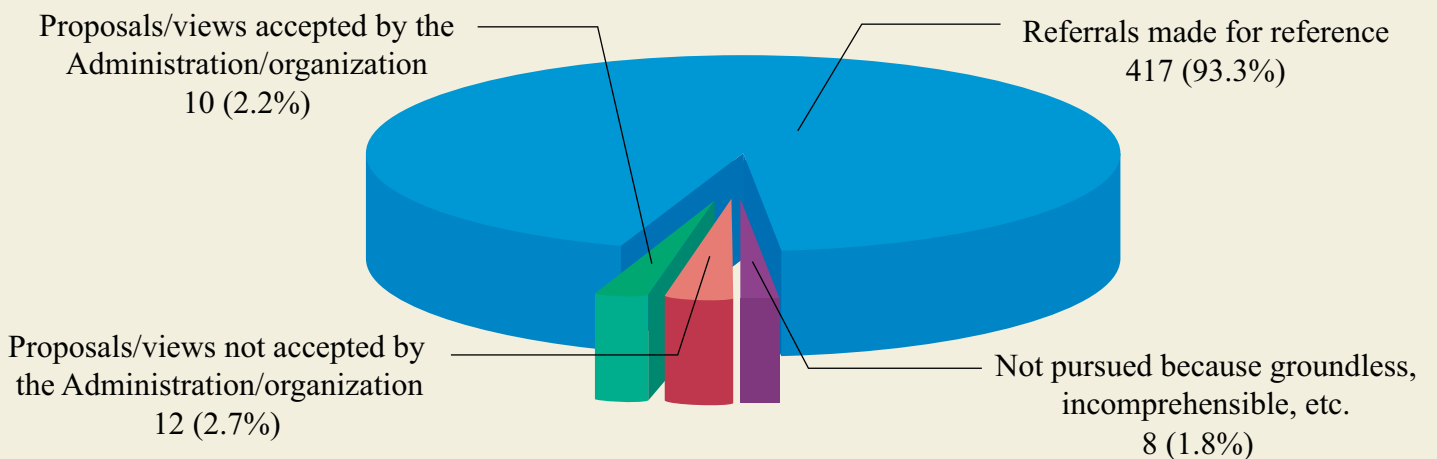
(A) Outcome of complaint cases



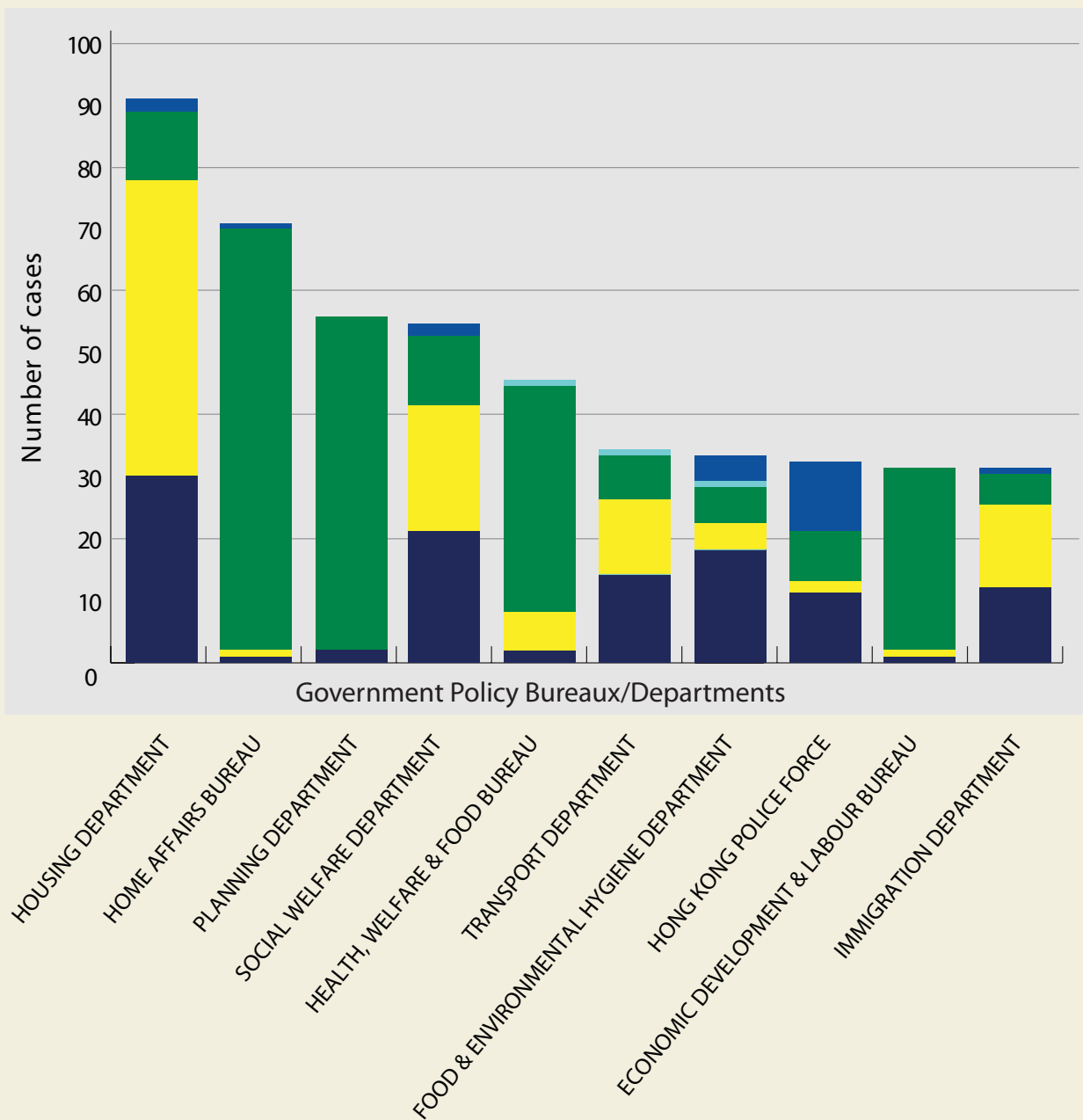
(B) Outcome of requests for assistance



(C) Outcome of proposals/views



under the Legislative Council Redress System, by Nature
by the 10 Government Policy Bureaux/Departments
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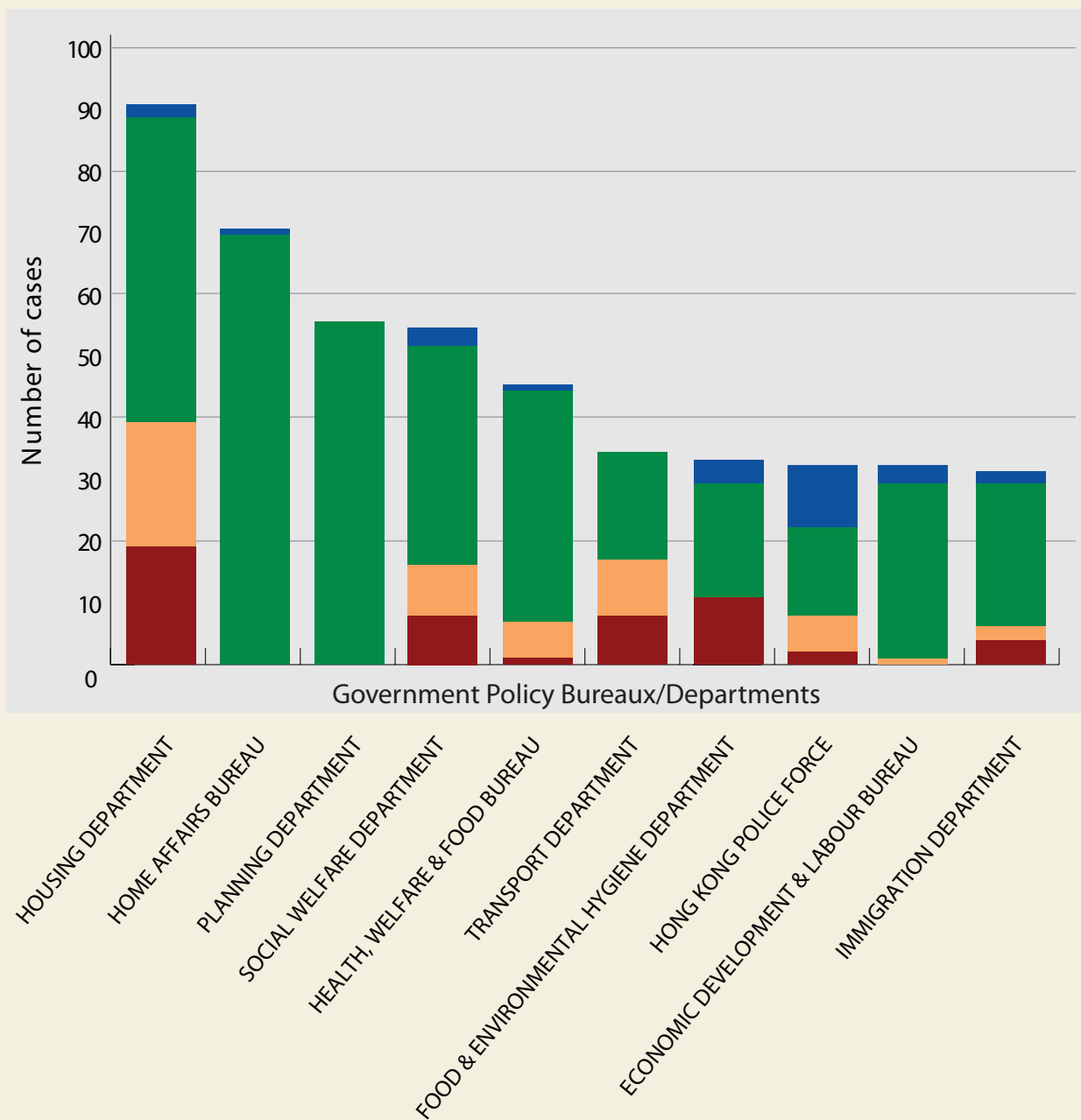


Outcome:

- Complaint
- Request for assistance
- Proposal/view
- Enquiry
- Matters outside scope

Statistical Breakdown of Concluded Cases

under the Legislative Council Redress System by Outcome by the 10 Government Policy Bureaux/Departments which Received the Largest Number of Complaints



Outcome:

- Cases resolved/
views accepted
- Suitable
assistance
given
- Information given/
referrals made
- Not pursued because
outside scope, groundless,
incomprehensible, etc.

Statistical Breakdown of all Concluded Cases under the Legislative Council Redress System in 2004-2005

Statistical Breakdown of All Concluded Cases under the Legislative Council Redress System
Statistical breakdown, by Government policy bureaux/departments, independent organizations and others, of concluded cases

Outcome : A : Cases resolved/views accepted
B : Suitable assistance given
C : Information given/referrals made
D : Not pursued because outside scope, groundless, incomprehensible, etc.

