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PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD

The 1998 - 99 legislative session was a momentous one. The election of the first Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) on 24 May 1998 marked a new chapter in the political history of Hong Kong.

At our first meeting on 2 July 1998, I was honoured to be elected by Members to preside over the first Legislative Council of the HKSAR. At the same meeting, the Council passed the Rules of Procedure, on which we based the conduct of our business.

The term of office of Members of the first Legislative Council is two years. During the session, the Council held 45 meetings and sat for more than 362 hours. The longest single Council meeting in the history of the Hong Kong legislature commenced on 10 March 1999 and lasted for more than 24 hours. At this meeting, the District Councils Bill was intensively debated for nearly 18 hours and eventually passed.

During the year, Members devoted considerable effort to scrutinize bills. A total number of 123 bills were introduced into the Council, of which 66 were enacted during the session and 57 would be carried forward to the next session. In addition, 322 pieces of subsidiary legislation were tabled in Council, of which four were amended, two were repealed, and 25 carried forward to the next session for scrutiny.

Among the bills passed in this session, the ones that attracted the most public comments were the District Councils Bill and the Legislative Council (Amendment) Bill 1999, which

provided for the arrangements of the two elections in 1999 and 2000 respectively. These two bills were crucial in mapping out new parameters for the future political structure of Hong Kong.

Apart from dealing with the day-to-day Council business, I also went on my first official visit to Russia and Britain from 14 to 25 February 1999, at the invitation of the Speaker of the State Duma of Russia and the British Government. It was a very useful experience and offered me an opportunity to understand further the parliamentary procedures and the government structure of the two countries.

During the session, I made a number of rulings on Members' bills and motions, and Members' amendments to Government bills and motions. This is probably one of the most demanding tasks of the Presidency. I exercise this duty with great care, without fear or favour, as such rulings may be used as precedents and references for future rulings.

The 1999 - 2000 session will be the last one in the term of the first Legislative Council of the HKSAR. The Government is expected to introduce a large number of bills into the Council for scrutiny. As the schedule will be very tight, Members will be confronted with a heavy legislative agenda in the year ahead. I am confident that we shall continue to fulfill our responsibility, serve the community, and contribute towards building a better Hong Kong.

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

FUNCTIONS OF THE LEGISLATION COUNCIL

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

1. To enact, amend or repeal laws in accordance with the provisions of the Basic Law and legal procedures;
2. To examine and approve budgets introduced by the Government;
3. To approve taxation and public expenditure;
4. To receive and debate the policy addresses of the Chief Executive;
5. To raise questions on the work of the Government;
6. To debate any issue concerning public interests;
7. To endorse the appointment and removal of the judges of the Court of Final Appeal and the Chief Judge of the High Court;
8. To receive and handle complaints from Hong Kong residents;
9. If a motion initiated jointly by one-fourth of all the Members of the LegCo charges the Chief Executive with serious breach of law or dereliction of duty and if he or she refuses to resign, the Council may, after passing a motion for investigation, give a mandate to the Chief Justice of the Court of Final Appeal to form and chair an independent investigation

committee. The committee shall be responsible for carrying out the investigation and reporting its findings to the Council. If the committee considers the evidence sufficient to substantiate such charges, the Council may pass a motion of impeachment by a two-thirds majority of all its Members and report it to the Central People's Government for decision; and

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

COMPOSITION OF THE LEGISLATION COUNCIL

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

In accordance with the Basic Law and the Legislative Council Ordinance, the term of office of the first LegCo of the HKSAR is two years. The term of office of subsequent LegCos will be four years.

There are 60 Members in the LegCo, comprising 20 Members returned by geographical constituencies through direct election, 30 Members returned by functional constituencies, which

represent different sectors of the community, and 10 Members elected by an Election Committee comprising 800 elected representatives of the community. The President of the Council is elected by and from among Members of the LegCo. The composition of the LegCo is in *Appendix 1* and the Members' biographies are in *Appendix 2*.

The elections of the first LegCo of the HKSAR were held on 24 May 1998. The Council's term of office commenced on 1 July 1998. The first meeting was held on 2 July 1998 with Hon Mrs Rita FAN elected as President.

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

The business transacted at a regular Council meeting mainly comprises the tabling of subsidiary legislation and other papers and reports; asking of questions for reply by the Government; the consideration of bills; and debates on motions. During the period from July 1998 to July 1999, the Council held 45 meetings and sat for more than 362 hours.

TABLING OF SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION AND OTHER PAPERS

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

During the period from July 1998 to July 1999, 322 pieces of subsidiary legislation were tabled in Council, of which four were amended, two were repealed, and 25 carried forward to the next

session for scrutiny.

QUESTIONS

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

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

During the period under report, Members asked 206 oral questions on a wide range of subjects at Council meetings, and followed up with 1290 supplementary questions. Another 585 questions were also asked, to which the Government provided written replies.

STATEMENTS

Statements may be made by public officers on issues of public concern at Council meetings. No statement was made during the period under review.

BILLS

The Government is primarily responsible for proposing new legislation or amendments to existing

legislation in the form of bills for consideration by the LegCo. Members of the Council may also introduce bills into the Council for consideration. Broadly speaking, bills have one or more of the following purposes:

- to introduce new measures or policies, or to create new 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 normally published in the Gazette before it is introduced at a Council meeting. It has to be given three readings before it can be passed 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 provides Members with an opportunity to debate the general merits and principles of the bill. Normally, after the second reading has been moved, the debate is adjourned, with the bill referred to the House Committee to allow Members more time to study it, either in the House Committee or a bills committee set up specifically for it.

The debate on the second reading resumes after the bill has been studied. During the resumed debate at a Council meeting, Members present their views on the merits and principles of the bill and indicate whether they support the bill or otherwise. If the bill is given a second reading, the Council will sit as a "Committee of the whole Council" during which the Committee goes through the bill clause by clause, making amendments where necessary. After the bill has passed through the Committee of the whole Council with or without amendments, it is reported back to the Council for the third reading stage.

If the motion for the second reading of a bill is negatived, the bill cannot proceed further. Where the Council considers that the passage of a bill is sufficiently urgent, it may pass the third readings of the bill at a single meeting.

If passed, a bill becomes a piece of enacted law which may take effect after it is signed and promulgated in the Gazette by the Chief Executive.

During the period from July 1998 to July 1999, the Council completed proceedings on 66 bills, all of which were passed, with or without amendments proposed by the Government or Members. A list of the bills passed during the period from July 1998 to July 1999 is in *Appendix 3*.

MOTIONS AND DEBATES

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

In regard to subsidiary legislation which required the Council's approval by resolution, 25 motions were moved by public officers. Of these, 24 were passed without amendment and one was passed with amendments. Members of the Council moved 14 motions in respect of subsidiary legislation which required the Council's approval. Of these, 13 were passed and one was negatived by the Council.

Through debating motions which do not have legislative effect, Members expressed their views on

issues of concerning public interests. In the 1998-99 session, 68 such motions were debated, 44 of which were carried with or without amendments. The wording of the motions debated and the decisions of the Council on these motions are in *Appendix 4*. Members moved another 11 motions relating to procedural matters. Of these, 10 were passed and one was negated by the Council.

POLICY ADDRESS DEBATE

The Chief Executive addresses the Council every year on various policy proposals for administering the HKSAR. At a meeting not less than 14 days after the Chief Executive has addressed the Council, a motion is moved by the Chairman of the House Committee to thank the Chief Executive for his Address. The debate that follows provides an opportunity for Members to comment on the Chief Executive's Address and for senior Government officials to respond to these comments. During the period under review, the Chief Executive delivered his Address on 7 October 1998 and the debate on the Motion of Thanks was held on 21 October, 22 October and 4 November 1998.

BUDGET DEBATE

Shortly before a financial year ends in March, the Financial Secretary presents his Budget to the LegCo in the form of an Appropriation Bill and Draft Estimates, which is followed closely by legislative measures for implementing Government's revenue proposals. These set out the Government's annual revenue and expenditure proposals for the following financial year. During the period under review, legislation required for implementing the revenue proposals was, for the first time, presented in the form of an omnibus bill entitled Revenue Bill 1999. After the proposed estimates of expenditure have been examined by the Finance Committee at its special meetings, the

bill is brought back into the Council for consideration and passage. The Financial Secretary introduced the Appropriation Bill 1999 on 3 March 1999. The debate on the 1999-2000 Budget took place on 24, 25 and 31 March 1999. The Appropriation Bill 1999 and the Revenue Bill 1999 were passed on 31 March 1999 and 8 July 1999 respectively.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSIONS

Three meetings of the LegCo were held during the period under review to enable the Chief Executive to answer questions put to him by Members.

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

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

During the 1998 - 99 session, the Finance Committee held 22 regular meetings and examined a total of 108 items of proposals, including 27 items containing 160 proposals which had been considered and supported by its two subcommittees: the Establishment Subcommittee and the Public Works Subcommittee.

The Finance Committee held six special meetings from 16 to 19 March 1999 to examine the Draft Estimates of Expenditure for the 1999-2000 financial year. In addition to the 1616 written questions raised by members prior to the special meetings, members also raised further questions on the Draft Estimates and on the presentations given by Bureau Secretaries at the meetings. A total of 64 supplementary questions and 40 verbal questions on matters which were not dealt with at the meetings were subsequently forwarded to the Administration for written reply.

To facilitate exchange of views between members and the Administration on the policy aspects of some new financial arrangements, the Finance Committee conducted five briefings during the session. Issues examined included the 1999-2000 Budget, the one-line-vote financial arrangement for selected departments, hiring non-civil service staff by the Social Welfare Department at 70% of the existing starting salaries of the relevant civil service ranks, and the one-off grants to the Municipal Councils.

The Establishment Subcommittee examines and makes recommendations to the Finance Committee on the Administration's proposals for the creation, redeployment, and deletion of permanent and supernumerary directorate posts, and for changes to the structure of civil service grades and ranks. During the current session, the subcommittee, consisting of 23 members, held 11 meetings and examined a total of 48 items of proposals put forward by the Administration.

The Public Works Subcommittee examines and makes recommendations to the Finance Committee on the Administration's proposals for the upgrading of projects to, or downgrading from, Category A of the Public Works Programme, or changes to the scope and approved estimates of projects already in that Category. During the current session, the subcommittee, consisting of 28 members, held 20 meetings, examined a total of 120 items of proposals put forward by the Administration and visited the Police Training School.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

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

During the 1998 - 99 session, the committee examined the Director of Audit's Report on the Accounts of the Government of the HKSAR for the year ended 31 March 1998 and the Report on the Results of Value for Money Audits (Report Nos. 30, 31 and 32). The conclusions and recommendations of the committee are contained in PAC Report Nos. 30, 31 and 32. Report Nos. 30 and 31 were tabled in the Council on 10 February 1999 and Report No. 32 on 7 July 1999.

COMMITTEE ON MEMBERS' INTERESTS

The committee considers matters pertaining to Members' declaration of interests and matters of ethics in relation to their conduct, and makes recommendations relating to Members' interests. It also examines arrangements for the compilation, maintenance and accessibility of the Register of Members' Interests. During the reporting period, the committee held five meetings and determined its procedure for handling complaints received in relation to the registration and declaration of Members' interests. The membership of the committee is in *Appendix 5*.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

The House Committee comprises all Members, except the President, who elect from among themselves the chairman and deputy chairman. While the LegCo was in session, the House Committee normally met weekly and meetings were 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 consider 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 the bills, or appoint subcommittees to study subsidiary legislation in greater detail. The House Committee then monitors progress and studies reports from the bills committees and subcommittees concerned in preparation for the debates on such bills and subsidiary legislation in Council.

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

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

During the 1998 - 99 session, a total of 55 House Committee meetings were held, including 17 special meetings.

Fifteen of these special meetings were convened to discuss the right of abode issue following the delivery by the Court of Final Appeal on 29 January 1999 of a landmark judgment on cases relating to right of abode of persons born in the Mainland to Hong Kong permanent residents. Members were briefed by the Administration on its mid-term survey findings that 1.675 million people in the Mainland would be eligible for right of abode and its assessment of service implications arising from the admission of all eligible persons. The House Committee invited views from legal professionals, constitutional experts, economists, and other individuals on the right of abode issue, and urged the Administration to propose effective options to resolve the issue.

Subcommittees of the House Committee

The House Committee may appoint subcommittees to assist it in the consideration of any other issue relating to the business of the Council. The following subcommittees were formed during the 1998-99 session -

- (a) Subcommittee on Review of Operating Expenses for Members of the LegCo;
- (b) Parliamentary Liaison Subcommittee; and
- (c) Subcommittee on Review of the Operation of the LegCo Redress System.

Subcommittee on Review of Operating Expenses for Members of the LegCo

A Subcommittee on Review of Operating Expenses for Members of the LegCo was formed in July 1998 to look into the resources required for supporting Members in carrying out their duties.

The Subcommittee held five meetings during the session and exchanged views with the Administration on the financial resources required for serving enlarged constituencies caused by the new way they were defined in the last election. As a result, each Member was provided with an additional reimbursable amount of \$100,000 for using information technology to communicate with their constituents. Moreover, several separately reimbursable amounts were merged, so that Members might enjoy more flexibility in deploying their resources.

On the suggestion of the Subcommittee and with the approval of The Legislative Council Commission, advances of operating funds to Members were introduced for financing their office setting up expenses and monthly operating expenses, before they were formally reimbursed upon production of payment receipts and other supporting documents.

Parliamentary Liaison Subcommittee

A Parliamentary Liaison Subcommittee was formed in July 1998 to provide overall co-ordination of all parliamentary liaison activities between the Council and other parliamentary organizations outside Hong Kong, consider proposals for setting up friendship groups with such organizations, and make recommendations to the House Committee. During the reporting period, the subcommittee considered and recommended to the House Committee a proposal to re-establish the friendship groups that had been formed previously with the legislatures of Japan, Canada, Australia and the European Union and to set up an additional friendship group with the parliamentarians of the Republic of Singapore.

Subcommittee on Review of the Operation of the LegCo Redress System

The subcommittee was formed to review the operation of the redress system and to examine whether structural changes in the system were warranted in the light of the provision in Article 73(8) of the Basic Law on the Council's responsibility for receiving and handling complaints from Hong Kong residents. The subcommittee held a total of eight meetings to examine thoroughly the related issues, including the suggestion of the system so that it covers under the provision of the Legislative Council (Powers and Privileges) Ordinance (Cap. 382). It submitted two reports to the House Committee on 27 November 1998 and 19 March 1999. The House Committee resolved that the existing arrangement of the system should be maintained, and that the scope of the redress system should be expanded to cover not only complaints and representations about the decisions and actions of Government bureaux and departments but also complaints relating to non-Government bodies providing services to the general public.

The membership of three subcommittees are at *Appendix 5*.

COMMITTEE ON RULES OF PROCEDURE

The Committee on Rules of Procedure, which was formed in July 1998, is responsible for reviewing the Rules of Procedure of the Council and the committee system, and proposing to the Council such amendments or changes as are considered necessary.

The committee consists of a chairman, a deputy chairman and 10 members appointed by the President in accordance with the recommendations of the House Committee. The membership of the committee is in *Appendix 5*. The President is invited to take part in the discussions of the

committee.

From July 1998 to July 1999, the committee held a total of 25 meetings and deliberated on a wide range of subjects under three major categories. First, the committee deliberated on the procedures relating to the implementation of specific provisions in the Basic Law. These included the voting procedures of the Council, the arrangements for dealing with bills passed by the Council but returned by the Chief Executive, and the procedures for relieving a Member of his/her duties and for censuring a Member for misbehaviour or breach of oath under Article 79(6) and (7) of the Basic Law.

Secondly, the committee conducted a detailed study of some of the current procedural arrangements of the Council which required improvement, including the timing for commencement and ending of a LegCo session; precedence of Members; arrangements for the first meeting of the Council and a committee at the commencement of a new term; registration and declaration of Members' interests; term of office of a select committee; order of speaking in motion debates; occasions when a Member may speak more than once on a question; acceptance of late membership for committees; quorum requirement for committees; and the notice requirement for a motion for an address of thanks to the Chief Executive for his Policy Address.

The committee also considered a number of other issues to improve the text and clarify the meaning of certain rules in the Rules of Procedure including rules relating to the exercise of opinion by the President, Members' indication of intention to speak at Council meetings, recording of Members' presence, and failure of the division bell.

During the 1998 - 99 session, the committee issued seven consultation papers to seek Members'

views on a wide range of procedural matters, and undertook studies on two subjects referred to it by the House Committee. The committee presented reports at the Council meetings on 9 September 1998 and 28 April 1999, following which the committee's proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedure were passed by resolution of the Council at those meetings.

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 by and from among its members. Government officials and members of the public may be invited to attend its meetings.

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

During the 1998-99 session, 42 bills committees and one subcommittee were formed to study 42 bills already introduced into the Council and one draft bill. There were also 20 subcommittees which considered 126 items of subsidiary legislation tabled in Council and 25 resolutions presented

by the Administration for the Council's approval. The membership of these bills committees and subcommittees is in *Appendix 5*. Some of the bills and legislative proposals studied by bills committees and subcommittees are noted below :

Adaptation of Laws Bill 1998

The bill, introduced into the LegCo on 14 October 1998, sought to adapt references in 15 ordinances and their subsidiary legislation to bring them into conformity with the status of Hong Kong as a Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China and with the Basic Law.

The bills committee was concerned about the proposed adaptation of reference to "Colonial Regulations" to "relevant executive orders". Some members considered that the proposed adaptation was not a technical amendment, but a legal and constitutional matter. The Administration explained that the term "relevant executive order" in fact referred to the Public Service (Administration) Order 1997. This Order and the Public Service (Disciplinary) Regulation made under it had effectively replaced the Colonial Regulations dealing with the administration of the public service.

To provide clarity and certainty, the bills committee accepted the Administration's proposed amendments to adapt the reference to "Colonial Regulations" to "Public Service (Administration) Order" and the definition of the new term.

The bills committee had jointly discussed with the Bills Committee on Adaptation of Laws (No. 2) Bill 1998 the proposed adaptation of reference to "Governor" to "Chief Executive in Council". Having considered the views of the two bills committees, the Administration proposed to adopt a

more mechanical approach in adaptations whereby all references to “Governor”, in respect of making subordinate legislation and issuing administrative instruments, would be adapted to “Chief Executive”.

The bill, with amendments, was passed at the Council meeting of 28 April 1999.

Theft (Amendment) Bill 1998

The bill was introduced into the Council on 2 December 1998. The bills committee had serious reservations about the proposals in the bill which departed from the recommendations of the Law Reform Commission in several areas. Firstly, the offence of fraud as proposed was not restricted to cases involving financial or proprietary gain or loss. The Law Reform Commission recommended otherwise. Secondly, the bill proposed to retain the common law offence of conspiracy to defraud. The Law Reform Commission recommended abolition.

Members considered that the law must be certain. If the scope of the offence of fraud was extended to non-financial or non-proprietary loss or gain, there was a risk that the limits of the offence might be uncertain. After discussion, the Administration agreed to restrict the new offence of fraud to circumstances in which there was financial or proprietary loss or gain only.

However, the Administration was of the firm view that there was a need to retain the common law offence of conspiracy to defraud. After much discussion and debate the bills committee finally agreed to the Administration's proposal taking into account further justifications provided by the Administration: firstly, the technical limitations to prove the new statutory offence might result in the inability to prosecute some offenders; secondly, the bill in its present form would mean that Hong Kong might not be able to provide mutual legal assistance to other jurisdictions which

maintained a wider notion of fraud under their respective laws; and thirdly, the English Law Commission had been reviewing all offences involving dishonesty and had deferred making a final recommendation on conspiracy to defraud until that review had been completed, and the fraud legislation in Hong Kong was virtually identical to the English Act.

The bills committee and the Administration were not able to reach consensus in relation to the inclusion of the word "opinions" in the definition of the term "deceit". Members considered it undesirable to criminalize mere expressions of opinion or commercial exaggerations. The bills committee resolved to introduce a Committee Stage amendment to delete the word "opinions" from the definition of "deceit".

The Bill, as amended, was passed by the Council of 7 July 1999.

Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill 1998

Introduced into the Council on 2 December 1998, the bill sought to tighten the statutory limits for alcohol concentration permitted in drivers' blood, urine and breath; to streamline the drink driving testing procedures; to place private school light buses under the Passenger Service Licence Scheme; and to rectify the existing payment arrangements to operators of parking meters and the New Kowloon Bay Vehicle Examination Centre.

The proposal to tighten the prescribed alcohol concentration limits was critically examined by the bills committee. Members noted that it was the international trend for these limits to be tightened but the proposal to lower the blood alcohol concentration limit from 80mg to 50mg had attracted different views from members.

Some members concurred with the Administration that this proposal would help moderate the drinking behaviour of drivers and enhance road safety. They supported the proposal, pointing out that drink driving affected not only drivers but also other road users and that its deterrence would be beneficial to the community at large.

Other members of the bills committee, however, objected to the proposal. In the absence of statistics to show a deterioration of the drink driving problem, and the lack of concrete evidence of a high correlation between alcohol intake and accident rates, these members found the justifications for the proposal inadequate. They stressed that the existing statutory limit on blood alcohol concentration level was adopted by many overseas countries and an individual's lifestyle should not be unduly jeopardized in a free society.

Members supported other proposals in the bill. On the proposed extension of the Passenger Service Licence Scheme to private school light buses, members agreed on the need to standardize the regulation mechanism for all buses but suggested waiving the fees and charges payable under the Scheme pending the outcome of a review of the annual licence fee structure of private school light buses. The Administration agreed to the proposal. It also accepted other suggestions of the bills committee to amend the bill to improve its clarity.

The proposal to tighten up the prescribed alcohol concentration limits was vigorously debated in the Council. The bill was passed with amendments at the Council meeting of 14 July 1999.

Legislative Council (Amendment) Bill 1999

Introduced into the Council on 3 February 1999, the bill sought to amend the Legislative Council Ordinance in order to provide the electoral law for the second term of LegCo.

On the proposal that Hong Kong Deputies to the National People's Congress (NPC) and LegCo Members holding office on 30 June 2000 were to become ex-officio members of the Election Committee to be established for returning six Members to the second term of LegCo, the bills committee was of the view that if these persons were not elected to the second term or the next term of office of the NPC, they should cease to be ex officio members of the Election Committee. After consideration, the Administration agreed to move amendments to provide for a mechanism for updating the ex-officio membership of the Election Committee.

Some members expressed concern about the proposal to allow the Returning Officer of a geographical constituency to revise the list of validly nominated candidates by striking out the names of candidates who died or became disqualified and adding the names of any surplus nominees to the list. Other members suggested that as far as functional constituency elections were concerned, if the Returning Officer became aware of the death or disqualification of a candidate after the close of nomination but before the polling day, he should terminate the election proceedings and a by-election should be arranged. After consideration, the Administration agreed to introduce suitable amendments in these two areas.

The bills committee raised a number of concerns on advance polling, a proposal made under the bill. After consideration of members' views including that on the release of exit poll results on advance polling by the media before the close of all polls and having regard to a court ruling made in Canada last year, the Administration subsequently came to the view that advance polling should not be introduced in the 2000 LegCo election. Some members expressed disappointment over the Administration's change of stance on the matter.

The bills committee discussed but reached no consensus on a number of Members' amendment proposals, including those relating to functional constituencies, direct election of all LegCo Members, banning of all canvassing activities on polling day, reimbursement of election expenses, voting system for geographical constituency and Election Committee elections.

The bill, as amended, was passed at the Council meeting of 14 July 1999.

Revenue Bill 1999

Introduced into the Council on 21 April 1999, the bill sought to amend a number of ordinances to give legislative effect to the revenue concession and revenue raising proposals in the 1999-2000 Budget.

The proposal to increase by 26.5% the fixed penalties for traffic-related offences aroused heated debate. According to the Administration, the proposed increase was necessary to maintain the deterrent effect of the fixed penalties which were last adjusted in 1994. Noting the declining number of fixed penalty tickets issued in the past five years, members of the bills committee were unconvinced of the need to adjust the fines. After considerable deliberation, the Administration agreed to amend the bill to repeal the proposed increase.

On the proposal to increase parking meter charge from \$2 to \$4 per 15 minutes, the bills committee noted the Administration's explanation that this aimed to raise revenue and to help achieve the objective of maintaining a 15% availability of metered parking spaces. Notwithstanding the Administration's explanation that the proposed increase was for the maximum charge only, members of the bills committee were concerned about the possible knock-on effect of the proposal on carpark charges.

Whilst supporting the proposal to defer payment of stamp duty for property transactions until the execution of the assignment or upon sub-sale of the property, some members had reservations about the proposal to require a corporate purchaser to submit a banker's guarantee before deferment could be considered. Failing to provide conclusive evidence to prove that corporate purchasers were more likely to avoid paying stamp duty than individual purchasers, the Administration accepted members' view to delete the proposed requirement.

Views of members of the bills committee were divided on several proposals, namely the proposals to increase the stamp duty rates for property costing over \$3 million, to increase the fixed penalty for smoky vehicles, and to increase the Cross-Harbour Tunnel tolls for private cars and motorcycles. A number of amendments to the bill were moved by Members. The bill was vigorously debated at the Council meeting of 14 July 1999. All the amendments moved by Members were negatived. The proposal to increase parking meter charges was also voted down. The bill, with amendments suggested by the bills committee and moved by the Administration, was passed.

Chinese Medicine Bill

Introduced into the Council on 3 February 1999, the bill sought to make provisions for the registration of practitioners of Chinese medicine, the licensing of traders in Chinese medicine, the registration of proprietary Chinese medicine and other related matters.

The bills committee was concerned about the transitional arrangements for existing Chinese medicine practitioners. Members considered that the registration assessment should neither be too tight as to affect the livelihood of the existing practitioners nor too loose as issues of public health and safety were involved. The bills committee urged the Administration to ensure a correct

balance in the assessment criteria which should have a high degree of transparency.

The bills committee was also concerned that there was no provision to regulate dispensers of Chinese herbal medicine and suggested that they should be included in the proposed regulation of Chinese medicine. The Administration explained that since the professional nature of their work was not high, it did not propose a statutory scheme to regulate dispensers of Chinese medicine but would encourage educational institutions to organize courses for existing dispensers. In addition, the Administration pointed out that the bill contained a number of provisions such as the requirement for labelling of containers of Chinese medicines which would provide additional safeguards for public health. Members urged the Administration to ensure that the matter would be further deliberated by the Chinese Medicine Council to be established by the bill.

The bill, with amendments proposed by the Administration, was passed at the meeting of 14 July 1999.

District Councils Bill

Introduced into the LegCo on 16 December 1998, the District Councils Bill sought to replace the Provisional District Boards Ordinance with effect from January 2000. The bill provided District Councils (DCs) with more responsibilities than Provisional District Boards and increase the number of elected seats while retaining the appointed and ex-officio membership.

The bills committee scrutinized the Bill in detail and received 139 written submissions from the public. Members had divergent views over some provisions in the bill.

Members belonging to the Democratic Party and the Frontier were strongly opposed to the

appointed and ex-officio membership in DCs as they considered this a retrograde step in democracy. They also questioned whether the retention of appointed membership in DCs contravened Article 39 of the Basic Law and Article 25 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR). The Administration said in response that the bill was consistent with the Basic Law, and that Article 25 of ICCPR in relation to the right to vote did not apply to an advisory body such as DC. Some other members agreed with the Administration that appointed members who were drawn from different sectors of the community could enhance the representativeness of DCs.

Concerning the 27 ex-officio seats for the Rural Committee Chairmen, Members belonging to the Democratic Party were of the view that the arrangement conferred a double voting right to indigenous villagers.

On the future functions of DCs, some members had suggested expanding the responsibilities of, and giving some executive powers to, DCs in district administration. In this respect, the Administration had maintained the position that DCs would remain as advisory bodies on district affairs, having regard to Article 97 of the Basic Law.

The Administration had taken on board some of the bills committee's suggestions regarding the need for a candidate to declare criminal conviction records in any place, the arrangement for DCs to cease operation before the end of its term to enable ordinary election to be held, and limiting some of the powers of the Chief Executive under the bill.

The bill was passed with amendments at the Council meeting of 10 March 1999.

***Subcommittee on
Subsidiary Legislation made under***

the Estate Agents Ordinance (Cap. 511) Gazetted on 16 October 1998

The three pieces of subsidiary legislation sought to provide for the licensing of estate agents and salespersons, and exemption of estate agents dealing exclusively with properties outside Hong Kong and dormant partners of a partnership from the requirement of obtaining a licence.

Noting that existing practitioners would be granted a licence to continue with estate agency work under the Estate Agents (Licensing) Regulation, the subcommittee critically examined the definition of “existing practitioner” provided therein. According to the proposed definition, an individual who was engaged in estate agency work for any period of time within one year before the implementation date of the licensing system on 1 January 1999 would be regarded as an existing practitioner. Whilst reckoning that a balance had to be struck between improving the service standard of estate agents and minimizing disruption to the trade, the subcommittee considered it necessary to tighten up the definition by stipulating the minimum service requirement. After deliberation, the Administration agreed to amend the definition to the effect that persons who were practising estate agency work at the time of making an application for a licence or persons who had been engaged in estate agency work for a period of not less than three months within the period of 18 months before 1 January 1999 would be regarded as existing practitioners.

The Administration also took on board the subcommittee’s view to amend the Regulation to limit the power of the Estate Agents Authority to extend the period within which a licensee had to comply with the licence conditions, and to define the 12-month period within which an unsuccessful applicant could not make a new application. The motion to amend the Regulation was carried at the Council meeting of 18 November 1998. The Order and the Notice were supported by the subcommittee and enacted.

***Subcommittee on
Estate Agents Practice (General Duties and Hong Kong Residential Properties)
Regulation and Estate Agents (Determination of Commission Disputes) Regulation***

The two Regulations prescribed matters relating to the conduct and practice of estate agents as well as the procedures for the determination of disputes over commission.

The subcommittee supported the implementation of a regulatory system for estate agents but noted with concern the requirement for an estate agent to provide specified property information including prima facie evidence of ownership and saleable floor area to his client upon the introduction of a property. Members pointed out that without the establishment of a centralized property databank, such information was not readily available. Although the Administration undertook to facilitate the trade in obtaining property-related information, the subcommittee urged the Administration to pursue the proposal of setting up the databank in the long run.

On the requirement for a vendor to make a statement regarding structural changes to the property for the reference of the prospective purchasers, the subcommittee expressed concern about possible difficulties of the vendor in providing information on structural changes effected prior to his ownership of the property. The Administration assured members that the vendor would be required to disclose information within his knowledge, and agreed to amend the prescribed statement to delineate information relating to structural changes to the property effected prior to and during the vendor's ownership.

The Administration accepted the subcommittee's suggestion to state more clearly in the relevant regulation that an estate agent had to take all practicable steps to ascertain the identity of the vendor before the signing of the agreement for sale and purchase. The subcommittee took note of the intention of the Estate Agents Authority to issue practice guidelines to estate agents in this respect.

The Administration also agreed to the amendments proposed by the subcommittee to improve the wordings and presentation of the various prescribed forms.

The motions to amend the Regulations were carried at the Council meeting of 30 June 1999.

Subcommittee on resolution under the Immigration Ordinance

Following the Court of Final Appeal (CFA)'s judgment and the interpretation by the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the true legislative intent of Article 24(2)(3) of the Basic Law (BL), the proposed resolution sought to implement the decision of the CFA in respect of persons born out of wedlock; to remove any doubt as to the text of the Immigration Ordinance in respect of the categories of persons who had the right of abode; and to correct an inadvertent error relating to the use of the term "right of abode" in Schedule 1 of the Ordinance.

Some members of the subcommittee expressed concern about whether the proposed amendment to paragraph 2(a) of the Schedule was consistent with the legislative intent of BL 24(2)(1). Under the proposed provision, a Chinese citizen born in Hong Kong :

- (i) before 1 July 1987; or
- (ii) on or after 1 July 1987 if his father or mother was settled or had the right of abode in Hong Kong at the time of his birth or at any later time

was a permanent resident of the HKSAR.

Some members pointed out that the proposed paragraph 2(a) of the Schedule was more generous than the existing provision. However, when compared with the provision in BL 24(2)(1), it was more restrictive as there was no parentage requirement in the BL. They also pointed out that the proposed provision in paragraph 2(a)(i) of the Schedule was inconsistent with the Opinions of the Preparatory Committee for the HKSAR on the Implementation of Article 24(2) of the BL as it did not prescribe any condition of the parents of those persons born in Hong Kong before 1 July 1987.

In the Administration's view, the difference in the wording of the proposed paragraph 2(a)(i) from that in the Opinions of the Preparatory Committee did not imply that the proposed provision

violated the original legislative intent. The wording of BL 24 was reproduced from Annex 1 to the Sino-British Joint Declaration. The Governments of the People's Republic of China and the United Kingdom, when drawing up the Joint Declaration, fully understood the immigration policy and legislation of Hong Kong at that time. The proposed date of 1 July 1987 as a dividing line was to reflect the introduction into laws the right of abode concept on that date.

The proposed resolution was passed at the Council meeting of 14 July 1999.

***Subcommittee on
Electricity Ordinance (Commencement) Notice 1999 and
Electrical Products (Safety) Regulation (Commencement) Notice 1999***

The two items of subsidiary legislation appointed a day on which certain provisions of the Electricity Ordinance (Cap. 406) and the Electrical Products (Safety) Regulation shall come into operation. Upon the commencement of the provisions, no person shall supply an electrical product designed for household use in Hong Kong for which no certificate of safety compliance had been issued by an approved body or the manufacturer as required by regulations in respect of electrical product safety.

The subcommittee noted with concern the definition of "supply" in the Electricity Ordinance, which included all commercial means through which a product might reach a consumer. The definition would cover situations where electrical products were supplied in a property to be sold or rented out. The owner or landlord of the property concerned had the responsibility for complying with the safety requirement in respect of the electrical products installed therein. Given the active property transaction and rental market, members were gravely concerned that the proposed requirement would place an undue burden on the general public of making arrangements for testing the electrical products concerned by qualified electricians, let alone the cost involved. As the safety compliance

requirement would apply to supply of electrical products including parallel imported products, second hand products and locally fabricated personal computers, the subcommittee doubted the availability of adequate electrical product testing services.

Having seriously considered the impact of the application of the certificate of safety compliance requirement and the low awareness of the general public on the issue, the subcommittee moved a motion to repeal the two Commencement Notices. The motion was passed at the Council meeting on 10 February 1999.

PANELS

Panels are committees of the Council tasked to monitor and examine Government policies. They serve as a forum for the exchange and dissemination of views on policy matters and issues of public concern. Each panel is headed by a chairman elected from amongst its members. The subjects for discussion can be brought up by members of the panel, referred to it by the House Committee, raised by other members following meetings with provisional district boards or upon receipt of complaints or representations, or at the request of the Administration. A panel may appoint subcommittees to study specific issues and present reports to the Council as it considers appropriate.

Seventeen panels were formed in the 1998 - 99 session to monitor policies of their corresponding Bureau Secretaries in the Government. Membership of the panels and their subcommittees is shown in *Appendix 5*.

Panel on Manpower

The rising unemployment rate was a key concern of the panel. The panel urged the Administration to undertake new initiatives and more effective measures to stimulate the economy and tackle the unemployment problem. The panel also urged the Administration to be forward-looking in its manpower planning and training strategy to meet the changing needs of the economy.

Members asked the Administration to assess the manpower supply of construction workers for each trade and take early steps to address the possible manpower shortage problem to obviate the need to import labour for infrastructural projects. Members also requested the Administration to require contractors bidding for government projects to give priority of employment to local workers.

Some members considered that the guidelines for handling wage reductions and retrenchments were not useful to safeguard the interests of employees. Neither were they effective in dealing with labour disputes involving wage reductions and retrenchments. They called upon the Administration to introduce legislation to regulate wage reductions by employers.

Some members urged the Administration to introduce a system of minimum wage in Hong Kong. The Administration was of the view that while such a system might have some limited immediate benefits of reducing poverty and improving income distribution, these would be more than offset by the heavy costs it would incur. Such costs would lie mainly in the consequential reduction of employment opportunities, especially for the less skilled and lower-paid workers, and the distortion of market-determined wages which underpinned Hong Kong's success as one of the world's most open and flexible free market economies.

The panel was consulted on a number of legislative proposals to improve industrial safety. The panel stressed the need for sustained efforts in education, training and enforcement, as well as the

importance of tripartite co-operation in promoting safety and health at work.

Panel on Public Service

While there was general public support for enhanced productivity in the civil service, the impact of the various initiatives of the Government to achieve the 5% savings target under the Enhanced Productivity Programme was a subject of prime concern to the panel. The panel took note of the objective of the introduction of non-civil service contract terms at non-directorate level based on market rates to ensure the spending of public money in a cost-effective manner. Members were however concerned about the methodology in determining the market rates and whether it was appropriate to start recruiting staff at market rates before the conclusion of the Starting Salaries Review.

The panel invited views from civil service staff unions and academics on the consultation document on Civil Service Reform. Whilst appreciating the need for restructuring the civil service to keep pace with social development, the panel called for prudence and detailed scrutiny of the specific reform proposals. Members were concerned in particular about the pace of the reform, the practicability of linking performance to pay in the civil service, the effect of certain reform proposals on the stability of the civil service, and the accountability of senior civil servants.

The panel was briefed on the freezing of civil service pay for the 1999-2000 financial year, and on the findings and recommendations of the Standing Commission on Civil Service Salaries and Conditions of Service on the Starting Salaries Review. The panel supported the conduct of a review by the Administration to examine the justifications for various allowances payable to civil servants with reference to practices in the private sector. The Administration was urged to take more effective measures to enforce the prevention of double housing benefits rules and to further

improve the system for the declaration of investments by civil servants.

On the privatization of Government services, the panel exchanged views with the Administration and the staff unions concerned on the effects of such exercises in the Housing Department and Water Supplies Department. Members noted that staff affected by corporatization of the Housing Department would be given the option of remaining in the civil service or joining the new corporation. As for the Water Supplies Department, the panel noted that the Administration was still considering the feasibility of privatization. Members stressed the need to examine all available options, taking into account overseas experience and local circumstances, in particular the impact on existing staff, before deciding on the way forward.

Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services

The panel took note of public responses to the findings and recommendations of the Legal Aid Policy Review 1997 and exchanged views with the Administration on some of the recommendations. The panel also noted the recommendations of the Legal Aid Services Council that an independent statutory legal aid authority should be established by a phased approach. Members agreed to discuss the matter after the Administration had considered the Legal Aid Services Council's Report in detail.

Given the wide public concern about the judicial jurisdiction of the HKSAR arising from two cases, the panel held a special meeting to discuss the issue. Much of the discussion was focused on the Administration's purposive interpretation of Article 7 of the Chinese Criminal Code 1997 which provided that the law was applicable to Chinese citizens who committed a crime prescribed under the law outside the Chinese territory. Some members agreed with the majority of the legal academics and professionals attending the meeting that the Administration's interpretation of

"territory" as "jurisdictional territory" violated the plain and literal meaning of the term. It was their view that the term "territory" referred to the geographical territory under Chinese sovereignty. Article 7 was not applicable to crimes committed in the HKSAR by Mainland residents and it did not confer on Mainland courts jurisdiction over such crimes.

The panel invited the Secretary for Justice to brief members on her earlier decision not to prosecute a named co-conspirator in the Hong Kong Standard case. The panel discussed at length whether it was necessary for the Secretary for Justice to consider the public interest factor at all, if it had been decided that there was insufficient evidence to bring a prosecution. The panel also questioned the Secretary for Justice's understanding of "public interest".

Members discussed legal education with representatives of the Administration, the University of Hong Kong, the City University of Hong Kong and the two legal professional bodies. Views were exchanged on matters including quality of new entrants and graduates, entry requirements and curriculum of the universities, continuing education and Government recruitment. All parties were in agreement that a comprehensive review of legal education in Hong Kong should be conducted.

Panel on Home Affairs

Meetings were held to discuss with concerned organizations and Government the initial report of the HKSAR on the Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women. The panel urged the Government to set up a Women Commission to develop an overall women policy, and to take proactive measures to remove discriminative practices against women in their participation in political and public affairs and in the provision of employment and health services.

The panel discussed with the Equal Opportunities Commission its proposed legislative amendments to facilitate enforcement and to remove unnecessary exemptions. Members also sought a briefing on the work of the Office of Privacy Commissioner and discussed the application of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance.

In view of the Government's proposal to abolish the two provisional municipal councils, the panel invited public views and discussed with the Government the 50 submissions from concerned organizations on the future direction for the provision of arts, culture, recreation and sport services. Members were disappointed that the Government did not issue a public consultation document on the new institutional framework and made no attempts to formulate a long-term cultural policy. In the deliberation of the report on the consultancy commissioned by the Government, members expressed concern about the delineation of responsibilities among Government departments, the proposed Culture and Heritage Commission and the existing statutory bodies in policy formulation and resource allocation.

While supporting the Government's proposal to improve building and fire safety standards in old private buildings, the panel suggested lowering the percentage of share required under the Building Management Ordinance for owners' corporations to terminate the contract of property managers. The panel also discussed with representatives of the 18 Provisional District Boards the proposal of mandatory formation of owners' corporations and related building management issues.

The panel met with representatives from journalists' associations, the media and monitoring bodies to discuss ways to upkeep media ethics. The panel strongly advocated public monitoring and stricter self-discipline of the industry.

In response to the panel's concern about recent incidents of violence and alleged illegal practices in rural elections, the Government had set up a working group to review rural elections, and had agreed in principle that village representative elections should be brought under the regulation of the Corrupt and Illegal Practices Ordinance.

Panel on Transport

Whilst supporting the Government's proposal to tender out the franchised ferry service of the Hongkong and Yaumati Ferry Company Limited (HYF) to enhance competition, the panel expressed deep concern about the deteriorating service provided by HYF upon the changeover on 1 April 1999. The panel passed a motion calling on the Administration to liaise with HYF with a view to improving the ferry service for Peng Chau, Mui Wo and Cheung Chau.

In connection with the opening of the new airport at Chek Lap Kok in July 1998 and the transfer of the 88 bus routes from the China Motor Bus Company Limited to New World First Bus Services Limited on 1 September 1998, the panel worked closely with parties concerned to ensure the maintenance of a proper and efficient transport network before and after the changeovers.

The panel examined ways to increase the transparency and accountability of the fare determination system of public transport services, including the proposal to establish an independent committee to determine fares. Members reckoned the need to make clear the consultation procedures on fare increase proposals to increase public monitoring.

On the development of the transport network, the panel continued to monitor the planning and implementation of the priority railway projects, and to examine the progress of the Second Railway Development Study and the Third Comprehensive Transport Study. In examining the proposed

construction of the Ma On Shan to Tai Wai Rail Link, members urged the Administration to consider extending the rail link direct to the urban area instead of interchanging at Tai Wai to improve the financial viability of the project and to meet the transport needs of the residents in Ma On Shan. To facilitate members' consideration of the proposal, the Administration undertook to provide detailed information on the financial analysis of the project in the next Council session. As regards relieving the traffic congestion in Central, members urged the Administration to revise the Wanchai Reclamation Phase II to facilitate smooth traffic between the east and west of Hong Kong Island.

The panel was consulted on the proposed privatization of the Mass Transit Railway Corporation. With reference to overseas experience, members were particularly concerned about the regulatory regime, the fare setting mechanism and the financial viability of the corporation after privatization. The panel urged the Administration to provide detailed analysis for further discussion before introducing the legislative proposal into the Council.

Panel on Housing

The panel closely monitored the operation of the various housing loan schemes and subsidized home ownership schemes to ensure their effectiveness in helping middle and low income families to purchase their own homes. Members supported the introduction of a Second Mortgage Loan Scheme and Mortgage Interest Subsidy Scheme to assist purchasers under the Sandwich Class Housing Scheme in mortgage repayment amid the economic downturn. The panel also examined the proposed Tenants Purchase Scheme Phase Two for sitting public housing tenants and the new Buy-or-Rent Option for prospective tenants.

On the implementation of the asset test for prospective public housing tenants, members were

dissatisfied that such an important policy was hastily implemented without prior consultation with the panel and the public.

The panel exchanged views with the Administration on measures to reduce the waiting time for public housing. Members raised concerns on the need to restrict the transfer of tenancies on the death of principal tenants and the poor living conditions of the Waiting List applicants who had yet to fulfil the residence requirement for allocation of public rental housing flats.

Noting the prolonged waiting time for single-person public rental housing flats leading to a high demand in bedspace apartments, the panel conducted a research to look into the issues of safety and overcrowdedness of bedspace apartments that had not been adequately addressed by the Bedspace Apartment Ordinance. The Administration was urged to follow up on measures to meet the housing needs of bedspace lodgers in the light of the research findings.

The panel successfully urged the Housing Authority to institute positive measures to alleviate the hardship of commercial tenants and rental housing households, including the deferment of rent increase plans, and continued to monitor the implementation of the relief measures to ensure their effectiveness in helping difficult tenants.

On the building quality of public housing flats, the panel urged the Administration to accord priority to quality over price in the selection of contractors. The panel also requested the Administration to take account of the views of tenants and owners under the Tenants Purchase Scheme before a final decision was made on the private sector involvement in estate management and maintenance.

Panel on Security

Some members were of the view that the agreement with the Mainland on the surrender of fugitive offenders should not deviate from the United Nations Model Treaty on Extradition. The Administration was urged to include in the rendition agreement with the Mainland the normal exclusion in relation to political offences and political prejudice in the existing Surrender of Fugitive Offenders Agreements with other jurisdictions.