From 01-Oct-2004 to 30-Sep-2005

Nature : Outcome :	Complaint				Request for assistance				Proposal/view				Enquiry				Matter outside scope				Total
	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	
Government policy bureaux/departments																					
HOUSING DEPARTMENT	4	7	19	0	13	12	22	0	2	1	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	90
HOME AFFAIRS BUREAU	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	70
PLANNING DEPARTMENT	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55
SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT	2	0	18	1	6	6	8	0	0	1	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	54
HEALTH, WELFARE & FOOD BUREAU	0	1	0	1	0	2	4	0	1	3	32	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	45
TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT	6	2	6	0	1	5	6	0	1	2	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	34
FOOD & ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE DEPARTMENT	9	0	9	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	33
HONG KONG POLICE FORCE	2	5	4	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	9	32
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & LABOUR BUREAU	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	28	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT	2	1	8	1	1	1	11	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	31
CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	27
HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT	2	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	23
EDUCATION & MANPOWER BUREAU	0	1	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	2	9	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	22
ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT & WORKS BUREAU	1	0	0	0	1	6	1	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
HOUSING, PLANNING & LANDS BUREAU	3	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
SECURITY BUREAU	0	0	1	0	0	0	6	1	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT	1	0	4	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
LANDS DEPARTMENT	0	2	8	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	14
CIVIL SERVICE BUREAU	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	9
CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT	1	0	4	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9
CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS BUREAU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
CUSTOMS & EXCISE DEPARTMENT	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	8
FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
LEISURE & CULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	8
CHIEF SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATION'S OFFICE	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
LABOUR DEPARTMENT	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	7
COMMERCE, INDUSTRY & TECHNOLOGY BUREAU	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
LEGAL AID DEPARTMENT	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	5
REGISTRATION & ELECTORAL OFFICE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5
WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES & CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
FINANCIAL SERVICES & THE TREASURY BUREAU	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
POST OFFICE	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
RATING & VALUATION DEPARTMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
CENSUS & STATISTICS DEPARTMENT	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
CIVIL ENGINEERING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
MARINE DEPARTMENT	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
AUDIT COMMISSION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ELECTORAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
ELECTRICAL & MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNMENT CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
OFFICE OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
OFFICIAL RECEIVER'S OFFICE	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AGENCY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
TELEVISION & ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING AUTHORITY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
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Independent organizations																					
URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY	0	0	0	0	0	37	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38
HOSPITAL AUTHORITY	2	3	4	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	31
JUDICIARY	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	10	17
HONG KONG HOUSING AUTHORITY	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
HONG KONG HOUSING SOCIETY	1	1	0	0	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
CONSUMER COUNCIL	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5
CHINESE MEDICINE COUNCIL OF HONG KONG	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
ESTATE AGENTS AUTHORITY	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
COMMISSION ON POVERTY	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
HONG KONG TOURISM BOARD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
MANDATORY PROVIDENT FUND SCHEMES AUTHORITY	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
OFFICE OF THE PRIVACY COMMISSIONER FOR PERSONAL DATA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
SECURITIES & FUTURES COMMISSION	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
AIRPORT AUTHORITY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
INDEPENDENT POLICE COMPLAINTS COUNCIL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
THE MEDICAL COUNCIL OF HONG KONG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0											

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL COMMISSION

Terms of Reference

1. To provide through the Secretariat administrative support and services to the Council.
2. To provide office accommodation to Members of the Council and staff of the Secretariat.
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

Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai (Chairman)
Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee (Deputy Chairman)
Hon Fred LI Wah-ming
Hon Margaret NG
Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong
Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing
Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen
Hon WONG Ting-kwong
Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing

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 Council Secretary level and above; and
3. To monitor progress of appointment and personnel matters delegated to the Secretary General.

Membership

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Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing

Committee on Members' Operating Expenses

Terms of Reference

1. To advise on administrative matters relating to Members' operating expenses; and
2. To review the Legislative Council Secretariat's decisions on Members' claims for operating expenses reimbursements.

Membership

Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai (Chairman)
Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee
Hon Fred LI Wah-ming

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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Subcommittee on Information Technology Services of the Committee on Facilities and Services

Terms of Reference

To advise on the information technology services provided by the Legislative Council Secretariat.