On the panel's request, the Administration briefed members on the new application procedure for Certificates of Entitlement for Mainland persons who had the right of abode under the Basic Law, prior to its gazettal. Members urged that these eligible persons should be accorded priority for admission as this was a constitutional right.

Concern was expressed about the problem of gambling and over-borrowing from loan sharks by Police officers which might result in poor performance or the commission of illegal activities. The panel was assured that the Force management was determined to maintain a clean and honest Police Force and had adopted a comprehensive strategy for preventing, identifying and dealing with the indebtedness of Police officers. A subcommittee under the panel was formed to examine in detail the problem of Police Officers' indebtedness.

On the problems of smuggling and illegal sale of cigarettes in Hong Kong, the panel was informed that the Administration would shortly conduct a review of the current enforcement strategy, taking into account the fiscal and health policy objectives. Apart from stepping up enforcement actions, members requested the Administration to enhance educational publicity efforts to change the social norms of consuming duty-not-paid cigarettes.

Panel on Constitutional Affairs

Some members expressed strong reservations about the way the Government had conducted and presented the results of the public consultation on district organizations. Some members criticized the proposal to abolish the Municipal Councils as dismantling a well-established channel for public participation in community affairs and a retrogression in democratization. They also expressed their dissatisfaction that the decision-making powers of the Municipal Councils were, under the new framework proposed, transferred neither to LegCo nor to the District Councils.

On the electoral arrangements for the 2000 LegCo election, many members expressed concern about the proposal to allow paid election advertisement on television and radio, as it would put independent candidates or political parties with less financial resources at a disadvantaged position. The panel requested the Administration to reconsider the proposal.

The panel was briefed on the major new measures introduced in the Electoral Affairs Commission's proposed Guidelines for the 1999 District Councils election. In particular, the panel discussed at length the proposal to prohibit presenters, regular contributors or columnists who were candidates or members of a political party/organization whose other members were candidates, from appearing in programmes or contributing articles in the print media once the nomination period began. It was the consensus of members that prohibition, if any, should apply to candidates only.

In March 1999, the panel received public views on the mechanism for amending the Basic Law. The panel requested the Administration to provide a timetable for devising an appropriate mechanism to give effect to Article 159 of the Basic Law. The Administration's rough estimate of the time required, excluding the steps involving discussions with the relevant Central Authorities, was about 15 - 22 months. The panel expressed great disappointment and urged the

Administration to complete the process expeditiously.

The panel also invited deputations to give views on the need for a formal mechanism for submitting future requests for interpretation of provisions in the Basic Law. The panel noted that there were diverse views on the matter. The panel also noted that the Chief Executive had pledged that assistance from the Central People's Government would only be sought in exceptional circumstances, and the HKSAR Government would carefully consider all suggestions and the issue of whether or not to set up such a mechanism.

Panel on Financial Affairs

After the Government's operation in the local stock and futures markets in August 1998, the panel sought briefings from the Administration on the reasons for and details of the operation. The panel also invited local and overseas academics as well as market practitioners to give views on the mechanism for defending the linked exchange rate system and other issues related to the operation. While the panel maintained its staunch support for the linked exchange rate system and welcomed the new measures implemented by the Government to strengthen the currency board arrangements, views of members on the operation were mixed. Most members had reservations about the Government holding large quantities of stocks over a prolonged period, owing to conflict of interests and the need to maintain a level playing field for all market players. While noting the divided views amongst academics and market practitioners on ways and timing of disposing of the shares, the panel urged the Administration to continue its efforts to boost local and overseas investors' confidence in the market by reasserting Hong Kong's determination to maintain the linked exchange rate system and a free market economy.

The panel closely monitored the implementation of the 30-point programme to enhance the order

and transparency of the securities and futures markets. On advancing the migration of Hang Seng Index futures and options trading from the open out-cry mode to an automated trading system, the panel urged careful planning of the migration schedule to ensure a successful transition.

Pursuant to the decision of the House Committee that the panel should also monitor macro economic issues, the panel invited the Administration to brief members on the outcome of the meeting of the Chief Executive's Council of International Advisers. The panel also invited the Financial Secretary to brief members on the overall economic development of Hong Kong. On the Administration's proposal to lift the moratorium on Government fees and charges upon its expiry in September 1999, the panel objected to the proposal in view of the uncertainties on the timing of economic recovery. Members welcomed the Financial Secretary's subsequent decision to suspend the lifting of the moratorium until the year on year Gross Domestic Product growth rate turned firmly positive.

Panel on Education

The panel urged the Government to take early action to implement the five-year strategy plan for promoting the use of information technology (IT) in education. The Government accepted the panel's suggestion that some flexibility should be allowed for schools in the acquisition of IT facilities, in view of the rapid development of IT and space constraints in schools.

The panel pressed the Government to provide air-conditioning and to improve the facilities in special schools for physically handicapped children. A subcommittee was set up under the panel to monitor the improvements required. As a result, the Government agreed to provide air-conditioning for all classrooms and facility rooms in special schools, and two electric companies donated air-conditioners to the boarding section. The Government also agreed to improve the

future design for special schools, and to provide basic ambulating equipment and adjustable desks and chairs for students in these schools.

On the delivery of quality education, the panel stressed the need for reduction of class size, provision of more space and facilities for physical education, and adequate support for practical schools and schools with more intake of Band Five students. Members also urged the Government to take immediate measures to improve the language proficiency of students.

The panel expressed concern about the confusion caused by the hasty implementation of Target Oriented Curriculum (TOC) in schools. Members called for a halt of TOC pending an overall review of its effectiveness. To allay members' concerns, the Government agreed that schools could have flexibility in selecting the assessment methods for implementing TOC.

In view of public concern about the operation of unregistered kindergartens and over-enrolment in kindergartens, the panel strongly advised the Government to step up enforcement and expedite the processing of registration applications.

On the administration of tertiary education institutions, the panel discussed with representatives of the governing councils and staff associations of these institutions the measures proposed to enhance transparency in the administration of staff contracts and related matters.

Panel on Planning, Lands and Works

Upon the gazetting of two draft outline zoning plans for the South East Kowloon Development, the panel held a series of meetings with professional institutes, environmental groups and the Administration to examine critically the proposed long-term development plan of Hong Kong.

Members shared the concern of the community at large about the excessive scale of reclamation, the disproportionate large amount of land earmarked for roads and the unimaginative design of the proposed plan. After considerable discussion, the Administration put forth for further public consultation a revised development plan which could to a large extent address the concern of members.

The panel welcomed the resumption of land sale from April 1999 after a nine-month moratorium. Ensuring stability in the property market and providing sufficient land to meet Hong Kong's long-term need were upheld by members as the policy objectives of land disposal. The panel supported the introduction of the Application System under which developers could apply to Government for sale of sites on a reserved list at a proposed minimum price. The site would be put up for public auction or tender if the Government considered the proposed price acceptable.

The implementation of various flood control schemes was monitored by the panel. Having regard to the distribution of underground utilities and the severity of disruptions to traffic in the course of the execution of works, the panel endorsed the revised strategy for stages 2 and 3 of the drainage improvement works in West Kowloon which would reduce the overall length of drains to be upgraded by 50% as compared with the original strategy.

The ageing of watermains was a cause for concern to the panel. Noting the rising number of pipe failures over the years resulting in the loss of 232 million cubic metres of water per year, the panel reckoned the need to start a rehabilitation and replacement programme to replace 3,050 kilometres of watermains by stages over 20 years. Members stressed the need to use new and stronger pipe material to extend the service life of fresh and salt watermains to 50 and 30 years respectively.

As part of the long-term strategy to improve slope safety, the panel supported a 10-year expanded Landslip Preventive Programme to deal with high-risk slopes affecting buildings and roads with heavy traffic. Given the low awareness on the part of owners of maintenance responsibility for slopes falling within the boundary of their development, members called for improved effort to bring home the potential hazards caused by poor slope maintenance.

Panel on Trade and Industry

Assisting small and medium enterprises to recover from the financial turmoil was a subject of major concern to the panel. Members supported the Government's commitment of allocating \$2.5 billion for setting up the Special Finance Scheme for Small and Medium Enterprises to help them cope with the liquidity problem and secure bank loans to meet genuine business needs. In the light of operational experience and taking into account suggestions made by members and small and medium enterprises, the Administration made a number of improvements to the Scheme. These included extending the maximum guarantee period from one year to two years and increasing the risk-sharing ratio between the Government and the participating lending institutions from 50:50 to 70:30. Members also urged the Administration to devise longer term strategies to support the development of the manufacturing and service industries as well as to improve the operation of relevant funding schemes.

Combating copyright piracy activities was another subject of great importance to the panel. Members reviewed with the Administration the effectiveness of the various measures, including tackling the problem at source and strengthening enforcement against bootlegging of movies in cinemas. Upon the release of the consultation paper on "Combating Intellectual Property Rights Infringement in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region: Possible Additional Legal Tools", the panel exchanged views with the Administration and various concern groups on the options set

out in the paper. Members called on the early implementation of non-controversial measures such as the inclusion of copyright piracy as an organized and serious crime and confiscation of proceeds from piracy dealings. The panel, on the other hand, considered it necessary to further examine controversial measures such as issuing closure orders against premises used for piracy activities and imposing consumer liability for purchasing pirated products.

The implementation of the Community Electronic Trading Service, which permitted the lodging of trade documents through electronic means, was closely monitored by the panel. Whilst supporting the new initiative to improve efficiency and to reduce cost, members considered it of equal importance to safeguard the commercial information stored in the system by putting in place security measures. As to the operation of Electronic Trade Access Service centres set up for converting paper Trade Declarations into electronic form, the panel urged the Administration to make the arrangements more convenient for small enterprises by accepting Trade Declarations at collection points and by post in addition to accepting lodgements at the service centres.

Panel on Economic Services

The panel monitored closely developments in the electricity supply sector. Members welcomed that pursuant to the interim review of the Scheme of Control Agreements, the expenditure of the power companies on future installation of machinery and equipment of additional generating units would no longer be included in the average net fixed assets if such installation should give rise to excess generating capacity. The panel, however, remained concerned about the 30% average reserve capacity level accepted by the Administration and called for a critical review of the demand forecast and timing of installation of additional generating facilities of the power companies.

Following a number of fatal accidents involving the use of flueless gas water heaters, the panel

urged the Administration to take immediate follow-up actions to prevent recurrence, including tightening up control measures in ensuring the safety of gas water heaters and stepping up publicity on their proper use. Whilst supporting the Administration's proposal to prohibit the use of flueless gas water heaters serving bathrooms and showers, members considered it desirable in the public interest to take a further step to ban the sale of all such heaters and the use of these heaters in kitchens.

In view of the substantial decrease of import prices of major fuels over the year and the lower operating costs resulting from the economic downturn, the panel urged the Administration to collect and analyse data from oil companies to enhance transparency in setting retail prices of major fuels, thereby promoting competition and providing incentives for oil companies to pass the benefits of lower import prices onto consumers. The panel took note of a reduction of retail prices of major fuels in early 1999 and welcomed the adoption of fairer price adjustment mechanisms.

The panel formed a subcommittee to follow up the recommendations contained in the reports on the three inquiries conducted in connection with the problems relating to the opening of the new airport. The subcommittee, among other things, exchanged views with the Administration on the draft guidelines for future development of major infrastructure projects before their implementation. The Administration also undertook to take into consideration members' views on the need to assess a candidate's suitability for appointment and re-appointment to governing bodies of executive authorities such as the Airport Authority.

Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting

The Cyberport project was of great concern to the panel. Whilst the panel supported in principle the building of a Cyberport to promote the development of advance information technology (IT) in

Hong Kong, some members were gravely concerned about the Administration's entering into a direct agreement with the project proponent instead of awarding the contract through competitive tendering. Members urged the Administration to uphold free competition and ensure a level playing field for all interested parties to take part in major projects. In response, the Administration reiterated the importance of early implementation of the Cyberport project in the face of rapid changes in IT and keen competition from neighbouring countries. It also undertook to report progress of the Cyberport project to the panel periodically, and to formulate and make known policy guidelines on implementing major development projects in future.

The panel monitored closely the work on tackling the Year 2000 (Y2K) problem in Government and in non-Government organizations, especially those providing essential services to the community. As a result of serious concern raised by the panel about the need for timely monitoring, all panels examined the progress of Y2K rectification work under their respective policy purviews and followed up on contingency plans in different sectors. In the run-up to the year 2000, the panel would continue to monitor progress of compliance effects, territory-wide contingency plans, and publicity and promotional programmes in government as well as in non-Government organizations.

Members met with deputations and followed up with the Administration a wide range of policy proposals arising from the consultation paper "1998 Review of Fixed Telecommunications - A Considered View". The panel welcomed the opening of the external telecommunications services market and the progressive liberalization of the external facilities-based telecommunications market. On the impact of the Administration's decision to extend the moratorium on the issue of further Local Fixed Telecommunication Network Services (FTNS) licences to 31 December 2002, the panel continued to monitor the outcome of the Administration's negotiation with the three FTNS

operators licensed in 1995 on their commitments to further network roll-out. The panel also followed closely the development in the convergence of the broadcasting, telecommunications and IT industries at both the technical and service levels.

The panel considered views from deputations on practical difficulties faced by the film industry, notably copyright piracy, access to the Mainland market, location shooting and film financing, and urged the Administration to take proactive and effective measures to address the industry's concerns.

Panel on Welfare Services

The Review of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme was a major concern of the panel. Members discussed the review and matters arising from the review at several meetings. Some members pointed out that elderly and disabled persons living with a large family would feel the pinch because the standard rate for the household would be slashed by 20% or more. Following the implementation of the tightening measures, members discussed the effect of requiring elderly persons who are living with their family members to apply for CSSA on a household basis. Members were concerned that the new requirement might have the effect of forcing the elderly to move out or to apply for admission to a residential institution.

Members objected to the proposal to require single parents to seek work when their youngest child reached the age of 12 because of the risk of social costs involved. Having regard to members' views on the matter and the public's reaction, the Administration decided to drop the proposal. As regards the proposal to include owner-occupied residential properties for asset tests, some members considered that single parent families should be excluded as they would fall back to CSSA once they depleted their savings realized from the sale of such properties. The Administration had

recently informed members that in recognition of the special difficulties which some single parents with young children might face, the Director of Social Welfare had the discretion to extend the grace period of 12 months so that single parent cases involving young children could continue to receive assistance without having to dispose of their residential property, provided that the youngest child in the family was below 15 and the total value of the assets held by the family including the net value of the owner-occupied residential property was insufficient for the family's maintenance for 10 years according to CSSA standards.

In view of the present situation where the unemployment rate was on the rise and the level of wages was going down, members passed a motion urging the Government to re-assess the definition of "regular employment" which was currently defined as "earning no less than \$3,200 and working no less than 120 hours per month" with a view to effecting downward adjustments of the requirements of disregarded earnings. The Administration agreed to further examine the current arrangements and to submit a report on its review to the panel.

Panel on Health Services

In November 1997, the Government commissioned the School of Public Health of the Harvard University to carry out a study on the health care system in Hong Kong and to propose recommendations for improvement. Following the release of the report by the Harvard team, the panel held a series of meetings with representatives of professional organizations in the medical and health sectors, academics and other interested organizations, including a patients' group. The views expressed at these meetings were forwarded to the Administration before the end of the consultation period.

The panel discussed with the Administration the problems in the existing structure for the ensuring

of food safety and delivery of environmental hygiene services and the considerations for a new structure. Various issues relating to the matter were followed up at meetings held jointly with the panels on Constitutional Affairs and Environmental Affairs. Some members were not convinced that the proposed structure would improve co-ordination among government departments, as they already saw overlapping of responsibilities between the Department of Health and the proposed new department. Members also expressed concern about the complicated procedures and considerable time required for processing restaurant and liquor licences. They asked for a review of the licensing mechanisms to provide a user-friendly, one-stop service with a performance pledge to issue a licence within one month.

Members were concerned that the target set for the Enhanced Productivity Programme would create much pressure on the front-line staff of the Hospital Authority (HA) who were already under heavy pressure of work. The HA explained that it would focus on areas such as management structure, supporting services and energy conservation to identify ways to achieve savings and productivity gains. Progress reports on the matter would be made to the panel for follow-up discussions.

Members suggested that evening out-patient service in clinics of the Department of Health could be contracted out, as the operating costs of these clinics were generally higher than those of general medical practitioners in a public housing estate. Members urged the departments to further explore ways to achieve better use of its existing resources and to ensure that there were no duplication of services and waste of resources.

Panel on Environmental Affairs

The panel worked closely with the Administration to look into effective ways to tackle the deteriorating local air quality. Whilst supporting the launch of Liquefied Petroleum Gas taxis

scheme to reduce diesel vehicle emissions, the panel stressed the need to provide financial incentives to motivate taxi drivers to replace the diesel taxi fleet and to put into place supporting measures. On the regional front, the panel welcomed the conduct of two joint studies by the Hong Kong and Guangdong authorities to identify priority areas with a view to formulating air control strategies in the Pearl River Delta Region.

Together with environmental groups and representatives of the relevant trades, the panel examined the broad waste management policy as set out in the Waste Reduction Framework Plan. Of particular concern to the panel was the management of construction and demolition material. With the production of over 33,000 tonnes of construction and demolition material per day and the availability of limited public filling areas, members called for urgent measures to reduce, recycle and reuse such material in both private and public works projects.

In view of the spate of complaints about aircraft noise upon the commissioning of the Chek Lap Kok Airport, the panel held a series of meetings with the Administration to identify mitigation measures. The panel requested and the Administration agreed that without compromising flight safety, aircrafts arriving after midnight would land from the southwest and departing aircrafts would use the southbound route via the West Lamma Channel to avoid overflying residential areas.

Members discussed in detail the pros and cons of the four environmentally acceptable options identified by the consultant for Stage II of the Strategic Sewage Disposal Scheme. The panel took note that after discussion with the Mainland authorities and subject to the results of the environmental impact assessment study, the Administration decided to adopt a configuration which comprised chemical treatment plus disinfection of the sewage followed by discharge via an outfall to the East of Lamma Island.

The quality of Dongjiang water was of great concern to the panel. Members critically examined the measures adopted by the Hong Kong and Guangdong authorities to ensure the supply of high quality drinking water for human consumption. As a long term measure to improve water quality, the panel agreed that there was a need to construct a closed aqueduct from Dongjiang to Shenzhen to replace the existing open channel.

SELECT COMMITTEE

The LegCo may appoint select committees to enable Members to consider matters or bills in depth. Select committees report their findings and recommendations to the Council after they have completed their consideration of the matter or bill. On 29 July 1998, the Council resolved to appoint a 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. The select committee, having completed its work, reported its findings to the Council on 27 January 1999. The membership of the Committee is in *Appendix 5*.

CHAPTER 4 REDRESS SYSTEM

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

In groups of six, Members take turns to be on duty each week to oversee the system and to receive petitions as well as representations 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 to Members in the operation of the system.

In 1998-99, 1 579 new cases were received. Of these, 315 were group representations and 1 264 cases were brought up by individual members of the public. Out of the 1 477 cases dealt with and concluded within the period, Members directly handled 409 cases which constituted 27.7% of the caseload. The remaining 1 068 cases were handled by Secretariat staff on behalf of Members. In view of the increased complexity of the cases and the increasing awareness of public rights, the qualitative demand on the services grew considerably. In order to resolve some cases expeditiously, Members held 128 case conferences with representatives of the Administration. In addition to cases, over 2 036 telephone enquiries were handled during the year under review.

Appendix 6 illustrates the nature and outcome of the cases completed. *Appendix 7* is a breakdown

of these cases by Government policy bureaux/departments, independent organizations and non-Government organizations.

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 321. More than 23% of complaints lodged by individual complainants were about estate management of public housing. Other common complaints were on applications for public rental housing (PRH), the addition of family members to tenancy, termination of tenancy, sale and purchase of Home Ownership Scheme flats, requests for compensation upon clearance and allocation of Interim Housing.

Group cases were mostly on rehousing arrangements for residents affected by the redevelopment of old PRH estates and the clearance of temporary housing areas, requests for rent reduction for commercial premises in PRH estates, and requests for allocation of Interim Housing units. Several groups of prospective owners of Sandwich Class Housing Scheme developments petitioned Members for assistance. A deputation sought assistance for solving their financial hardship as a result of the fall in property prices. Purchasers of the Pinnacle, the Cascades and the Highland Park expressed dissatisfaction at the poor construction quality of the developments and misrepresentation of facts in the sales brochures. Site visits were conducted by Members, followed by case conferences with the Hong Kong Housing Society and the Administration. At Members' request, the Hong Kong Housing Society agreed to make good expeditiously the defects reported by the complainants, extend the schedules for completion of assignment, maintain close

dialogue with the purchasers to address their concerns and, above all, to step up the quality control of projects under the Sandwich Class Housing Schemes. To enhance accuracy of sales descriptions and consumer protection, the Administration also undertook to introduce legislation on regulation of the content of sales brochures.

There were also problems with the sale of PRH flats under the Tenants Purchase Scheme. Tenants of three of these estates, namely, the Yiu On Estate in Ma On Shan, the Chuk Yuen (North) Estate in Wong Tai Sin, and the Wah Ming Estate in Fanling were dissatisfied with what they considered as unfair terms in the Deed of Mutual Covenant drawn up by the Hong Kong Housing Authority in areas such as responsibilities for the maintenance of the estates, slopes, private roads and footbridges. They were also discontented with the state of maintenance of the estates, in particular the problem of water discoloration, and requested replacement of all water pipes by copper pipes in order that they would not have to shoulder high maintenance costs after they purchased the flats. Members were gravely concerned with the issues raised. In anticipation of the increase in the number of PRH estates to be included under the scheme and to prevent recurrence of similar problems, Members held a series of case conferences and site visits with a view to ascertaining the seriousness of the problems and resolving the problems at source. In addition to urging the replacement of water pipes by copper pipes in all of the three estates concerned, Members also requested the Panel on Housing to study the policy aspect of the subject matter to ensure that PRH estates were in good conditions before these were offered for sale under the Tenants Purchase Scheme and that provisions in the Deed of Mutual Covenant would be fair to potential purchasers especially in the area of maintenance responsibilities.

Housing for the elderly was also a major concern of Members. A group of elderly residents of Sha Kok Mei Temporary Housing Area, due for demolition in January 2000, approached Members for

assistance. With an average age of 60 and some suffering from poor health and illiteracy, they were worried about not being able to adapt to the new environment upon moving to PRH flats in Sheung Tak Estate in Tseung Kwan O, as offered by the Housing Department, and requested the allocation of Interim Housing units in Sai Kung instead. Members were sympathetic with the deputation. At Members' request made at a case conference with the Administration, Interim Housing units in Sai Kung were allocated to the elderly concerned. Elderly affected by the redevelopment of Wong Tai Sin Estate (Upper) and Tung Tau Estate (Phase 9), due for demolition in March 2001, likewise petitioned Members to raise objection to the sale of some flats in the Wong Tai Sin Estate after redevelopment under the Home Ownership Scheme, and the resultant possibility of their being relocated to PRH flats outside the estate. Members appreciated the difficulties confronting the elderly, and held a case conference at which the Administration gave assurance that every possible assistance would be provided to the elderly affected by the redevelopment programme.

The Residents Association of Kai Tin Estate in Lam Tin objected to the construction of Home Ownership Scheme blocks at the Lam Tin Park site. Members were in support of the delegation's stance and held two case conferences with the Administration. After careful consideration of the views expressed, the Administration subsequently decided not to pursue the proposal.

In the wake of the economic downturn in late 1997, the Hong Kong Housing Authority took measures such as rent freeze and rent re-assessment to assist tenants of commercial premises in PRH estates. The Joint Committee Meeting of Shop Owners of Public Housing Estates and the Coalition of Public Housing Estates in Hong Kong, however, considered that the rent re-assessment policy had not gone far enough and requested the reduction of rent in these premises by 30%. Members handling the case considered the request worthy of consideration, and referred the case to

the Panel on Housing for further examination.

Immigration Cases

Immigration cases, totalling 77, were the second largest category of cases handled during the period. The majority of these were individual cases relating to the entitlement to the right of abode (ROA) in Hong Kong in accordance with Article 24(3) of the Basic Law. The complainants were mostly Mainland residents who had arrived in Hong Kong on Two Way Permits and had been allowed to remain as visitors. They had applied for extension of stay and claimed that their parents were Hong Kong permanent residents. At the same time, some had also applied for legal aid and had their stay in Hong Kong extended pending the outcome of the court hearing on ROA litigations. On 29 January 1999, the Court of Final Appeal delivered judgements which extended the eligibility for ROA of persons born in the Mainland of Hong Kong permanent residents beyond that previously provided for in the Immigration Ordinance, and which allowed these persons to enter Hong Kong for settlement without the approval of the Mainland authorities. Having regard to the pressure thus brought to bear on Hong Kong, the Government decided to ask for interpretation of the relevant provisions of the Basic Law by the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress. Consequent upon the interpretation made in June 1999, the Government announced that it would recognize those who had applied for ROA to the Immigration Department after 1 July 1997 and before 29 January 1999. Some of the complainants were thus allowed to settle in Hong Kong.

Other cases were related to requests for permanent stay or extension of stay in Hong Kong for the purpose of family reunion or on compassionate grounds. Enquiries and requests for assistance were also received from members of the public in connection with applications for Hong Kong permanent resident identity cards.

Lands Cases

The Lands Department attracted the third largest number of cases, totalling 74. For individual cases lodged by members of the public, more than 59% were related to clearance operations and compensation. Other cases were mainly allegations about the maladministration of district lands offices, clarification of land title and illegal occupation of Government land.

The most common concerns in respect of group cases were about the disposal of sites for the construction of market, carpark and small houses, and for the operation of cargo handling activities. The remaining cases were related mainly to Government rent, lot boundaries and compensation matters. With Members' support, most issues raised by deputations were resolved.

Subsequent to the gazettal of the proposed alignment of the Urban and Western Sections of the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation (KCRC) West Rail (Phase I), numerous groups comprising residents, shop operators, lot owners, farmers and individual members of the public petitioned Members regarding the proposed alignment, siting and design of the stations, land resumption, rehousing and compensation matters. Their requests were mainly on re-alignment of the proposed route and relocation of the stations to avoid resumption of their lots and to alleviate undesirable impact on the commuter flow in the Mass Transit Railway lines, the serenity of the living environment and the Lai Chi Kok Park. Members handling the cases held a number of case conferences with the Administration and KCRC. While Members appreciated that the proposed alignment and location of the stations were the best options taking into account land, engineering, operation, environmental and other necessary design considerations, they urged the Administration and KCRC to minimize as far as possible the undesirable impact of the project, maintain close

dialogue with residents, respond to their enquiries and concerns positively, and consider their rehousing and compensation requests sympathetically. The Administration and KCRC acceded to Members' requests. In addition, the Administration also undertook to expedite the grant of compensation and ex-gratia allowances, and provide provisional payment to affected lot owners where necessary to alleviate imminent financial hardships.

Social Welfare Cases

Social welfare cases, totalling 68, were the fourth largest category of cases handled during the year. Most of the individual cases were related to applications for Social Security Assistance and views on the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme. Other cases included complaints concerning the exercise of power by the Director of Social Welfare under the Protection of Children and Juveniles Ordinance (Cap. 213) and individual staff members for alleged poor manner and misdemeanor.

Group cases were mainly about the reduction of allowances under the CSSA Scheme, proposals for improvement in medical care and benefits for CSSA elderly recipients, the granting of school fees and related allowances to CSSA recipients, requirement for registration under the Social Workers Registration Ordinance (Cap. 505) and reduction in salary for contract staff of the Social Welfare Department. Issues involving changes in policy or legislation were referred to the Panel on Welfare Services, whilst the rest were taken up with the Administration in the form of written referrals or case conferences.

Transport Cases

Transport attracted the fifth largest number of cases, totalling 58. The most common topics were concerned with the provision of bus services, illegal parking and location of traffic lights and traffic

signs.

Two deputations petitioned Members for the re-issuance of Private Driving Instructor Licences which had not been issued since 1972. Although Members understood the Administration's policy for providing off-street driving training through designated training schools, they were concerned with restrictions on the public's freedom of choice of driving training if the trade became obsolete. On this basis, Members requested the Administration to review its driving training policy. After discussion in case conferences and at meetings of the Panel on Transport, the Administration agreed to review its policy on driving training and the role of private driving instructors and undertook to report back to Members at a later stage.

As a result of the economic downturn and increased competition from franchised buses, operators of Green Minibuses (GMBs) considered their business no longer viable financially. They requested a rationalization exercise be conducted on buses and GMBs to help the latter survive, and the grant of diesel duty exemptions presently enjoyed by franchised buses. They were also concerned about the impact of the proliferation of illegal residential buses on GMB operations. During an ensuing case conference, the Transport Department reported that it had commissioned a series of consultancy studies on GMB operations to help improve their financial viability. The studies would, on the one hand, identify measures to improve the operational efficiency and financial viability of loss-making GMB routes and, on the other hand, open up scope for development of GMB routes especially in providing feeder service for the new railways in Kowloon and New Territories. The department would also take action as appropriate in response to complaints to eradicate illegal residential bus services.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT CASES

Detention of Hong Kong residents in the Mainland

Consequent upon the revelation of an increased number of cases in which Hong Kong residents were detained in the Mainland, the House Committee held a special meeting on 28 May 1999 to examine the policy aspect of the problem while individual cases were referred to Duty Roster Members for follow-up. In consideration of the seriousness of the problem and the urgency of the cases, Members held several case conferences and requested the Administration to take immediate and positive actions to ensure the safety of the detainees, and to provide every possible assistance to family members of the detainees in Hong Kong. In particular, Members stressed the importance of establishing channels for affected Hong Kong residents to seek advice and assistance, and allowing detainees to be visited. In addition to requests for assistance by the Administration, Members handling the cases also wrote to the relevant Mainland authorities to demand the handling of these cases fairly and expeditiously in accordance with the relevant laws of the Mainland, and to impress upon the authorities that Members and the general public in Hong Kong viewed such cases with grave concern. The Administration assured Members that it attached great importance to such requests for assistance, and the Chief Executive, the Chief Secretary for Administration, and the Secretary for Security had taken up the issue with Mainland authorities during their visits to Beijing. The Administration subsequently advised that Mainland authorities had agreed in principle to put in place a notification system on Hong Kong residents who were arrested, detained or imprisoned in the Mainland. Mainland authorities had also indicated willingness to consider allowing Government officials to visit Hong Kong residents under detention or in prison. In addition, a bilingual booklet would be produced as a joint venture between the Supreme People's Procuratorate and the Hong Kong SAR Government to enhance Hong Kong residents' understanding of the Mainland's legal and judicial process as well as complaint channels. The Administration undertook to follow through the outstanding issues and cases with the Mainland

authorities.

Discriminatory incidents related to the Kowloon Bay Health Centre

Representatives of the Hong Kong Coalition of Aids Service Organizations petitioned Members to complain against the lack of effective actions from the Administration and the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) arising from discriminatory incidents at the Kowloon Bay Health Centre. The construction of the centre had resulted in prolonged opposition by nearby residents of Richland Gardens on the inappropriate choice of site and inadequate consultation by the Administration. The deputation claimed that some residents, following the opening of the centre in May 1999, had continued with their discriminatory and unlawful actions against those affected by HIV/AIDs and their family members as well as staff members of the centre by putting up an illegal structure, vilifying banners and placards that carried discriminatory wordings and obstructing access to the centre. Members held several case conferences with the Administration and EOC at the centre and expressed disappointment at the absence of effective measures by the Administration and EOC against such discriminatory acts which had taken place over a prolonged period. As a result of Members' intervention, the illegal structure was subsequently cleared, and the Administration set up a mechanism for patients and staff of the centre to lodge complaints upon being harassed or vilified. The Home Affairs Department also undertook to co-ordinate efforts of various Government departments on the case, expedite the removal of banners placed outside the centre, and seek legal advice on the right of the public in passing through Richland Gardens. EOC would follow-up on a number of complaints lodged in relation to discriminatory acts at the centre, and examine legislative amendments to the Disability Discrimination Ordinance (Cap. 487) to empower EOC to initiate legal proceedings even in the absence of complainants. Members impressed upon the Administration that such unlawful acts should neither be tolerated nor repeated, particularly having regard to the impending establishment of a similar centre in Fanling in the New Territories.

Public Housing Development at Woodside, Quarry Bay

Local residents and green groups raised objection to the proposed construction of a Home Ownership Scheme estate at Woodside, Quarry Bay. The site was on the edge of the Quarry Bay extension to the Tai Tam Country Park and included an old building - the Woodside Building - erected in 1922 and surrounded by country paths. Apart from concerns on environmental protection and monument preservation, the residents were also worried that the increase in traffic flow in the area would cause noise and other nuisances which would adversely affect their daily lives. Members shared the deputation's worries and expressed doubt on the viability of the project having regard to its environmental impact and the significant spending required on the extensive site formation and road works. At Members' request, the Administration agreed to reconsider the project. At its meeting on 25 September 1998, the Metro Planning Committee of the Town Planning Board decided to rezone the proposed site from "Residential (Group B)" to "Green Belt", and the project was cancelled as a result.

Establishment of Community Rehabilitation Network Centres in the New Territories

The Patients' Mutual Help Organizations petitioned Members for the establishment of Community Rehabilitation Network (CRN) Centres in the New Territories (NT) on the basis of the widespread need for such service, in particular, in Tuen Mun. While Members understood that one regional centre in NT West and two stations in NT East would be established in 1999-2000 to serve the population in NT in accordance with the recommendations of the consultancy study on the review of CRN services commissioned by the Administration, Members held a case conference with the Administration to pursue the deputation's request. The Administration subsequently agreed to set up the regional centre in NT West in Tuen Mun, subject to the availability of suitable sites and the views of interested parties including the current CRN operator.

Status of Gymnastics as a Focus Sport and Usage of the Challenge Gymnasium

A group of gymnasts under the Hong Kong Amateur Gymnastics Association and their families enlisted Members' assistance in their requests for reinstating the status of gymnastics as a focus sport and retaining the existing usage of the Challenge Gymnasium. They considered that the Hong Kong Sports Development Board (SDB) should not strike out gymnastics from the list of focus sports. Furthermore, as the Challenge Gymnasium was the only gymnastics training facility in Hong Kong and the provision of appropriate safety equipment was of international standards, the deputation raised objection against SDB's decision to review its usage. Consequent upon the case conference which Members held with representatives of SDB, SDB gave an undertaking for the usage of the Challenge Gymnasium to remain unchanged in the coming financial year. As regards the status of gymnastics as a focus sport, the SDB Review Panel had considered the request but maintained the view that gymnastics did not qualify for focus sports status.

LUNCH WITH CONSULS GENERAL

To enhance contacts between Members and the diplomatic community in Hong Kong, regular lunches were organized to provide opportunities for Members to make the acquaintance of and to exchange views with consular officials on the work of the Council as well as matters of mutual concern. Between September 1998 and July 1999, eight such lunches were held, which were attended by a total of 46 consular officials.

CONTACT WITH MUNICIPAL COUNCILS AND DISTRICT BOARDS

Members held on a roster basis a round of meetings with members of the 18 Provisional District Boards to exchange views on matters of mutual concern. Each meeting was followed by a luncheon attended by the President and Members. Issues on matters of policy raised at these meetings were referred to the relevant panels for more in-depth study, while individual cases were taken up by the Complaints Division for follow-up with the Administration.

OVERSEAS VISITS BY MEMBERS

From 23 to 27 February 1999, a nine-member delegation of Members of the LegCo visited Japan. During the five-day visit, the delegation held meetings with members of the Japan Hong Kong Parliamentarian League and a number of Japanese ministers, officials of various ministries, and

senior executives of major trades and industries to discuss issues of mutual interest. The delegation received briefings on a variety of subjects, including the latest economic situation in Japan and measures to stimulate the economy.

VISITORS

During the 1998-99 session, Members held a total of 128 meetings with overseas visitors and briefed them on the latest developments in Hong Kong. Among the visitors were members of other legislatures, political and business leaders, Government officials and prominent persons from various territories. A list of the visitors received during the session is in *Appendix 8*.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL COMMISSION

The Legislative Council Commission is a statutory body established under The Legislative Council Commission Ordinance (Cap 443). Chaired by the President of the Council and comprising 12 other Members, the Commission exercises managerial and financial functions in providing, through the Legislative Council Secretariat, administrative support and facilities to the Council independent of the Government. There are three committees under the Commission to carry out specific delegated functions. Membership of the Commission and its committees, and their terms of reference are set out in *Appendix 9*.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SECRETARIAT

Headed by the Secretary General, the Legislative Council Secretariat comprises nine divisions. Staff of the Secretariat are directly appointed by the Commission. As at 30 June 1999, there were 316 staff in the Secretariat. The organization chart is shown in *Appendix 10*.

Council Business Divisions

Servicing of Council and committee meetings is undertaken by three divisions: Council Business Divisions 1, 2 and 3.

The three divisions respectively provides secretariat and support services for meetings of the Council and its subcommittees. In addition, they assist Members in receiving overseas visitors, service parliamentary liaison activities, and take up coordination work for Members' meetings with

provisional district boards.

Legal Service Division

Headed by the Legal Adviser, the division prepares legal reports on bills and subsidiary legislation, and advises committees of the Council on legal matters relating to proceedings of committees. The Legal Adviser is also the Counsel to the legislature, advising the President and the Clerk to the LegCo on legal matters in respect of Council proceedings.

Research and Library Services Division

The division provides research service for the Council and its committees. It also manages the Council Library which is open to Members and staff of the Secretariat. Members of the public are allowed access to records of open meetings of the Council and its committees and related papers.

Complaints Division

The division assists Members in handling complaints and representations from members of the public. It services Members' meetings with complainants and case conferences with Government officials.

Public Information Division

The division is responsible for the development and implementation of a public information and education programme on the Council.

Translation and Interpretation Division

The division is responsible for the production of the Hong Kong Hansard - Official Record of Proceedings of the meetings of the LegCo. It also provides translation service in respect of

questions, motions, papers, minutes and other Council and committee papers.

Administration Division

The division provides secretariat service for The Legislative Council Commission and internal administrative support for other divisions in the Secretariat. It also administers Members' remuneration and claims for reimbursement of operating expenses.

Appendix 1

COMPOSITION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PRESIDENT

Hon Mrs Rita FAN, GBS, JP
(Election Committee)

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

Hon Howard YOUNG, JP
(Tourism)

MEMBERS

FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES

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

Hon Ronald ARCULLI, JP
(Real Estate and Construction)

Hon CHIM Pui-chung
(01.07.98 - 09.09.98)
(Financial Services)

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

Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong
(Education)

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

Hon Edward HO Sing-tin,
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Planning)

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Wing-sum, JP
(Urban Council)

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

Hon Michael HO Mun-ka
(Health Services)

Hon HUI Cheung-ching
(Import and Export)

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

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

Hon CHAN Kwok-keung
(Labour)

Hon LAW Chi-kwong, JP
(Social Welfare)

Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung, JP
(Accountancy)

Hon Bernard CHAN
(Insurance)

Hon FUNG Chi-kin
(Since 16.10.98)
(Financial Services)

Hon LEE Kai-ming, SBS, JP
(Labour)

Hon CHAN Wing-chan
(Labour)

Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong, JP
(01.07.98 - 03.09.98
29.10.98 - present)
(Regional Council)

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

Dr Hon LEONG Che-hung, JP
(Medical)

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

GEOGRAPHICAL CONSTITUENCIES

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

Hon SIN Chung-kai
(Information Technology)

Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan
(New Territories East)

Hon Margaret NG
(Legal)

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

Hon Albert HO Chun-yan
(New Territories West)

Hon WONG Yung-kan
(Agriculture and Fisheries)

Hon LEE Wing-tat
(New Territories West)

Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
(New Territories West)

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SC, JP
(Hong Kong Island)

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

Hon James TO Kun-sun
(Kowloon West)

Hon Christine LOH
(Hong Kong Island)

Hon CHAN Yuen-han
(Kowloon East)

Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
(New Territories West)

Hon Gary CHENG Kai-nam,
JP
(Hong Kong Island)

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

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

Dr Hon YEUNG Sum
(Hong Kong Island)

Hon LAU Chin-shek, JP
(Kowloon West)

Hon LAU Kong-wah
(New Territories East)

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

Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
(New Territories East)

Hon SZETO Wah
(Kowloon East)

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

ELECTION COMMITTEE CONSTITUENCIES

Hon David CHU Yu-lin

Hon HO Sai-chu, SBS, JP

Hon NG Leung-sing

Prof Hon NG Ching-fai

Hon MA Fung-kwok

Hon CHAN Kam-lam

Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung

Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen, JP

Hon CHOY So-yuk

FAN HSU Lai-tai, Rita, GBS, JP

President of the Legislative Council

Date of Birth : 20 September 1945

Education and Professional Qualifications :

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

Occupation : Full-time Legislator

Public Service :

- ♦ Hong Kong Deputy to the Ninth National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China
- ♦ Vice Chairman, Board of Convenors of the Association for Celebration of Reunification of Hong Kong with China
- ♦ Chairman, Board of Trustee of the Association for Celebration of Reunification of Hong Kong with China Charitable Trust Fund
- ♦ Vice Chairman, Executive Committee of the Association for Celebration of Reunification of Hong Kong with China
- ♦ Honorary Adviser, Hong Kong Federation of Women
- ♦ Honorary Adviser, Pok Oi Hospital
- ♦ Adviser, 11th Rehabilitation International Asia and the Pacific Regional Conference Cum Campaign 1998 for the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons
- ♦ President, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- ♦ Member, Preparatory Committee for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1995-97)
- ♦ Convenor, Celebration Activities Subcommittee of the Preparatory Committee for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1995-97)
- ♦ Member, Preliminary Working Committee for the Preparatory Committee for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1993-95)
- ♦ Convenor, Social and Security Subgroup of the Preliminary Working Committee for the Preparatory Committee for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1993-95)
- ♦ Member, Executive Council (1989-92)
- ♦ Member, Legislative Council (1983-92)
- ♦ Chairman, Education Commission (1990-92)
- ♦ Chairman, Board of Education (1986-89)
- ♦ Vice Chairman, Hong Kong Federation of Women (1993-96)
- ♦ Vice Chairman, Hong Kong Family Planning Association (1995-97)

LEONG Che-hung, JP

President's Deputy

Date of Birth : 23 April 1939

Education and Professional Qualifications :

- ♦ M.B.B.S. (Hong Kong)
- ♦ F.R.C.S. (England)
- ♦ F.R.C.S. (Edinburgh)
- ♦ F.R.A.C.S.