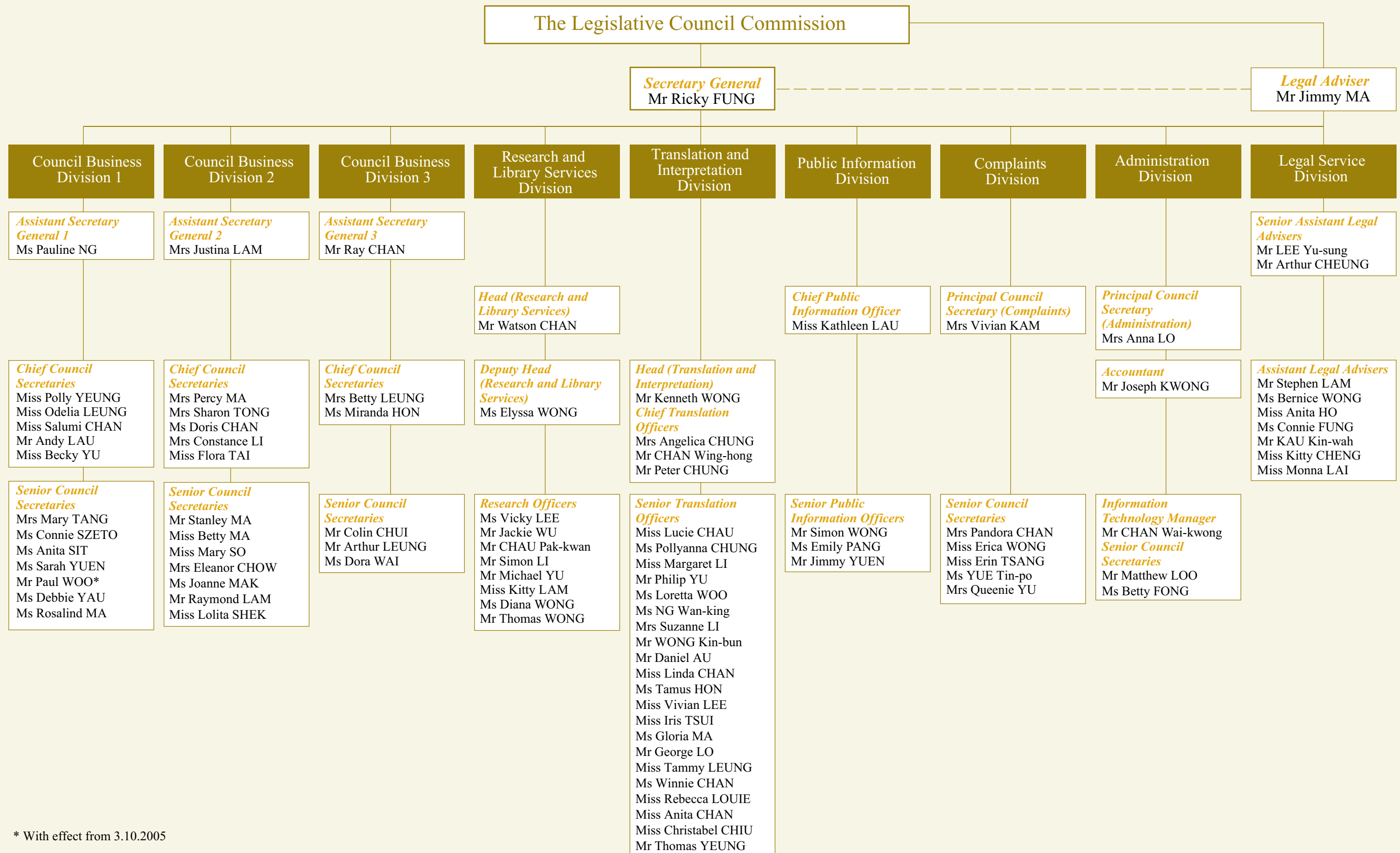
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Appendix 10 Organization Chart of the Legislative Council Secretariat (as at 30 September 2005)



* With effect from 3.10.2005