- ♦ F.A.C.S.
- ♦ F.C.S.H.K.
- ♦ F.H.K.A.M. (Surgery)

Occupation : Medical Doctor

Public Service :

- ♦ Chairman, House Committee, Legislative Council
- ♦ Deputy Chairman, Panel on Health Services, Legislative Council
- ♦ Chairman, House Committee, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- ♦ Deputy Chairman, Panel on Health Services, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- ♦ Member, Legislative Council (Functional Constituency - Medical) (1988-97)
- ♦ Chairman, House Committee, Legislative Council (1995-97)
- ♦ Member, Hospital Authority
- ♦ Vice-President (General Affairs), Hong Kong Academy of Medicine
- ♦ Honorary Vice President, Chinese Association of STD/AIDS Prevention and Control, The People's Republic of China
- ♦ Vice Chairman, China AIDS Network
- ♦ Co-Chairman (Hong Kong), Mainland-Hong Kong Committee on AIDS
- ♦ Chairman, Hong Kong AIDS Foundation
- ♦ Chairman, Tuen Mun Hospital Governing Committee
- ♦ Vice-President, Independent Police Complaints Council
- ♦ Member, Advisory Council on the Environment
- ♦ Member, Provisional Council on Reproductive Technology
- ♦ Chairman, Hong Kong Kidney Foundation
- ♦ Chairman, Society for the Promotion of Hospice Care
- ♦ Chairman, The International Drug Abuse Treatment Foundation
- ♦ Council Member, Family Planning Association of Hong Kong
- ♦ Member, Executive Committee, Hong Kong Anti-Cancer Society

TING Woo-shou, Kenneth, JP

Date of Birth : 21 August 1942

Education and Professional Qualifications :

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

Occupation : Chairman, Kader Industrial Company Limited

Public Service :

- ♦ Chairman, Hong Kong Plastics Manufacturers Association Limited
- ♦ Chairman, Plastics Industry Training Board, Vocational Training Council
- ♦ Deputy Chairman, Federation of Hong Kong Industries
- ♦ General Committee Member, The Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong
- ♦ Honorary President, The Toys Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong Limited
- ♦ Member, Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce
- ♦ Member, Toys Advisory Committee, Hong Kong Trade Development Council
- ♦ Member, Plastic Committee, Industry and Technology Development Council
- ♦ Member, Board of Review, Inland Revenue
- ♦ Member, Barristers Disciplinary Tribunal Panel
- ♦ Director and Executive Committee Member, Hong Kong Plastics Technology Centre
- ♦ Member, Council of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- ♦ Member, Selection Committee for the First Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- ♦ Hong Kong District Affairs Adviser
- ♦ Member, Hong Kong Productivity Council (1987-90)
- ♦ Member, Trade Advisory Board (1984-88)

- ◆ Member, Hong Kong Examination Authority (1983-87)
- ◆ Member, Consumer Council (1980-87)
- ◆ Member, Advisory Committee on Second Market, The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

TIEN Pei-chun, James, JP

Date of Birth : 8 January 1947

Education and Professional Qualifications :

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

Occupation :

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

Public Service :

- ◆ Chairman, Panel on Economic Services, Legislative Council
- ◆ Member, Securities and Futures Appeals Panel
- ◆ Member, The Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference
- ◆ General Committee Member, Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce
- ◆ General Committee Member, Federation of Hong Kong Industries
- ◆ Court Member, Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- ◆ Council Member, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

CHU Yu-lin, David

Date of Birth : 5 March 1944

Education and Professional Qualifications :

- ◆ Electrical Engineering Degree, Northeastern University, USA
- ◆ Management Degree, Northeastern University, USA
- ◆ M.B.A., Harvard University, USA

Occupation : Managing Director, Wah Tak Fung Holdings Limited

Public Service :

- ◆ Chairman, Committee on Members' Interests of the Legislative Council
- ◆ Member, Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Advisory Committee
- ◆ Executive Committee Member, The Helping Hand (12/1997 - present)
- ◆ Member, Election Council for the Hong Kong Deputies to the Ninth National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China (11/1997)
- ◆ Honorary President, Junior Police Officers' Association of the Hong Kong Police Force (1/1997 - present)
- ◆ Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- ◆ Member, Selection Committee for the First Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- ◆ Member, Preparatory Committee for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1995-97)
- ◆ Member, Preliminary Working Committee for the Preparatory Committee for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1993-95)
- ◆ Member, Legislative Council (1995-97)
- ◆ Hong Kong Affairs Adviser (1992-97)
- ◆ Member, Consultative Committee on the New Airport and Related Projects (1991 - present)
- ◆ Member, Hong Kong War Memorial Pensions Appeal Board (1991 - present)
- ◆ Member, Action Committee Against Narcotics (1990-92)
- ◆ Representative, Advisory Council on AIDS (3/90 - 2/92)
- ◆ Lecturer, MED Programme, Chinese University of Hong Kong (1985-89)

- ♦ Lecturer, Management Programme, Jiao Tong University, Shanghai (1985-89)
- ♦ Member, Special Committee on Noise, Environmental Protection Advisory Committee (7/83 - 6/84)
- ♦ Member, Hong Kong Pistol Shooting Team (1983-85)
- ♦ Hong Kong Auxiliary Police Officer (1982-85)
- ♦ The Hong Kong Council of Social Service (HKCSS):
 - Trustee, HKCSS Trust Fund (1990 - present)
 - Member, Executive Committee (1992-93)
 - Chairman, Committee on Hong Kong - Mainland China Exchange in Social Welfare (1991-95)
 - Chairman, Management Committee (1989-92)
 - Chairman, Executive Committee (1989-92)
 - Chairman, Finance Sub-Committee (1/89 - 10/89)
 - Honorary Treasurer (1988-89)
- ♦ Christian Family Service Centre:
 - Convenor, Fund Raising Sub-Committee (1989 - present)
 - Member, Board of Directors (1987 - present)
 - Member, Finance and Personnel Sub-Committee (1987-88)
- ♦ Community Chest of Hong Kong:
 - Vice Patron (1992/93 - present)
 - Member, Former Director Committee (1992/93 - present)
 - Member, Corporate Contribution Programme Organizing Committee (1992/93 - present)
 - Board Member (1981-87, 1990-92)
 - Member, Admissions, Budgets and Allocations Committee (1984-87, 1990-92)
 - Fourth Vice President (1989-90)
 - Chairman, Admissions, Budgets and Allocations Committee (1989-90)
 - Member, Executive Committee (1989-90)
 - Deputy Chairman, Admissions, Budgets and Allocations Committee (1987/88 - 1988/89)
 - Member, Campaign Committee (1984-86)

HO Sai-chu, SBS, JP

Date of Birth : 6 June 1937

Education and Professional Qualifications :

- ♦ Graduate of Hong Kong Technical College (now known as the Hong Kong Polytechnic University)
- ♦ Graduate of Wah Yan College, Hong Kong

Occupation : Director and General Manager, Fook Lee Group of Companies

Public Service :

- ♦ Chairman, Public Works Subcommittee, Legislative Council
- ♦ Deputy Chairman, Panel on Welfare Services, Legislative Council
- ♦ Member, The Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference
- ♦ Vice President, Chinese General Chamber of Commerce
- ♦ Member, Labour Advisory Board
- ♦ Member, Employees Retraining Board
- ♦ Permanent Supervisor, Hong Kong Construction Association
- ♦ Director, Confucian Ho Kwok Pui Chun College
- ♦ Director, Wanchai Kai-Fong Welfare Association School
- ♦ Director, Ho Yiu Kwong Charity Foundation Limited
- ♦ Chairman, Guangzhou Friendship Liaison Association
- ♦ Member, Legislative Council (1985-91)
- ♦ Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- ♦ Board Member, Airport Authority (1995-99)

- ◆ Member, The Mass Transit Railway Corporation (1989-95)
- ◆ Chairman, Occupational Safety and Health Council (1988-91)
- ◆ Member, Education Commission (1989-91)
- ◆ Member, Transport Advisory Committee (1989-95)
- ◆ Member, Trade Advisory Board (1985-91)

HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Date of Birth : 24 July 1954

Education and Professional Qualifications : University of Waterloo

Occupation : Legislative Councillor

HO Sing-tin, Edward, SBS, JP

Date of Birth : 2 December 1938

Education and Professional Qualifications :

- ◆ Bachelor of Architecture, University of Hong Kong
- ◆ Fellow, Hong Kong Institute of Architects
- ◆ Associate, Royal Institute of British Architects
- ◆ Registered Architect, Hong Kong Authorized Person, List 1
- ◆ Registered Architect, Architects Registration Council of the UK
- ◆ Registered Architect, National Council of Architectural Registration Boards of the USA
- ◆ Registered Architect, State of California
- ◆ Registered Architect, State of Texas
- ◆ Registered Architect, Board of Architects of Singapore
- ◆ Registered Interior Designer, State of Texas
- ◆ Honorary Member, Hong Kong Institute of Planners
- ◆ Honorary Member, Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects
- ◆ Honorary Fellow, Hong Kong Institute of Housing
- ◆ Member, Institute of Directors
- ◆ Advisory Professor, Shanghai Tongji University
- ◆ Advisory Professor, Hunan Yueyang University
- ◆ Honorary Professor, Department of Architecture, University of Hong Kong

Occupation :

- ◆ Managing Director, Wong Tung & Partners Limited
- ◆ Partner, Wong Tung & Partners Limited

Public Service :

- ◆ Chairman, Panel on Planning, Lands and Works, Legislative Council
- ◆ Member, Legislative Council (1987-97)
- ◆ Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- ◆ Chairman, Panel on Planning, Lands and Works, Legislative Council (1994-97)
- ◆ Chairman, Panel on Lands and Works, Legislative Council (1993-94)
- ◆ Convenor, Lands and Works Panel, Legislative Council (1990-93)
- ◆ Member, Executive Council (1991-92)
- ◆ Member, Construction Advisory Board (1993-96, 1999-2002)
- ◆ Member, Exchange Fund Investment Limited (1998 - present)
- ◆ Member, ICAC Advisory Committee on Corruption (1997-2000)
- ◆ Chairman, Council of the Lord Wilson Heritage Trust (1993-2002)
- ◆ Member, Board of Trustees of the Lord Wilson Heritage Trust (1993-2002)
- ◆ Member, Hong Kong Port Development Board (1990-98)
- ◆ Member, Hong Kong Port and Maritime Board (1998-2000)
- ◆ Member, Board of Hong Kong Industrial Estates Corporation (1989-92)

- ◆ Chairman, Board of Hong Kong Industrial Estates Corporation (1992-99)
- ◆ Member, Board of Mass Transit Railway Corporation (1991-99)
- ◆ Chairman, Business and Professionals Federation of Hong Kong (1994-98)
- ◆ Member, Selection Committee for the First Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1996-97)
- ◆ Hong Kong Affairs Adviser (1995-97)
- ◆ Member, Hong Kong Housing Authority (1986-96)
- ◆ Member, Hong Kong Housing Authority Building Committee (1984-87)
- ◆ Chairman, Hong Kong Housing Authority Building Committee (1987-96)
- ◆ Member, ICAC Complaints Committee (1989-93)
- ◆ Director, Board of Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation (1988-91)
- ◆ Chairman, Antiquities Advisory Board (1989-91)
- ◆ Member, Council of the City Polytechnic of Hong Kong (1988-91)
- ◆ Convenor, Nine Professional Bodies (1988-91)
- ◆ Member, Lands and Building Advisory Committee (1985-90)
- ◆ Member, Basic Law Consultative Committee (1985-89)
- ◆ Member, Hong Kong Town Planning Board (1982-88)

HO Chun-yan, Albert

Date of Birth : 1 December 1951

Education and Professional Qualifications :

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

Occupation : Practising Solicitor and Notary Public

Public Service :

- ◆ Deputy Chairman, Panel on Home Affairs, Legislative Council
- ◆ Public Member, Board of Review Hearing Tax Appeals
- ◆ Member, Sub-committee on Probate Practice and Sub-committee of Performance
- ◆ Member, Performing Right Tribunal Hearing Cases concerning Assessment of Performance Royalties
- ◆ Member, Provisional Regional Council (7/1997 - present)
- ◆ Member, Regional Council (1995 - 6/1997)
- ◆ Elected Member, Legislative Council (1995 - 6/1997)

HO Mun-ka, Michael

Date of Birth : 6 November 1955

Education and Professional Qualifications :

- ◆ Registered General Nurse
- ◆ Registered Mental Nurse
- ◆ Diploma in Nursing Administration
- ◆ Bachelor of Nursing

Occupation : Registered Nurse (Castle Peak Hospital)

Public Service :

- ◆ Chairman, Panel on Health Services, Legislative Council
- ◆ Board Member, Nursing Board of Hong Kong
- ◆ Board Member, Hospital Authority
- ◆ Member, Elderly Commission
- ◆ Chairman, Hospital Governing Committee, Shatin Hospital

- ♦ Council Member, Hong Kong Open Learning Institute (1994-96)
- ♦ Member, Concern Committee on Medical and Health Policy (1986-89)
- ♦ Member, Health Care Policy Research Group

HO Chung-tai, Raymond, JP

Date of Birth : 23 March 1939

Education and Professional Qualifications :

- ♦ B.Sc. (Eng.), University of Hong Kong
- ♦ D.A.S.E., University of Manchester, UK
- ♦ Ph.D., City University of London, UK

Occupation : Engineer

Public Service :

- ♦ Deputy Chairman, Public Works Subcommittee, Legislative Council
- ♦ Member, 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
- ♦ Justice of the Peace
- ♦ Ex-officio Member, Election Committee of the First Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- ♦ Chairman, Association of Engineers in Society
- ♦ Advisory Professor, Shanghai Tongji University
- ♦ Deputy Chairman, Guangdong Daya Bay Nuclear Plant Safety Consultative Committee
- ♦ Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- ♦ Deputy Chairman, Public Works Subcommittee, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- ♦ President, Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (1987-88)
- ♦ Member, Basic Law Consultative Committee (1986-90)
- ♦ Hong Kong Affairs Adviser
- ♦ Member, Election Committee for Hong Kong Deputies to the Ninth National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China
- ♦ Member, Selection Committee for the First Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- ♦ Council Chairman, City University of Hong Kong/City Polytechnic of Hong Kong (1992-94)
- ♦ Chairman, Transport Advisory Committee (1995-97)
- ♦ Member, Industry and Technology Development Council (ITDC) (1992-94)
- ♦ Chairman, Technology Committee of the ITDC (1992-94)
- ♦ Chairman, Executive Committee of Hong Kong Council for Academic Accreditation (1990-91)
- ♦ Member, Consultative Committee on the New Airport and Related Projects
- ♦ Council Member, Vocational Training Council
- ♦ Member, Occupational Safety and Health Council (1988-95)
- ♦ Member, Construction Industry Training Authority (1981-93)

LEE Wing-tat

Date of Birth : 25 December 1955

Education and Professional Qualifications

- ♦ St. Paul's College
- ♦ University of Hong Kong

Occupation : Full-time Councillor

Public Service :

- ♦ Chairman, Panel on Housing, Legislative Council
- ♦ Member, Provisional Regional Council

- ◆ Member, Housing Authority

LEE Cheuk-yan

Date of Birth : 12 February 1957

Education and Professional Qualifications :

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

Occupation : General Secretary, Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions

Public Service :

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

LEE Chu-ming, Martin, SC, JP

Date of Birth : 8 June 1938

Education and Professional Qualifications :

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

Occupation : Barrister-at-law

Public Service :

- ◆ Legal Adviser, Hong Kong Journalists' Association
- ◆ Legal Adviser, Hong Kong Medical Association
- ◆ Legal Adviser, Justice and Peace Commission of the Diocese of the Roman Catholic Church of Hong Kong
- ◆ Chairman, Democratic Party
- ◆ Member, Executive Committee, Democratic Party
- ◆ Member, Central Committee, Democratic Party

LI Ka-cheung, Eric, JP

Date of Birth : 23 May 1953

Education and Professional Qualifications :

- ◆ St. Paul's Co-educational College
- ◆ Warwick School, UK
- ◆ B.A. in Economics (Hons), University of Manchester, UK
- ◆ Fellow, Hong Kong Society of Accountants
- ◆ Fellow, Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales
- ◆ Fellow, Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators
- ◆ Certified Public Accountant
- ◆ Honorary Fellow, Hong Kong Institute of Housing

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

Public Service :

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

- ◆ Chairman, Commission on Youth
- ◆ Chairperson, Hong Kong Council of Social Service
- ◆ Vice-Chairman, Independent Police Complaints Council
- ◆ Director, Exchange Fund Investment Limited
- ◆ Member, Deposit-taking Companies Advisory Committee
- ◆ Member, User's Committee, Inland Revenue Department
- ◆ Council Member, Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- ◆ Non-Employer Trustee, Staff Superannuation Scheme, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (1983) (1985)
- ◆ Non-Employer Trustee, Terms of Service OCO Staff Terminal Gratuity Scheme, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- ◆ President, Hong Kong PHAB Association
- ◆ Honorary President, Hong Kong Kindergarten Association
- ◆ President, Hong Kong Sports Association for the Mentally Handicapped
- ◆ President, Activities Committee, Eastern District Junior Police Call
- ◆ Honorary Adviser, Hong Kong AIDS Foundation
- ◆ Promoter and Director, Gifted Education Foundation Limited
- ◆ Hong Kong Director, International Bureau for Children's Rights
- ◆ Honorary Adviser, Hong Kong Outstanding Students' Association
- ◆ Executive Committee Member, Business and Professionals Federation of Hong Kong
- ◆ Member, London Business School Regional Advisory Board
- ◆ Member, Princeton University of USA Council for Hong Kong's Development
- ◆ Honorary Auditor, Hong Kong Medical Association
- ◆ Honorary Auditor, Hong Kong Dental Association
- ◆ Honorary Auditor, Hong Kong Sino-British Fellowship Trust Scholars' Association
- ◆ Honorary Auditor, Hong Kong Special Schools Council
- ◆ Member, Children Programming Consultative Committee, Television Broadcasts Limited
- ◆ Chairman, Advisory Board on Accounting Studies, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

LEE Kai-ming, SBS, JP

Date of Birth : 11 October 1937

Education and Professional Qualifications : Secondary Level

Occupation : Full-time Legislator

Public Service :

- ◆ Chairman, Panel on Manpower, Legislative Council
- ◆ Deputy Chairman, Panel on Public Service, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- ◆ Chairman, Federation of Hong Kong and Kowloon Labour Unions (1995-2001)
- ◆ Member, Legislative Council (1995-97)
- ◆ Member, Preparatory Committee for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1995-97)
- ◆ Member, Selection Committee for the First Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- ◆ Hong Kong Affairs Adviser (1994-97)
- ◆ Member, Occupational Safety and Health Council (1995-98)
- ◆ Member, Mandatory Provident Fund Advisory Board (1996-98)
- ◆ Adjudicator, Obscene Articles Tribunal (1987-99)
- ◆ Secretary General, Federation of Hong Kong and Kowloon Labour Unions (1984-95)
- ◆ Vice Chairman, Basic Law Advisory Committee of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1985-90)
- ◆ Non-Executive Director, Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority, (1998-2000)

LI Kwok-po, David, 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, University of Hong Kong
- ♦ Honorary Degree of Doctor of Social Sciences, Lingnan College

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

Public Service :

- ♦ 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, Land Fund Advisory Committee
- ♦ Vice Chairman, One Country Two Systems Research Institute Limited
- ♦ Chairman, Executive Committee and Council, Hong Kong Management Association
- ♦ Chairman, Executive Committee and Honorary Treasurer, Finance Council of the Friends of Cambridge University in Hong Kong
- ♦ Chairman, Executive Committee of St. James' Settlement
- ♦ Life Patron, The Hong Kong Ballet
- ♦ Governor, Asian Institute of Management
- ♦ Treasurer and Vice-Chairman, Council of University of Hong Kong
- ♦ Member, Court of University of Hong Kong
- ♦ Honorary Treasurer, University of Hong Kong
- ♦ Chairman, Finance Committee, University of Hong Kong
- ♦ Chairman, Universities Joint Committee on Salaries, University of Hong Kong
- ♦ Member, Honorary Degree Committee, University of Hong Kong
- ♦ Member, Hong Kong Red Cross Advisory Council
- ♦ Member, Pacific Rim Bankers Program Advisory Board
- ♦ Trustee, University Graduates Association Scholarship Fund
- ♦ Vice Patron, Community Chest of Hong Kong
- ♦ Founder Member, Friends of The Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race
- ♦ Member, The Asia Society International Council
- ♦ Member, A Commission on a New Asia
- ♦ Trustee, Board of Trustees, American Graduate School of International Management (Thunderbird)
- ♦ Trustee, The Cambridge Foundation
- ♦ Member, Council of Governors, Society for the Promotion of Hospice Care
- ♦ Honorary Patron, Sincere Charitable Foundation
- ♦ Non-official Justice of the Peace
- ♦ Patron, Festival Fringe
- ♦ Honorary Member, The Hong Kong Aviation Club
- ♦ Honorary Adviser, Hong Kong Arts Festival Society Limited
- ♦ Honorary Patron, Mandarin Golf and Country Club
- ♦ Member, American Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong

- ♦ Chairman, East Asian History of Science Foundation
- ♦ Honorary Adviser, Overseas Graduates Association
- ♦ Special Adviser, Shimizu Corporation
- ♦ Member, The Avon International Advisory Council
- ♦ Member, SEI Center for Advanced Studies in Management Board, The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania
- ♦ Member, Daimler Benz International Advisory Board
- ♦ Member, Gulfstream South East Asia Advisory Board
- ♦ Member, Advisory Committee of ING Beijing Investment Company Limited
- ♦ Fellow, McKinsey Global Institute
- ♦ Member, Powergen International Advisory Board
- ♦ Member, The Asia Society Hong Kong Centre Advisory Committee
- ♦ Member, Federal Reserve Bank of New York International Capital Markets Advisory Committee
- ♦ Member, IBM Asia/Pacific Group Advisory Board
- ♦ Member, IBM Greater China Advisory Board
- ♦ Member, Jardine Fleming Asian Property Company Advisory Council
- ♦ Member, Rolls-Royce South East Asia Advisory Board
- ♦ Hong Kong Affairs Adviser
- ♦ Member, Preparatory Committee
- ♦ for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1995-97)
- ♦ Vice-Chairman, Basic Law Drafting Committee (1985-90)
- ♦ Member, Preliminary Working Committee for the Preparatory Committee for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1993-95)
- ♦ Member, Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong (1982-85)
- ♦ Member, Legislative Council (Functional Constituency - Finance) (1985-97)
- ♦ Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- ♦ Chairman, Banking Training Board of the Vocational Training Council (1985-93)
- ♦ Member, Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation Managing Board (1982-91)
- ♦ Chairman, Hong Kong Festival Fringe (1982-86)
- ♦ Chairman, Appointments Board of the Chinese University of Hong Kong (1986-87)
- ♦ Honorary Adviser, Japan Airlines Hong Kong Office (1991-92)
- ♦ Governor, the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong (1990-91)
- ♦ Member, Institutes of Biotechnology at the Chinese University of Hong Kong and Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Board of Overseers) (1989-95)
- ♦ The Community Chest of Hong Kong:
 - Member, Admissions, Budget and Allocations Committee (1977-79)
 - Deputy Chairman, Admissions, Budget and Allocations Committee (1979-81)
 - Fourth Vice President and Chairman, Admissions, Budget and Allocations Committee, and Executive Committee Member (1981-83)
 - First Vice President and Chairman of the Executive Committee (1983-85)
 - Board Member (1981-87)
- ♦ The Hong Kong Ballet:
 - Chairman, Board of Governors (1987-92)
 - Vice Patron (1992-96)
- ♦ Chairman, Advisory Committee on Graduate Employment of Hong Kong Polytechnic (1983-85)
- ♦ Chairman, Hong Kong Polytechnic Advisory Committee on Business and Management Studies (1989-93)
- ♦ Member, Selection Committee for the First Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- ♦ Convenor, Investment Committee of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

Government Land Fund Trust (1986-97)

- ◆ Member, Bank Austria International Advisory Board (1992-98)
- ◆ Member, Bank of Montreal International Advisory Council (1992-98)
- ◆ Member, Caterpillar Asia/Pacific Advisory Council

LI Wah-ming, Fred, 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
- ◆ Member, Provisional Urban Council

Public Service :

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

LUI Ming-wah, JP

Date of Birth : 4 April 1938

Education and Professional Qualifications :

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

Occupation : Businessman

Public Service :

- ◆ Deputy Chairman, Panel on Trade and Industry, Legislative Council
- ◆ Vice President, the Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong
- ◆ Chairman, the Hong Kong Electronics Industries Association
- ◆ Chairman, Electronics Industry Training Board
- ◆ Member, Electronics Committee, Industry and Technology Development Council
- ◆ Member, Governing Council, Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency
- ◆ Member, the Hong Kong Productivity Council
- ◆ Member, Hong Kong International Arbitration Center
- ◆ Director, Hong Kong Telecom Technology Center
- ◆ Member, Trade Advisory Board
- ◆ Member, Selection Committee for the First Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- ◆ Member, Election Council for the Hong Kong Deputies to the Ninth National People's

Congress of the People's Republic of China

- ◆ Member, Shandong Political Consultative Congress
- ◆ Vice President, Shandong Province General Chamber of Commerce
- ◆ Council Member, Vocational Training Council
- ◆ Member, Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme Authority
- ◆ Member, Electronics Committee of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council

NG Leung-sing

Date of Birth : 11 July 1949

Education and Professional Qualifications :

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

Occupation : Vice Chairman, China and South Sea Bank Limited

Public Service :

- ◆ Deputy Chairman, Establishment Subcommittee, Legislative Council
- ◆ Chinese Representative, Sino-British Land Commission (1988-97)
- ◆ Trustee, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government Land Fund (1988-97)
- ◆ Member, Hong Kong Housing Authority and Chairman, Commercial Properties Committee
- ◆ Member, Corporate and Employee Contribution Programme Organizing Committee, The Community Chest of Hong Kong
- ◆ Director, Bank of China Group Charitable Foundation Limited
- ◆ Member, Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Advisory Committee

NG Ching-fai

Date of Birth : 20 November 1939

Education and Professional Qualifications :

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

Occupation :

- ◆ Dean of Science, Chair Professor in Chemistry and Director of Chinese Medicine Programme, Hong Kong Baptist University

Public Service :

- ◆ Deputy Chairman, Panel on Education, Legislative Council
- ◆ Chairman, Bills Committee on the Chinese Medicine Bill
- ◆ Member, Preparatory Committee for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- ◆ Member, Preliminary Working Committee for the Preparatory Committee for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1994-96)
- ◆ Member, Selection Committee for the First Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- ◆ Hong Kong Affairs Adviser
- ◆ Hong Kong Deputy to the Ninth National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China (1998-2003)
- ◆ Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- ◆ Member, Research Grants Council, University Grants Committee (UGC)
- ◆ Member, Panel on Physical Science and Engineering, Research Grants Council, UGC (1993)
- ◆ Chairman, Physical Science Panel, The First Research Assessment Exercise, Research Grants Council, UGC (1994)
- ◆ Member, Board of Directors, Hong Kong Industrial Technology Centre Corporation
- ◆ Member, Advisory Committee, Hong Kong Institution of Biotechnology (1996 - present)
- ◆ Founding Member, Society of Hong Kong Scholars

- ♦ Chairman, Society of Hong Kong Scholars (1986, 1990, 1993 and 1994)
- ♦ Founding Member and Honorary Secretary, Hong Kong Institution of Science (1992-96)
- ♦ Vice-President, Hong Kong Institution of Science (1996 - present)
- ♦ Director, Institute for Promotion of Chinese Culture
- ♦ Vice-Chairman, Preparatory Committee of the International Conference on Chinese Culture in the Next Millennium
- ♦ Adviser, Information Service Centre of Professional Studies
- ♦ Member, Basic Law Promotion Steering Committee
- ♦ Member, Complaints Committee, Independent Commission Against Corruption
- ♦ Director, Chinese Culture Research Institute
- ♦ Director, Society for the Promotion of International Technology of China
- ♦ Trustee, Chun Hua Eradication of Poverty by Science and Technology Award Scheme (in collaboration with State Science and Technology Commission, China) (1993 - present)
- ♦ Elected by the Foundation for Underdeveloped Regions in China in their 《全國十大扶貧狀元選舉》 project as one of the ten individuals to be awarded the title "fu pin zhuang yuan" (扶貧狀元) for highly distinguished contribution towards the nation's efforts in helping the underdeveloped regions (1994)

NG, Margaret

Date of Birth : 25 January 1948

Education and Professional Qualifications :

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

Occupation : Barrister

Public Service :

- ♦ Deputy Chairman, Committee on Rules of Procedure, Legislative Council
- ♦ Chairman, Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services, Legislative Council
- ♦ Member, Operations Review Committee, Independent Commission Against Corruption
- ♦ Member, Panel of Lay Assessors (1979-81)
- ♦ Member, Shatin District Advisory Board (1980-81)
- ♦ Member, Shatin District Board (1981-82)
- ♦ Member, Management and Operations Committee, Hong Kong Housing Authority (1980-83)
- ♦ Member, Citizen's Advisory Committee on Community Relations, Independent Commission Against Corruption (1981-83)
- ♦ Member, Executive Council of the Hong Kong Council of Social Service (1984-85)
- ♦ Adjudicator, Obscene Articles Tribunal (1987-88)
- ♦ Member, Public Relations Committee for the Community Chest of Hong Kong (1989-90)
- ♦ Part-time Member, Central Policy Unit (1989-90), (1991-92)
- ♦ Member, Standing Committee on Language Education and Research (1996)
- ♦ Member, Town Planning Appeal Board
- ♦ Member, Legislative Council (1995-97)
- ♦ Chairman, Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services, Legislative Council (1995-97)

CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye, Selina, JP

Date of Birth : 25 January 1945

Education and Professional Qualifications :

- ♦ St. Paul's Co-Educational College (Primary and Secondary Levels)
- ♦ B.A. in English, 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 :

- ♦ Chairman, Committee on Rules of Procedure, Legislative Council
- ♦ Deputy Chairman, Panel on Security, Legislative Council
- ♦ Honorary Adviser, Against Child Abuse (1981 - present)
- ♦ Member, Hong Kong Housing Society
- ♦ Honorary Adviser, Hong Kong Retail Management Association
- ♦ Honorary Adviser, Association of Retailers and Tourism Services Limited
- ♦ Member, Small and Medium Enterprises Committee (1996 - present)
- ♦ Director, Hong Kong Intellectual Property Society (1996 - present)
- ♦ Board Member, Hong Kong Tourist Association
- ♦ Board Member, Airport Authority Hong Kong
- ♦ Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- ♦ Chairman, Committee on Rules of Procedure, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- ♦ Chairman, Panel on Security, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- ♦ Member, Legislative Council (1981-97)
- ♦ Member, Executive Council (1991-92)
- ♦ President, Zonta Club of Hong Kong (1976-77)
- ♦ Member, Fight Crime Committee (1976-81)
- ♦ Member, Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong (1980-84)
- ♦ Executive Member, Hong Kong Housing Society (1981-84)
- ♦ Member, Council for the Performing Arts (1982-86)
- ♦ Member, Council of the Hong Kong Academy for the Performing Arts (1984-88)
- ♦ Council Member, Family Planning Association of Hong Kong (1984-85)
- ♦ Chairman, Consumer Council (1984-88)
- ♦ Member, Hong Kong Housing Authority (1986-88)
- ♦ Member, Advisory Committee on Corruption, Independent Commission Against Corruption (1986-88)
- ♦ Member, Education Commission (1990-92)

ARCULLI, Ronald, JP

Date of Birth : 2 January 1939

Education and Professional Qualifications :

- ♦ St. Joseph's College, Hong Kong (1948-58)
- ♦ Lincoln's Inn, London (1959-61)
- ♦ Called to the English Bar in June 1961
- ♦ Called to the Hong Kong Bar in 1961
- ♦ Admitted as solicitor in England and Hong Kong in 1976
- ♦ Admitted as barrister and solicitor in Victoria, Australia in 1982

Occupation : Partner, Woo Kwan Lee & Lo, Solicitors

Public Service :

- ♦ Chairman, Finance Committee, Legislative Council
- ♦ Chairman, Finance Committee, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- ♦ Member, Legislative Council (1988-97)
- ♦ Deputy Chairman, House Committee, Legislative Council (1995-97)

- ♦ Chairman, Establishment Subcommittee of the Finance Committee, Legislative Council (1995-97)
- ♦ Member, Selection Committee for the First Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- ♦ Member, Executive Committee of the Association for Celebration of Reunification of Hong Kong with China and Convenor, Patent Rights Task Force
- ♦ Member, Board of Directors, the Hong Kong Mortgage Corporation Limited
- ♦ Member, Standing Committee on Disciplined Services Salaries and Conditions of Service
- ♦ Chairman, General Disciplined Services Subcommittee, Standing Committee on Disciplined Services Salaries and Conditions of Service
- ♦ Member, Ocean Park Corporation Board
- ♦ Chairman, Council, the Hong Kong Award For Young People
- ♦ Chairman, Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund Council
- ♦ Vice-Chairman, Liberal Party
- ♦ Member, Executive Committee, Liberal Party
- ♦ Member, Central Committee, Liberal Party
- ♦ Steward, Hong Kong Jockey Club
- ♦ Non-executive Director, the Securities and Futures Commission

MA Fung-kwok

Date of Birth : 2 July 1955

Education and Professional Qualifications : Post-Secondary Level

Occupation : Veteran Films Maker and Distributor, Media Executive

Public Service :

- ♦ Deputy Chairman, Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting, Legislative Council
- ♦ Member, Projects Vetting Committee of Film Development Fund (1999 - present)
- ♦ Member, Film Services Advisory Committee of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1998 - present)
- ♦ Member, Copyright Tribunal of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1997 - present)
- ♦ Founding Member and Vice Chairman, Hong Kong, Kowloon and New Territories Motion Picture Industry Association Limited (1987 - present)
- ♦ Invited Member, All China Youth Federation (1988 - present)
- ♦ Consultant, Hong Kong United Youth Association (1995 - present)
- ♦ Director, The Hong Kong Chinese Importers' and Exporters Association (1994 - present)
- ♦ Member, Hospital Governing Committee of Grantham Hospital (1997 - present)
- ♦ Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- ♦ Co-opted Member, Film and Media Arts Committee of Hong Kong Arts Development Council (1997-98)
- ♦ Member, Selection Committee for the First Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1996)
- ♦ Member, Association for Celebration of Reunification of Hong Kong with China (1996)
- ♦ Member, Hong Kong Artist Association for Celebration of Reunification of Hong Kong with China (1996)
- ♦ Vice Chairman, Hong Kong United Youth Association (1993-95)
- ♦ Secretary, Association for Betterment of Hong Kong (1989-90)
- ♦ Deputy Secretary General, Asian Students Association (1978-80)
- ♦ President, Hong Kong Federation of Students (1977-78)

TO Kun-sun, James

Date of Birth : 11 March 1963

Education and Professional Qualifications :

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

Occupation : Solicitor

Public Service :

- ♦ Chairman, Panel on Security, Legislative Council
- ♦ Member, Legislative Council (1991-97)
- ♦ Elected Member, Sham Shui Po District Board (1991-94)
- ♦ Member, Fight Crime Committee (1992 - present)
- ♦ Member, Action Committee Against Narcotics (1994 - present)
- ♦ Member, Managing Board, Land Development Corporation (1996 - present)
- ♦ Member, Investor Education Advisory Committee, Securities and Futures Commission (1998-99)
- ♦ Founding Member, United Democrats of Hong Kong (1990-95)
- ♦ Founding Member, Democratic Party (1995 - present)

CHEUNG Man-kwong

Date of Birth : 15 September 1954

Education and Professional Qualifications :

- ♦ Bachelor of Social Science, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Occupation : Teacher

Public Service :

- ♦ President, Hong Kong Professional Teachers' Union
- ♦ Member, Education Commission
- ♦ Member, Central Committee, Democratic Party
- ♦ Member, Executive Committee, Democratic Party
- ♦ Member, Standing Committee, Hong Kong Alliance in Support of Patriotic Democratic Movements of China

CHEUNG Wing-sum, Ambrose, JP

Date of Birth : 10 January 1951

Education and Professional Qualifications :

- ♦ Bachelor of Social Science, University of Hong Kong
- ♦ Solicitor - Hong Kong, England and Wales

Occupation :

- ♦ Lawyer
- ♦ Company Director

Public Service :

- ♦ Member, Provisional Urban Council
- ♦ Member, Provisional Sham Shui Po District Board
- ♦ Chairman, Traffic Accident Victims Advisory Committee
- ♦ Member, Housing Authority Home Ownership Committee
- ♦ Member, Sham Shui Po West Area Committee
- ♦ Member, Sham Shui Po Arts Association
- ♦ Legal Adviser, Sham Shui Po Sports Association
- ♦ Honorary Adviser, Mei Ching Sports and Recreation Association
- ♦ Honorary Adviser, Pok Oi Hospital
- ♦ Legal Adviser, Lai Wan Kai Fong Association Company Limited
- ♦ Chairman, Sin To School (a.m.) Teacher-Parents Association

- ♦ Adviser, Hong Kong Chido Taekwondo Association Limited
- ♦ Adviser, Mei Sun General Commercial Association Limited
- ♦ Adviser, (Mei Foo) Church Building Committee of the Heritage Baptist Church
- ♦ Adviser, Ching Lai Court Owners' Incorporation
- ♦ Adviser, So Uk Yin Ngai Society
- ♦ Adviser, Mei Foo Sun Chuen Incorporated Owners (Stage 4)
- ♦ Adviser, Mei Foo Sun Chuen Incorporated Owners (Stage 6)
- ♦ Adviser, Mei Foo Sun Chuen Incorporated Owners (Stage 8)

HUI Cheung-ching

Date of Birth : 4 September 1942

Education and Professional Qualifications : Foshan University

Occupation : Company Director

Public Service :

- ♦ Deputy Chairman, Panel on Environmental Affairs, Legislative Council
- ♦ President and Honorary President, The Hong Kong Chinese Importers' and Exporters' Association
- ♦ Member, Standing Committee, The Hong Kong Progressive Alliance
- ♦ Deputy, The Eighth Guangdong People's Congress
- ♦ Member, The Sixth and Eighth Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference of Guangdong Province
- ♦ Vice Chairman, Water Safety, The Hong Kong Life Saving Society
- ♦ Life Honorary President, Hong Kong Winter Swimming Association
- ♦ Member, The China Overseas Friendship Association

LOH, Christine

Date of Birth : 1 February 1956

Education and Professional Qualifications :

- ♦ St. Paul's Convent School
- ♦ Island School
- ♦ Bedford High School, UK
- ♦ LL.B., University of Hull, UK
- ♦ LL.M., City University of Hong Kong

Occupation : Politician

Public Service :

- ♦ Chairman, Panel on Environmental Affairs, Legislative Council
- ♦ Honorary President, the Marine Biological Association
- ♦ Honorary Vice President, the Hong Kong Marine Conservation Society
- ♦ Honorary Adviser, the Society for the Aged
- ♦ Patron, AIDS Concern

CHAN Kwok-keung

Date of Birth : 17 January 1946

Education and Professional Qualifications :

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

Occupation : Associate Director, Clothing Industry Training Authority

Public Service :

- ♦ Member, Standing Executive Committee of The Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions

- ◆ Vice-Chairman, Hong Kong Wearing Apparel Industry Employees' General Union
- ◆ Member, Social Affairs Committee of The Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions
- ◆ Member, Right and Benefit Committee of The Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions
- ◆ Director, The Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions Hong Ling Foundation for the Well-being of The Elderly Limited
- ◆ Director, The Hong Kong Mortgage Corporation Limited
- ◆ Member, Construction Advisory Board

CHAN Yuen-han

Date of Birth : 15 November 1946

Education and Professional Qualifications :

- ◆ Hoi Luk Fung School
- ◆ San Kiu Middle School
- ◆ Chack Kwan Middle School
- ◆ High Diploma, Hong Kong Polytechnic University and Hong Kong Business Management Society
- ◆ B.A. in Philosophy, Guangdong Science and Research University
- ◆ University of Warwick

Occupation : Labour Service

Public Service :

- ◆ Chairman, Panel on Welfare Services, Legislative Council
- ◆ Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- ◆ Chairman, Panel on Housing, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- ◆ Member, Selection Committee for the First Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- ◆ Member, Legislative Council (1995-97)
- ◆ Deputy Chairman, Panel on Manpower, Legislative Council (1995-97)
- ◆ Member, Eastern District Board (1988-91)
- ◆ Vice-Chairman, Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions
- ◆ Member, Central Standing Committee, Democratic Alliance for Betterment of Hong Kong
- ◆ Chairman, Hong Kong Department Stores and Commercial Staff General Union
- ◆ Hong Kong Affairs Adviser
- ◆ Director, Women Affairs Committee, Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions (up to 1997)
- ◆ Director, Social Affairs Committee, Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions (up to 1997)
- ◆ Director, Education Advancement Society for Workers in Hong Kong and Kowloon
- ◆ Honorary Chairman, Federation of Hong Kong, Kowloon and New Territories Public Housing Estate Residents and Shopowners Organization
- ◆ Member, Hong Kong Productivity Council (1994-95)
- ◆ Representative by Special Invitation, China National Women Alliance

CHAN, Bernard

Date of Birth : 11 January 1965

Education and Professional Qualifications :

- ◆ Bachelor of Arts, Pomona College, California, USA

Occupation :

- ◆ Executive Director, Asia Insurance Company Limited
- ◆ Deputy Managing Director, Asia Financial Group

Public Service :

- ◆ Director, The Hong Kong Mortgage Corporation Limited
- ◆ Member, Insurance Advisory Committee, Hong Kong

- ◆ Member, Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Advisory Committee, Hong Kong
- ◆ Member, CPPCC Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region
- ◆ Member, Vocational Training Council, Hong Kong
- ◆ Director, The Chinese General Chamber of Commerce
- ◆ Director, Hong Kong Chiu Chow Chamber of Commerce
- ◆ Director, Hong Kong United Youth Association
- ◆ Director, Chiu Chow Association Secondary School
- ◆ Vice Chairman, Shantou Youth's Federation
- ◆ Executive Committee Member, Zhuhai Youth's Federation
- ◆ Executive Committee Member, Young Presidents' Organization, Hong Kong Chapter
- ◆ Youth Executive Committee Member, Hong Kong Chiu Chow Chamber of Commerce
- ◆ Council Member, Oxfam
- ◆ Voting Member, Tung Wah Group of Hospitals (1998-2000)

CHAN Wing-chan

Date of Birth : 7 July 1935

Education and Professional Qualifications : Secondary Level

Occupation : Full-time Legislator

Public Service :

- ◆ Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- ◆ Member, Selection Committee for the First Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- ◆ Member, Legislative Council (1995-97)
- ◆ Chairman, Eating Establishment Employees' General Union
- ◆ Chairman, Catering Trade Administrative Employees' Association
- ◆ Honorary Chairman, the Association for Hong Kong Catering Services Management
- ◆ Member, Standing Executive Committee, The Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions
- ◆ Director, The Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions Hong Ling Foundation for the Well-being of The Elderly Limited
- ◆ Vice-Chairman, Occupational Safety and Health Committee, The Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions (1992-97)
- ◆ Deputy Director, Social Affairs Committee, The Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions
- ◆ Member, Occupational Safety and Health Council (1993-95)
- ◆ Member, Catering Trade Safety and Health Committee (1992-95)
- ◆ Member, Panel on Catering Industry, Labour Department
- ◆ Member, Joint Meeting of Catering Unions and Labour Unions
- ◆ Adviser, Hotels, Food and Beverage Employees' Association

CHAN Kam-lam

Date of Birth : 22 January 1949

Education and Professional Qualifications :

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

Occupation : Shipping Management Director

Public Service :

- ◆ Deputy Chairman, Finance Committee, Legislative Council
- ◆ Chairman, Panel on Trade and Industry, Legislative Council
- ◆ Director, Exchange Fund Investment Limited
- ◆ Chairman, Panel on Manpower, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- ◆ Deputy Chairman, Public Accounts Committee, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- ◆ Member, Legislative Council (1995-97)

- ◆ Member, Kwun Tong Provisional District Board
- ◆ Elected Member, Kwun Tong District Board (1988-97)
- ◆ Hong Kong District Affairs Adviser
- ◆ Member, Bilingual Laws Advisory Committee (1995-97)
- ◆ Council Member, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- ◆ Vice President, Kwun Tong Resident Union
- ◆ Director, Kowloon City, Kwun Tong and Wong Tai Sin Residents Association Company Limited
- ◆ Vice President, Kowloon Federation of Associations
- ◆ Standing Committee Member, Democratic Alliance for Betterment of Hong Kong

LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, Sophie, JP

Date of Birth : 9 October 1945

Education and Professional Qualifications :

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

Occupation :

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

Public Service :

- ◆ Deputy Chairman, Panel on Public Service, Legislative Council
- ◆ Honorary President, Federation of Hong Kong Garment Manufacturers (1998 - present)
- ◆ Director, Federation of Hong Kong Garment Manufacturers (1998-99)
- ◆ Member, Regional Advisory Committee, Queen Mary Hospital (1998-2000)
- ◆ Council Member and Director, The Hong Kong Institute of Directors Limited (1997 - present)
- ◆ Director, Queen Mary Hospital Charity Limited (1997 - present)
- ◆ Member, Hospital Authority (1990-99)
- ◆ Member, Plenary Meeting, Hospital Authority (1990-99)
- ◆ Member, Finance Committee, Hospital Authority (1990-99)
- ◆ Member, Medical Services Development Committee, Hospital Authority (1990-99)
- ◆ Member, Public Meeting, Hospital Authority (1990-99)
- ◆ Member, Planning Committee, Hospital Authority (1995-99)
- ◆ Member, Audit Committee, Hospital Authority (1995-99)
- ◆ Chairman, New Territories Regional Advisory Committee, Hospital Authority (1997-2000)
- ◆ Trustee, Charitable Foundation, Hospital Authority (1996 - present)
- ◆ Permanent Adviser, Yan Chai Hospital (1986 - present)
- ◆ Chairman, Human Organ Transplant Board (1996-2000)
- ◆ Chairman, Hospital Governing Committee, Queen Mary Hospital (1997-2001)
- ◆ Honorary Treasurer and Executive Committee Member, Maryknoll Medical and Welfare Association (1982 - present)
- ◆ Permanent Member, the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce (1997 - present)
- ◆ Member, Textiles Advisory Board (1989-2000)
- ◆ Director, Textiles Council of Hong Kong Limited (1991 - present)
- ◆ Member, Industry and Technology Development Council (1993-99)
- ◆ Patron Member, Textile Institute (Hong Kong Section) (1995 - present)
- ◆ Vice-Chairman, Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club (1987 - present)
- ◆ Honorary Vice-Chairman, Hong Kong Federation of Women (1993 - present)
- ◆ Member, Administrative Appeals Board (1994-2000)
- ◆ Vice-Chairman and Member, United Nations Children's Fund (1986 - present)

- ◆ Chairman, Chi Lin Trust Fund for the Aged Committee (1993 - present)
- ◆ Member, Chi Lin Elderly Service Management Committee (1993 - present)
- ◆ Member, Court and Council, Hong Kong Baptist University (1996-2001)
- ◆ Member, Personnel Committee, Hong Kong Baptist University (1996-2001)
- ◆ Founding Senior Member, Foundation for Educational Development and Research, University of Hong Kong (1996 - present)
- ◆ Founder, Elementary Charitable Foundation (1986 - present)
- ◆ Permanent Honorary President, Friends of Hong Kong Association Limited (1996 - present)
- ◆ Chairperson, Steering Committee for the 'Campaign to Promote the Image of the Textiles and Clothing Industry'
- ◆ Deputy Chairman, Panel on Manpower, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- ◆ Member, Assessment Panel on Energy Efficient Building Award Scheme (1997)
- ◆ Chairman, Hong Kong Regional Advisory Committee of Hospital Authority (1996-97)
- ◆ Member, Provisional Hospital Authority (1988-90)
- ◆ Chairman, Human Resources Committee, Hospital Authority (1990-94)
- ◆ Chairman, Supporting Services Development Committee, Hospital Authority (1994-95)
- ◆ Member, Standing Committee, Hospital Authority (1990-95)
- ◆ Director, Board of Directors, Yan Chai Hospital (1983-86)
- ◆ Vice Chairman, Board of Directors, Yan Chai Hospital (1984-85)
- ◆ Chairman, Board of Directors, Yan Chai Hospital (1985-86)
- ◆ Chairman, Hospital Governing Committee, Castle Peak Hospital (1994-97)
- ◆ Member, Hospital Governing Committee, Hong Kong Buddhist Hospital (1991-97)
- ◆ Chairman, Hospital Governing Committee, Tsan Yuk Hospital (1993-94)
- ◆ Chairman, Maryknoll Medical and Welfare Association (1987-88)
- ◆ Adjudicator, Immigration Tribunal (1986-94)
- ◆ Member, Central Policy Unit (1993-95)
- ◆ Adjudicator, Registration of Persons Tribunal (1987-88)
- ◆ Member, Regional Services Appeals Board (1990-96)
- ◆ Member, Federation of Hong Kong Garment Manufacturers (1997)
- ◆ Member, Hospital Governing Committee, Tsan Yuk Hospital (1994-99)
- ◆ Voting Member, Board of Governors, Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital Limited (1988-99)
- ◆ Member, Human Resources Committee, Housing Authority (1996-99)

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, University of Hong Kong

Occupation : Teacher

Public Service :

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

CHENG Kai-nam, Gary, JP

Date of Birth : 29 May 1950

Education and Professional Qualifications :

- ◆ Pui Kiu Middle School

- ♦ B.A. Degree in Education, University of East Anglia, UK
- ♦ Diploma of Education, University of Hong Kong

Occupation : Public Relations Consultant

Public Service :

- ♦ Deputy Chairman, Panel on Housing, Legislative Council
- ♦ Member, Steering Committee on Promotion of the Basic Law
- ♦ Member, Estate Agents Authority
- ♦ Member, Hong Kong Housing Authority
- ♦ Member, Standing Committee on Disciplined Services Salaries and Conditions of Service
- ♦ Vice-Chairman, Independent Police Complaints Council
- ♦ Member, Action Committee Against Narcotics

SIN Chung-kai

Date of Birth : 15 June 1960

Education and Professional Qualifications :

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

Occupation : Assistant Information Technology Project Manager

Public Service :

- ♦ Deputy Chairman, Committee on Members' Interests, Legislative Council
- ♦ Chairman, Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting, Legislative Council
- ♦ Member, Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Advisory Committee
- ♦ Member, Information Infrastructure Advisory Committee (1998-2000)
- ♦ Director, Hong Kong Mortgage Corporation Limited (1999-2000)
- ♦ Chairman, Kwai Tsing Provisional District Board (1994 - present)
- ♦ Member, Kwai Tsing Provisional District Board (1985 - present)
- ♦ Member, Legislative Council (1995-97)
- ♦ Member, Regional Council (1988-94)

WONG Wang-fat, Andrew, JP

Date of Birth : 11 December 1943

Education and Professional Qualifications :

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

Occupation :

- ♦ Lecturer in Government and Public Administration, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Public Service :

- ♦ Chairman, Panel on Constitutional Affairs, Legislative Council
- ♦ Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- ♦ Elected President, Legislative Council (1995-97)
- ♦ President, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, Hong Kong Branch (1995-97)
- ♦ Member, Legislative Council (for New Territories South-East) (1995-97)
- ♦ Chairman, Finance Committee, Legislative Council (1994-95)
- ♦ Member, Executive Council (1991-92)
- ♦ Member, Legislative Council (for New Territories East) (1991-95)

- ◆ Member, Legislative Council (for New Territories East) (1988-91)
- ◆ Convenor, Constitutional Development Panel, Legislative Council (1986-94)
- ◆ Member, Legislative Council (for New Territories East) (1985-88)
- ◆ Chairman, Finance Committee, Shatin District Board (1982-91)
- ◆ Member, Shatin District Board (1981-94)
- ◆ Member, Shatin District Advisory Board (1979-81)
- ◆ Member, Council of the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts
- ◆ Member, Travel Industry Council Appeal Panel (1999)
- ◆ Member, Insurance Intermediaries Quality Assurance Scheme Steering Committee
- ◆ Chairman, Insurance Agents Registration Board, the Hong Kong Federation of Insurers (1997 - present)
- ◆ Member, Fisheries Development Loan Fund Advisory Committee (1997 - present)
- ◆ Justice of the Peace (1989 - present)
- ◆ Ex-officio Executive Committee Member, Heung Yee Kuk (1989 - present)
- ◆ Member, Court of University of Hong Kong (1985 - present)
- ◆ Member, Convocation Standing Committee, University of Hong Kong (1983 - present)
- ◆ Chief Editor, Convocation Newsletter, University of Hong Kong (1980 - present)

WONG Yu-hong, Philip

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
- ◆ Vice Chairman, Tai Cheng International (Holdings) Limited

Public Service :

- ◆ Chairman, Establishment Subcommittee, Legislative Council
- ◆ Vice-Chairman, Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, Hong Kong
- ◆ Member, Hong Kong Trade Development Council
- ◆ Hong Kong Deputy to the Ninth National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China

WONG Yung-kan

Date of Birth : 10 August 1951

Education and Professional Qualifications :

Diploma in Modern Management, South China Teacher's University

Occupation : Fisherman

Public Service :

- ◆ Hong Kong District Affairs Adviser (1995-97)
- ◆ Member, Tai Po District Board (1991-97)
- ◆ Member, Tai Po Provisional District Board (1997-99)
- ◆ Member, Agriculture, Fisheries, Commerce and Industries Committee, Tai Po Provisional District Board (1985-99)
- ◆ Member, Traffic and Transport Committee, Tai Po Provisional District Board (1991-99)
- ◆ Member, Environmental Improvement and Works, Tai Po Provisional District Board (1991-97)
- ◆ Member, Recreation, Sports and Cultural Affairs, Tai Po Provisional District Board (1991-97)
- ◆ Member, Social Services Committee, Tai Po Provisional District Board (1991-99)
- ◆ Convenor, Working Group for Elderly Project, Tai Po Provisional District Board (1996-98)
- ◆ Member, Fish Marketing Advisory Board

- ◆ Member, Advisory Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries
- ◆ Chairman, Aquaculture Sub-committee, Advisory Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries
- ◆ Member, Livestock Sub-committee
- ◆ Member, Capture Fisheries Sub-committee, Advisory Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries
- ◆ Member, Wetland Advisory Committee
- ◆ Member, Working Group on Fisheries Management
- ◆ Member, Fisheries Development Loan Fund Advisory Committee
- ◆ Member, Working Group on Artificial Reefs
- ◆ Member, Marine Mammals Conservation Working Group
- ◆ Member, Mainland Fishermen Deckhands Appeal Board
- ◆ Member, Working Group on Close Fishing Season in the South China Sea
- ◆ Member, Marine Fish Scholarship Fund Advisory Committee
- ◆ Vice-Chairman, New Territories Association of Societies
- ◆ Member, District Fight Crime Committee, Tai Po
- ◆ Chairman, Joint Committee of Hong Kong Fishermen's Organizations
- ◆ Chairman, Federation of Fishermen's Co-operative Societies of Tai Po District New Territories Limited
- ◆ Director, The Unlimited Liabilities Co-operative Society of Tai Po Hand-liner Fishermen
- ◆ Chairman, New Territories Fishermen Fraternity Association
- ◆ Chairman, Federation of Hong Kong Agriculture Associations
- ◆ President and Chief Executive, Tai Po Dragon Boat Race Committee
- ◆ Vice Chairman, Tai Po District Resident's Association

TSANG Yok-sing, Jasper, JP

Date of Birth : 17 May 1947

Education and Professional Qualifications :

- ◆ B.A., University of Hong Kong (1968)
- ◆ Cert. Ed., University of Hong Kong (1981)
- ◆ M. Ed., University of Hong Kong (1983)

Occupation : Supervisor, Pui Kiu Middle School

Public Service

- ◆ Deputy Chairman, Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services, Legislative Council
- ◆ Member, The Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference
- ◆ Council Member, Open University of Hong Kong
- ◆ Member, Standing Committee on Language Education and Research
- ◆ Member, English Schools Foundation

YOUNG, Howard, 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, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- ◆ Member, Legislative Council (1991-97)
- ◆ Member, Preparatory Committee for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1995-97)
- ◆ Member, Election Committee for the First Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

- ♦ Member, Advisory Committee on Travel Agents
- ♦ Member, Vocational Training Council
- ♦ Member, Rehabilitation Advisory Committee
- ♦ Member, Complaints Committee, Independent Commission Against Corruption
- ♦ Member, Town Planning Appeals Board
- ♦ Member, Executive Committee, Outward Bound Trust
- ♦ Member, Central Committee, Liberal Party

YEUNG Sum

Date of Birth : 22 November 1947

Education and Professional Qualifications : Ph. D.

Occupation : Lecturer, University of Hong Kong

Public Service :

- ♦ Deputy Chairman, House Committee, Legislative Council
- ♦ Chairman, Finance Committee, Legislative Council (1995-97)
- ♦ Vice Chairman, Democratic Party
- ♦ Constitutional Affairs Spokesperson, Democratic Party
- ♦ Social Welfare Deputy Spokesperson, Democratic Party
- ♦ Vice Chairman, United Democrats of Hong Kong (1990-94)
- ♦ Elected Member, Legislative Council (1991-97)
- ♦ Executive Committee, Hong Kong Alliance in Support of Patriotic Democratic Movements of China
- ♦ Board Member, Society for Community Organization
- ♦ Member, Education Action Group
- ♦ Member, Social Welfare Advisory Committee (1992-96)

YEUNG Yiu-chung

Date of Birth : 7 November 1951

Education and Professional Qualifications :

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

Occupation : Principal, Heung To Middle School

Public Service :

- ♦ Chairman, Panel on Education, Legislative Council
- ♦ Hong Kong Deputy to the Ninth National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China
- ♦ President, Hong Kong Federation of Education Workers
- ♦ Member, Hong Kong Education Commission
- ♦ Member, Preparatory Committee of General Teaching Council
- ♦ Chairman, Sham Shui Po School Liaison Committee
- ♦ Honorary Advisor, Hok Yau Club
- ♦ Member, Steering Committee on the Reform of the Education Department (1999-2001)
- ♦ Executive Committee Member, Community Chest Bauhinia Day
- ♦ Director, Project Hope - Return to School
- ♦ Chairman, Civil Education Fund of Hong Kong Federation of Education Workers
- ♦ Vice-Chairman, Gala of Hua-xia Teachers
- ♦ Executive Committee Member, Hong Kong Private Schools Association

CHIM Pui-chung

(01.07.98 - 09.09.98)

Date of Birth : 24 September 1946

Education and Professional Qualifications : Secondary Level

Occupation : Company Director

Public Service :

- ♦ Member, Legislative Council (1991-1997)
- ♦ Member, Panel on Financial Affairs, Legislative Council (1995-1997)
- ♦ Honorary Adviser, Hong Kong Chiu Chow Chamber of Commerce
- ♦ Honorary President and Director, Hong Kong Swatow Merchants Association
- ♦ Honorary President, Hong Kong Football Referees Association
- ♦ Honorary President, Hong Kong Chinese Football Referees Association
- ♦ Honorary President, Chao Zhao Natives Association, Macau
- ♦ Honorary President, Teo Chew Society of Toronto, Canada
- ♦ Honorary President, Teo Chew Society of Vancouver, Canada
- ♦ Honorary President, Teo Chew Society of Calgary, Canada

LAU Chin-shek, JP

Date of Birth : 12 September 1944

Education and Professional Qualifications : Senior Secondary Level

Occupation : Director, Hong Kong Christian Industrial Committee

Public Service :

- ♦ Deputy Chairman, Panel on Manpower, Legislative Council
- ♦ Chairman, Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions
- ♦ Executive Member, Hong Kong Alliance in Support of Patriotic Democratic Movements in China
- ♦ Spokesman, Coalition for the Monitoring of Public Utilities
- ♦ Board of Hong Kong Marrow Match Foundation
- ♦ Member, Court of The University of Hong Kong

LAU Kong-wah

Date of Birth : 22 June 1957

Education and Professional Qualifications :

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

Occupation : Legislative Councillor

Public Service :

- ♦ Deputy Chairman, Panel on Transport, Legislative Council
- ♦ Member, Shatin Provisional District Board
- ♦ Spokesman, Transport Panel, Democratic Alliance for Betterment of Hong Kong
- ♦ Convenor, Civil Force

LAU Wong-fat, GBS, JP

Date of Birth : 15 October 1936

Education and Professional Qualifications : Ling Shan College

Occupation : Chairman, Wing Tung Yick (Holdings) Limited

Public Service :

- ♦ Member, The Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference

- ♦ Chairman, Heung Yee Kuk
- ♦ Chairman, Provisional Regional Council
- ♦ Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- ♦ Chairman, Tuen Mun Provisional District Board
- ♦ Chairman, Tuen Mun Rural Committee
- ♦ President, The Hong Kong Girl Guides Association, Tuen Mun District
- ♦ President, The Scout Association of Hong Kong, Tuen Mun District
- ♦ Member, Legislative Council (1985-97)
- ♦ Member, Yan Oi Tong Advisory Board

LAU Kin-ye, Miriam, JP

Date of Birth : 27 April 1947

Education and Professional Qualifications :

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

Occupation :

- ♦ Solicitor and Notary Public
- ♦ China-Appointed Attesting Officer

Public Service :

- ♦ Chairman, Panel on Transport, Legislative Council
- ♦ Chairman, Committee on Members' Interests, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- ♦ Chairman, Panel on Transport, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- ♦ Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- ♦ Chairman, Committee on Members' Interests, Legislative Council (1995-97)
- ♦ Chairman, Panel on Transport, Legislative Council (1991-97)
- ♦ Member, Legislative Council (1988-97) (Transport and Communication Constituency 1995-97)
- ♦ Member, Selection Committee for the First Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- ♦ Chairman, Security and Guarding Services Industry Authority
- ♦ Chairman, Standing Committee on Disciplined Services Salaries and Conditions of Service
- ♦ Chairman, Correctional Services Children's Education Trust Committee
- ♦ Member, Fight Crime Committee
- ♦ Member, Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong (1990-96)
- ♦ Chairman, Subcommittee on Guardianship and Custody of The Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong
- ♦ Member, Regional Council (1986-91)
- ♦ Member, Hospital Governing Committee, Kowloon Hospital
- ♦ Member, Hong Kong Port and Maritime Board

LAU Hon-chuen, Ambrose, JP

Date of Birth: 16 July 1947

Education and Professional Qualifications :

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

Occupation : Solicitor and Notary Public

Public Service :

- ♦ Chairman, Panel on Financial Affairs, Legislative Council
- ♦ 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
- ♦ Justice of the Peace
- ♦ China-Appointed Attesting Officer
- ♦ Member, Managing Board of the Land Development Corporation
- ♦ Chairman, Board of Review on Education
- ♦ Member, Court of the University of Hong Kong
- ♦ Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- ♦ Member, Preparatory Committee for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1995-97)
- ♦ Hong Kong Affairs Adviser (1993-97)
- ♦ Member, Legislative Council (1995-97)
- ♦ Member, Consultative Committee on the New Airport and Related Projects (1991-98)
- ♦ Member, Preliminary Working Committee for the Preparatory Committee for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1993-95)
- ♦ President, Law Society of Hong Kong (1992-93)
- ♦ Chairman, Central and Western District Board (1988-94)
- ♦ Member, Advisory Committee on Legal Education (1991-95)
- ♦ Member, Board of Review on Inland Revenue (1985-96)
- ♦ Member, Bilingual Laws Advisory Committee (1988-97)

LAU Wai-hing, Emily, JP

Date of Birth : 21 January 1952

Education and Professional Qualifications :

- ♦ B.A., Broadcast Journalism
- ♦ M. Sc., International Relations

Occupation : Legislative Councillor

Public Service :

- ♦ Deputy Chairman, Panel on Constitutional Affairs, Legislative Council
- ♦ Directly Elected Legislative Councillor (1991-97)

CHOY So-yuk

Date of Birth : 10 October 1950

Education and Professional Qualifications :

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

Occupation : Merchant

Public Service :

- ♦ Chairman, Panel on Home Affairs, Legislative Council
- ♦ Chairman, Panel on Information Policy, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- ♦ Member, Selection Committee for the First Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- ♦ Hong Kong District Affairs Adviser
- ♦ Central Committee Member, Hong Kong Progressive Alliance
- ♦ Political Consultative Member, Fujian Province, Quanzhou and Jinjiang Municipalities
- ♦ Director and Deputy Secretary General, Board of Directors, Overseas Chinese University of China
- ♦ Permanent Honorary Chairman, South China Athletics Association

- ♦ Honorary Vice President, Hong Kong Federation of Women
- ♦ Honorary Chairman, Hong Kong Eastern District Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- ♦ Director, Fujian Middle School
- ♦ Vice Chairman, the Fukienese Association
- ♦ Permanent Honorary Chairman, Gee Tuck General Association Hong Kong Limited
- ♦ Vice Chairman, Jinjiang Clans Association of Hong Kong
- ♦ Executive Director, the Hong Kong Overseas Chinese General Association
- ♦ Honorary Chairman, Hong Kong Youth Association

CHENG Kar-foo, Andrew

Date of Birth : 28 April 1960

Education and Professional Qualifications : B.A., MA., PCLL., Practising Solicitor

Occupation : Solicitor

Public Service :

- ♦ Member, Provisional Southern District Board (1994 - present)
- ♦ Member, Legislative Council (1995-97)
- ♦ Member, Home School Cooperation Committee, Department of Education (1994 - present)

SZETO Wah

Date of Birth : 28 February 1931

Education and Professional Qualifications :

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

Occupation : Full-time Legislator

Public Service :

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

FOK Tsun-ting, Timothy, SBS, JP

Date of Birth : 14 February 1946

Education and Professional Qualifications : University of Southern California, USA

Occupation : Merchant

Public Service :

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

LAW Chi-kwong, JP

Date of Birth : 1 November 1953

Education and Professional Qualifications : B.Soc. Sc., M.S.W., M.B.A., D.S.W., R.S.W.

Occupation : Social Work Teacher

Public Service :

- ♦ Member, Legislative Council (Social Welfare Functional Constituency) (1995-97)
- ♦ Member, Social Welfare Advisory Committee (1995 - present)
- ♦ Member, Advisory Committee on Social Work Training and Manpower Planning (1995 - present)
- ♦ Board Member, Hong Kong Social Workers Association (1982-86, 1988-90, 1995 - present)
- ♦ Board Member, Social Workers Board of Registration (1997 - present)
- ♦ Executive Committee Member, Hong Kong Council of Social Service (1990-94, 1995 - present)
- ♦ Chairman, Committee on Client Information Systems, Hong Kong Council of Social Service (1991 - present)
- ♦ Member, Social Work Training and Manpower Planning Community, Hong Kong Council of Social Service (1982-86, 1991-95, 1996 - present)
- ♦ Chairman, Information Technology Committee, Hong Kong Council of Social Service (1998 - present)
- ♦ Chairman, Senior Citizen Home Safety Association (1996 - present)
- ♦ Member, Research and Development Committee, Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups (1993 - present)
- ♦ Member, Management Committee, Hong Kong Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association (1998 - present)
- ♦ Honorary Secretary, Democratic Party (1994 - present)

TAM Yiu-chung, GBS

Date of Birth : 15 December 1949

Education and Professional Qualifications :

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

Occupation :

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

Public Service :

- ♦ Chairman, Panel on Public Service, Legislative Council
- ♦ Member, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- ♦ Member, Executive Council
- ♦ Member, Preparatory Committee for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1995-97)
- ♦ Chairman, Employees Retraining Board
- ♦ Chairman, Elderly Commission
- ♦ Member, Vocational Training Board
- ♦ Member, Standing Commission on Civil Service Salaries and Conditions of Service
- ♦ Member, Complaints Committee, Independent Commission Against Corruption

FUNG Chi-kin

(since 16.10.98)

Date of Birth : 9 June 1949

Education and Professional Qualifications :

- ♦ Secondary Level
- ♦ Securities Dealer

Occupation : Securities Managing Director

Public Service :

- ♦ Vice President, Chinese Gold and Silver Exchange Society
- ♦ Standing Committee Member, Chinese General Chamber of Commerce
- ♦ Vice President, Hong Kong Association for the Advancement of Real Estate and Construction Technology Limited
- ♦ Member, Selection Committee for the First Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- ♦ Member, Election Committee (Financial Services) of the First Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- ♦ Council Member, Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (1991-97)
- ♦ Vice Chairman, Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (1993-95, 1996-97)
- ♦ Director, Hong Kong Futures Exchange Limited (1991-94)
- ♦ Director, Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited (1992-94)
- ♦ Hong Kong Affairs Adviser (1995-97)

TANG Siu-tong, JP

(01.07.98 - 03.09.98; 29.10.98 - present)

Date of Birth : 26 September 1942

Education and Professional Qualifications :

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

Occupation : Medical Practitioner

Public Service :

- ♦ Deputy Chairman, Panel on Planning, Lands & Works, Legislative Council
- ♦ Chairman, Panel on Health Services, Provisional Legislative Council (1997-98)
- ♦ Member, Legislative Council (Elected Member - New Territories West Constituency) (1992-95)
- ♦ Member, Provisional Regional Council
- ♦ Member, Regional Council (1986-88)
- ♦ District Board Member (1980-91)
- ♦ Member, Administrative Appeal Board
- ♦ Member, Hospital Governing Committee, Tuen Mun Hospital
- ♦ Permanent Adviser and former Chairman, Pok Oi Hospital
- ♦ Hong Kong Affairs Adviser
- ♦ Council Member, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- ♦ Justice of the Peace

*Appendix 3***BILLS PASSED**

BILL TITLE	GAZETTE DATE	1ST READING DATE	2ND & 3RD READING DATE
1. Holidays (Amendment) Bill 1998	26.6.98	8.7.98	9.9.98
2. Evidence (Amendment) Bill 1998	3.7.98	15.7.98	13.1.99
3. Supplementary Appropriation (1997-98) Bill 1998	10.7.98	15.7.98	29.7.98
4. Fisheries Protection (Amendment) Bill 1998	10.7.98	22.7.98	14.10.98
5. Securities (Amendment) Bill 1998	24.7.98	29.7.98	18.11.98
6. Hotel Accommodation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 1998	4.9.98	16.9.98	9.12.98
7. Securities (Insider Dealing) (Amendment) Bill 1998	4.9.98	23.9.98	6.1.99
8. Bankruptcy (Amendment) Bill 1998	18.9.98	30.9.98	11.11.98
9. Lifts and Escalators (Safety) (Amendment) Bill 1998	18.9.98	30.9.98	20.1.99
10. Adaptation of Laws Bill 1998	30.9.98	14.10.98	28.4.99
11. Adaptation of Laws (No. 2) Bill 1998	30.9.98	14.10.98	31.3.99
12. Introduction of the Euro Bill	9.10.98	4.11.98	16.12.98
13. Immigration (Amendment) (No.2) Bill 1998	23.10.98	4.11.98	27.1.99
14. Adaptation of Laws (No. 3) Bill 1998	23.10.98	11.11.98	31.3.99
15. Adaptation of Laws (No. 4) Bill 1998	23.10.98	11.11.98	31.3.99
16. Adaptation of Laws (No. 6) Bill 1998	30.10.98	11.11.98	31.3.99
17. Marriage (Certificate of Absence of Marriage Record) Bill 1998	30.10.98	11.11.98	27.1.99

18.	Business Registration (Amendment) Bill 1998	30.10.98	11.11.98	13.1.99
19.	Industrial Training (Clothing Industry) (Amendment) Bill 1998	23.10.98	18.11.98	16.12.98
20.	Adaptation of Laws (No. 8) Bill 1998	6.11.98	18.11.98	7.7.99
21.	Adaptation of Laws (No. 10) Bill 1998	20.11.98	2.12.98	2.6.99
22.	Theft (Amendment) Bill 1998	20.11.98	2.12.98	7.7.99
23.	Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill 1998	20.11.98	2.12.98	16.7.99
24.	Film Censorship (Amendment) Bill 1998	27.11.98	9.12.98	10.3.99
25.	District Councils Bill	11.12.98	16.12.98	11.3.99
26.	Adaptation of Laws (No. 12) Bill 1998	11.12.98	6.1.99	7.7.99
27.	Adaptation of Laws (No. 13) Bill 1998	18.12.98	6.1.99	16.6.99
28.	Adaptation of Laws (No. 14) Bill 1998	18.12.98	6.1.99	23.6.99
29.	Adaptation of Laws (No. 15) Bill 1998	18.12.98	6.1.99	16.6.99
30.	Adaptation of Laws (No. 17) Bill 1998	24.12.98	6.1.99	19.5.99
31.	Human Organ Transplant (Amendment) Bill 1999	8.1.99	13.1.99	10.2.99
32.	Adaptation of Laws (No. 18) Bill 1998	24.12.98	20.1.99	23.6.99
33.	Factories and Industrial Undertakings (Amendment) Bill 1999	15.1.99	27.1.99	16.7.99
34.	Adaptation of Laws Bill 1999	15.1.99	27.1.99	7.7.99
35.	Chinese Medicine Bill	22.1.99	3.2.99	14.7.99
36.	Legislative Council (Amendment) Bill 1999	29.1.99	3.2.99	15.7.99
37.	Adaptation of Laws (No. 4) Bill 1999	29.1.99	10.2.99	16.7.99
38.	Disciplined Services Welfare Funds Legislation (Amendment) Bill 1999	29.1.99	10.2.99	16.7.99
39.	Appropriation Bill 1999	26.2.99	3.3.99	31.3.99

40.	Companies (Amendment) Bill 1999	19.2.99	10.3.99	23.6.99
41.	Adaptation of Laws (No. 6) Bill 1999	26.2.99	10.3.99	19.5.99
42.	Adaptation of Laws (No. 7) Bill 1999	26.2.99	10.3.99	23.6.99
43.	Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Bill	19.3.99	31.3.99	7.7.99
44.	Merchant Shipping (Prevention and Control of Pollution) (Amendment) Bill 1999	19.3.99	31.3.99	12.5.99
45.	Prevention of Bribery (Amendment) Bill 1999	19.3.99	31.3.99	2.6.99
46.	Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 1999	19.3.99	31.3.99	2.6.99
47.	Labour Tribunal (Amendment) Bill 1999	9.4.99	21.4.99	16.6.99
48.	Small Claims Tribunal (Amendment) Bill 1999	9.4.99	21.4.99	16.6.99
49.	Revenue Bill 1999	9.4.99	21.4.99	8.7.99
50.	Hong Kong War Memorial Pensions (Amendment) Bill 1999	9.4.99	21.4.99	7.7.99
51.	Insurance Companies (Amendment) Bill 1999	16.4.99	28.4.99	16.7.99
52.	Adaptation of Laws (No. 11) Bill 1999	16.4.99	5.5.99	2.6.99
*53.	Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Hospital Incorporation (Amendment) Bill 1999	12.2.99 & 19.2.99	12.5.99	26.5.99
54.	Adaptation of Laws (No. 14) Bill 1999	7.5.99	19.5.99	23.6.99
55.	Tax Reserve Certificates (Amendment) Bill 1999	7.5.99	19.5.99	2.6.99
56.	Road Tunnels (Government) (Amendment) Bill 1999	7.5.99	26.5.99	16.7.99
57.	Banking (Amendment) Bill 1999	14.5.99	26.5.99	7.7.99
58.	Roads and Tunnels Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 1999	14.5.99	26.5.99	16.6.99

59.	Volunteer and Naval Volunteer Pensions (Amendment) Bill 1999	28.5.99	2.6.99	30.6.99
60.	Adaptation of Laws (No. 15) Bill 1999	28.5.99	9.6.99	30.6.99
61.	Import and Export (Amendment) Bill 1999	4.6.99	16.6.99	7.7.99
62.	Protection of Non-Government Certificates of Origin (Amendment) Bill 1999	4.6.99	16.6.99	7.7.99
63.	Occupational Retirement Schemes (Amendment) Bill 1999	4.6.99	16.6.99	16.7.99
64.	Lingnan University Bill	17.6.99	23.6.99	16.7.99
65.	Supplementary Appropriation (1998-99) Bill 1999	17.6.99	23.6.99	16.7.99
66.	Adaptation of Laws (No. 18) Bill 1999	17.6.99	23.6.99	16.7.99

* Member's Bill

Appendix 4

MOTION DEBATES HELD

<u>Date of meeting</u>	<u>Subject of Motion and Mover</u>	<u>Wording of Motion and Result</u>
8 July 1998	<p>“Alleviating the hardship of people’s livelihood” moved by Hon CHAN Kam-lam</p> <p>amendment proposed by Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee</p>	<p>The motion as amended by Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee: “That, as Hong Kong has entered a period of economic adjustment, this Council urges the Government to face up to the serious impact of the continued economic downturn on people’s livelihood and take the following immediate and effective measures to alleviate such hardship:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. freeze the rents for public housing flats for one year across the board and reduce the rents for commercial premises in public housing estates and Government-owned commercial premises, including the wholesale food markets in Hong Kong and factory buildings, by 30%;2. reduce the petrol tax by 30%;3. return 20% of the salaries tax and profits tax paid for the year 1996-97; and4. establish a Social Welfare Services Development Fund to implement its commitments to social welfare services, and increase employment opportunities; <p>at the same time, the Government should also formulate a long-term industrial policy to advance Hong Kong’s economic development.” was carried.</p>

8 July 1998

“Unemployment” moved by
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung

The motion: “That, in view of the continued rise in the unemployment rate to an all-time high in 15 years, this Council is of the view that, to ameliorate the unemployment situation in the territory in the long run, the Government must abandon its previous policy direction of blindly pursuing a ‘bubble economy’, and should actively develop local industries as well as high-technology and high value-added industries; furthermore, to help the hundreds of thousands of currently unemployed persons tide over these difficult times and re-join the labour market, this Council urges the Government to adopt the following measures immediately:

1. create more employment opportunities by increasing the manpower resources in the social services, medical and educational fields;
2. make immediate provisions for the creation of temporary posts and assist the unemployed in getting employment as soon as possible;
3. put a halt to the Supplementary Labour Scheme;
4. speed up the progress of infrastructural projects and promptly implement other planned transport and infrastructural projects;
5. introduce legislation to require employers to consult labour unions or employee representatives before resorting to layoffs, so as to reduce the number of people laid off as far as possible;
6. provide financial assistance to the unemployed; and
7. raise the amount of subsidy granted to participants in retraining programmes.” was negatived.

15 July 1998	<p>“Direct elections” moved by Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo</p> <p>amendments proposed by Hon Gary CHENG Kai-nam and Hon Christine LOH</p>	<p>The original motion: “That this Council is of the view that all Members of the Second Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region should be directly elected in the year 2000, and that the Chief Executive for the second term of office should be directly elected in the year 2002.” and the proposed amendments to the motion were negatived.</p>
15 July 1998	<p>“Rescuing the service industry” moved by Hon CHOY So-yuk</p> <p>amendment proposed by Hon SIN Chung-kai</p>	<p>The motion as amended by Hon SIN Chung-kai: “That, despite the fact that the service industry is an important economic pillar of Hong Kong, numerous flaws exist in the legislation and policies on many trades, leading to an increasing reduction of its competitiveness internationally, which is aggravated by the exacerbated plight of a considerable number of main service trades in the wake of the Asian financial turmoil, this Council urges the Government to face up to this problem by consulting various trades and industries to seek their views and adopt effective and targeted policies and measures immediately, in order to improve the business environment of the service industry and relieve its plight, promote better use of information technology by the industry, enhance productivity and facilitate its development into a high value-added industry, so as to raise its service quality and competitiveness; at the same time, with regard to the financial services sector, this Council expresses disappointment that officials of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government have made self-conflicting remarks and inconsistent financial policies, and urges the Government to learn the lesson and avoid making the same mistakes, thereby restoring Hong Kong’s position as an international financial, trade and service centre.” was carried.</p>

22 July 1998

“Ensuring employment opportunities for local personnel engaging in infrastructural projects” moved by Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai

amendment proposed by
Hon David CHU Yu-lin

The motion as amended by Hon David CHU Yu-lin: “That, on the premise of accelerating the implementation of infrastructural projects and creating more job opportunities in order to relieve the unemployment situation in the territory, this Council urges that the Government and public bodies (including the two railway corporations), in drawing up the tender evaluation specifications and selecting the consultancy, construction and procurement tenders for the relevant contracts, must ensure that local companies can take part and provide more employment opportunities for local expertise and workers; and if the projects require the engagement of foreign companies possessing specialized technology, then consideration must be given to the arrangements for technology transfer; this Council also urges the Government to set up a commission to formulate new specifications for tender selection, so as to put into effect the above principles and monitor their effective implementation, thereby ensuring fair competition among the people of Hong Kong.” was carried.

22 July 1998

“Restructuring Hong Kong’s economy” moved by Hon CHAN Yuen-han

amendments proposed by
Hon Christine LOH
Hon SIN Chung-kai

The original motion: “That, in view of the undue emphasis laid in recent years on the financial and real estate businesses in Hong Kong's economy, at the expense of its industrial development, resulting in a change in the local economic structure, the loss of its past diversified characteristic, as well as unprecedented employment difficulties faced by local employees, this Council urges the Government to restructure Hong Kong's economy and modify its development strategies, so as to create employment opportunities.” and the proposed amendments to the motion were negatived.

29 July 1998	<p>“Review of district organizations” moved by Hon Ambrose CHEUNG Wing-sum</p> <p>amendments proposed by Hon Fred LI Wah-ming and Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan</p>	<p>The motion as amended by Hon Fred LI Wah-ming: “That, with regard to the Consultation Document on the Review of District Organizations published in June 1998, this Council urges the Government to actively consider the proposal of ‘one municipal council and one municipal services department’ unanimously put forward by the Provisional Urban Council and the Provisional Regional Council, including charging this municipal council with the responsibility for regulating food safety and environmental hygiene, and to fully consult the various sectors of the community before making a final decision on the future development of district organizations.” was carried.</p>
29 July 1998	<p>“Central harbour reclamation” moved by Hon Christine LOH</p>	<p>The motion: “That this Council recognizes, and urges the Government to recognize, that Victoria Harbour is a unique and irreplaceable public asset, that excessive depletion of the harbour is irreversibly damaging both to the natural and human environment of Hong Kong, and that all Hong Kong people have a rightful interest in the harbour; and this Council further urges the Government to withdraw its grossly excessive plans for reclamation in the harbour; specifically, this Council urges the Government to scale down its present central reclamation plans and to ensure that further land development in the central harbour, if any, will be strictly limited, fully justified and openly planned in accordance with the letter and spirit of the Protection of the Harbour Ordinance.” was carried.</p>
9 September 1998	<p>“Attacks on the Hong Kong currency” moved by Hon Bernard CHAN</p> <p>amendment proposed by Hon Albert HO Chun-yan</p>	<p>The original motion: “That this Council urges the Government to adopt strategic and effective measures to deter further speculative attacks on the Hong Kong currency, which have immensely harmed the local economy. The adopted measures must aim to protect the integrity of the local capital markets, while maintaining investor confidence and market stability.” was carried.</p>

9 September 1998	<p>“Urban renewal” moved by Hon James TO Kun-sun</p>	<p>The motion: “That this Council urges the Housing Authority to take part in providing assistance in rehousing the tenants affected by the redevelopment projects of the Land Development Corporation or of the Urban Renewal Authority to be established in the future.” was carried.</p>
16 September 1998	<p>“Relaxing the ceiling for residential mortgage loans” moved by Hon James TIEN Pei-chun</p>	<p>The motion: “That, in view of the significant downturn in the property market in Hong Kong and the cessation of speculations on property, this Council urges the Government to relax the guideline on the 70% ceiling for residential mortgage loans, so that banks may, on the merits of individual cases and according to prudent principle, process residential mortgage lendings flexibly, with a view to assisting the public in buying their own homes.” was carried.</p>
16 September 1998	<p>“Promoting industrial development in Hong Kong” moved by Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah</p>	<p>The motion: “That, as the relocation of manufacturing industries out of Hong Kong has seriously affected employment opportunities and the balanced development of the economy in Hong Kong, this Council urges the Government to expeditiously set up an independent organization vested with administrative powers, such as an industrial technology council or an industrial technology commission, to co-ordinate and formulate a long-term industrial policy, so as to promote industrial development and economic prosperity.” was carried.</p>
23 September 1998	<p>“Relationship between the executive authorities and the legislature” moved by Hon Ambrose CHEUNG Wing-sum</p> <p>amendments proposed by Hon LEE Cheuk-yan and Hon Gary CHENG Kai-nam</p>	<p>The original motion: “That this Council urges the Government to actively improve the relationship between the executive authorities and the legislature by faithfully adhering to the principle of the executive authorities being accountable to the legislature on the constitutional basis of the Basic Law, enhancing communication and co-operation between the executive authorities and the legislature to foster mutual trust and partnership, and expeditiously instituting a co-operation mechanism for improving the relationship between the two, which should include holding regular executive-legislature coordination meetings; setting up a policy consultative committee system to</p>

enable the legislature to participate in policy discussion and formulation; as well as strengthening the decision-making structure of the executive authorities, including enlisting outside experts to serve as principal officials and making political appointments of principal officials, so that the officials concerned will assume the political responsibility and accountability commensurate with their authority.” and the proposed amendments to the motion were negatived.

23 September 1998 “Restoring confidence in Hong Kong’s air cargo service” moved by Hon Mrs Miriam LAU Kin-yee

The motion: “That, as the air cargo terminals at the Hong Kong International Airport at Chek Lap Kok failed to operate normally at the commencement of the operation of the airport and brought Hong Kong’s air cargo service almost to a standstill, resulting in substantial losses for Hong Kong’s air cargo industry and the overall economy as well as seriously tarnishing the territory’s reputation as an air cargo centre, this Council urges the Government and the Airport Authority to formulate expeditiously measures to strengthen supervision over the air cargo terminal and ensure that adequate contingency measures are in place to prevent the occurrence of incidents at the terminal from affecting Hong Kong’s air cargo operations; at the same time, the Government should review the franchise for air cargo services at the new airport and consider the introduction of positive competition as a long-term objective, so as to enhance the quality and competitiveness of Hong Kong’s air cargo service in the international arena; furthermore, the Government should also adopt expeditiously a comprehensive strategy to restore the confidence of the local and international communities in Hong Kong’s air cargo service, thereby further consolidating the territory’s position as a global air cargo hub.” was carried.

30 September 1998	<p>“Review of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority” moved by Hon Albert HO Chun-yan</p>	<p>The motion: “That, as the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) has repeatedly erred in its efforts to maintain the linked exchange rate system in the wake of speculative attacks on the Hong Kong currency since October last year, including failing to introduce timely measures to strengthen the currency board arrangements, this Council expresses strong dissatisfaction with the performance of the HKMA and urges the HKMA to learn earnestly from the lesson so as to avoid repeating the mistakes; this Council also urges the Government to review the structure and regulatory mechanism of the HKMA, with a view to enhancing its transparency and accountability.” was negatived.</p>
30 September 1998	<p>“Liberalization of the telecommunications and television markets” moved by Hon Fred LI Wah-ming</p> <p>amendments proposed by Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yea Hon MA Fung-kwok</p>	<p>The motion as amended by Hon MA Fung-kwok: “That, on the premise of ensuring the provision of a level playing field, this Council urges the Government to adopt positive measures to expeditiously implement the full liberalization of the local and external telecommunications and television markets, so as to enhance Hong Kong's status as a communications and broadcasting hub of the Asia-Pacific region; the Government should also adopt necessary measures to ensure that the operators in the telecommunications industry are committed to the industry’s development in Hong Kong, and that the operators in the broadcasting industry can promote the overall development of local culture and the filming, television and phonographic industries.” was carried.</p>
14 October 1998	<p>“Sustainable development in Hong Kong” moved by Prof Hon NG Ching-fai</p> <p>amendment proposed by Hon Christine LOH</p>	<p>The motion as amended by Hon Christine LOH: “That this Council urges the Government, in formulating public policies and development plans in future, to adopt the concept of ‘sustainable development’ as the fundamental basis for its macro-policy, and thoroughly consider and include in its policy commitments the impacts of various policies and plans on the natural and human environment, the neighbouring regions, and even the future of mankind; this Council also urges the Government to adopt a full set of indicators to measure the extent to which Hong Kong is moving towards</p>

14 October 1998	<p>“Rehousing all cage home lodgers and single persons” moved by Hon LAU Chin-shek</p>	<p>sustainable development.” was carried.</p>
21 October 1998	<p>“Motion of Thanks” moved by Dr Hon LEONG Che-hung</p> <p>amendments proposed by Hon LEE Cheuk-yan, Hon Christine LOH and Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming</p>	<p>The original motion: “That this Council thanks the Chief Executive for his address.” and the proposed amendments to the motion were negatived.</p>
11 November 1998	<p>“Encouraging public utilities companies to reduce fees” moved by Hon Gary CHENG Kai-nam</p> <p>amendment proposed by Hon James TIEN Pei-chun</p>	<p>The original motion: “That, in view of the current economic downturn in Hong Kong, the high unemployment rate, and the heavy burden on people’s livelihood, this Council urges the Government to understand the public’s sentiments and actively encourage public utilities companies providing transport, energy and other services to reduce their fees and to urge these companies not to lay off or reduce the salaries of their employees because of the fee reduction.” and the proposed amendment to the motion were negatived.</p>

11 November 1998	<p>“Developing Hong Kong’s tourism industry” moved by Hon David CHU Yu-lin</p> <p>amendment proposed by Hon Howard YOUNG</p>	<p>The motion as amended by Hon Howard YOUNG: “That this Council urges the Government to expeditiously implement the various measures for developing Hong Kong’s tourism industry vigorously, including striving for the best terms for constructing and operating world-class theme parks in Hong Kong; in addition, the Government should expeditiously appoint a Commissioner for Tourism, and to ensure that the Commissioner is given the appropriate authority and resources to co-ordinate the work of all the relevant Government departments in facilitating tourism, so as to promote the development and enhance the long-term competitiveness of Hong Kong’s tourism industry.” was carried.</p>
18 November 1998	<p>“Amending legislation to regulate wage reduction” moved by Hon CHAN Wing-chan</p> <p>amendment proposed by Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo</p>	<p>The original motion: “That, in view of the successive cases of private companies reducing their employees’ wages and benefits on the grounds of cutting costs, this Council urges the Government to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) expeditiously amend the Employment Ordinance, with a view to ensuring that employees will be given sufficient time to consider the changes in the conditions of employment initiated by employers, and stipulating that employers must give an undertaking to revert their employees’ wages and benefits to the original levels after the companies have tided over the period of difficulties; and in circumstances where employees have to be laid off or made redundant, their severance payments and long service payments should be calculated on the basis of their original wages before reduction; and (ii) amend the Protection of Wages on Insolvency Ordinance to stipulate that ex gratia payments should be calculated on the basis of the employees’ existing wages or their wages before reduction, whichever is higher.” and the proposed amendment to the motion were negatived.

18 November 1998	<p>“Resumption of land sales” moved by Hon LEE Wing-tat</p> <p>amendments proposed by Hon Ronald ARCULLI Hon LAU Kong-wah</p>	<p>The motion as amended by Hon LAU Kong-wah: “That this Council urges the Government to resume land sales in April 1999, and to review the current mode of land sales with a view to introducing a flexible mechanism whereby the future provision of land can be adjusted according to the demand and supply in the market, so as to meet the needs for land and housing and in doing so, to stabilize Government revenue.” was carried.</p>
25 November 1998	<p>“Information technology strategy” moved by Hon SIN Chung-kai</p> <p>amendment proposed by Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung</p>	<p>The original motion: “That this Council urges the Government to speed up the implementation of Digital 21 and to substantiate this information technology (IT) strategy with a comprehensive and integrated plan which should encompass participation of various Government bureaux, the business sector and the academia and put emphasis on education, training and promotion of IT literacy, with a view to transforming Hong Kong into a digital city; furthermore, the Government should ensure interoperability and interconnection of Hong Kong’s IT infrastructure, protect intellectual property rights and encourage the private sector to take a lead in IT development by ensuring an open market and fair competition.” was carried.</p>
25 November 1998	<p>"Improving air quality" moved by Hon Edward HO Sing-tin</p> <p>amendment proposed by Hon Christine LOH</p>	<p>The original motion: “That, in view of the seriousness of Hong Kong’s air pollution problem whilst the Government’s proposed scheme to replace diesel vehicles is progressing too slowly and not sufficiently comprehensive to safeguard public health, this Council urges the Government to expeditiously formulate long-term and comprehensive measures to improve the air quality, including offering adequate financial incentives to encourage the taxi trade to switch to the use of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) expeditiously; examining the feasibility of introducing LPG or other environment-friendly fuels for use by other types of vehicles; conducting researches on mechanical installations that can reduce exhaust emissions and enhancing vehicle maintenance standards; studying the feasibility of introducing pollution-free public transport; launching large scale tree-planting campaigns; making the reduction</p>

of demand for vehicular transportation a key town-planning consideration; and strengthening the co-operation with neighbouring regions in the Mainland with a view to alleviating the cross-border air pollution problems.” was carried.

2 December 1998 “Promoting the development of the agriculture and fisheries industries” moved by Hon WONG Yung-kan

The motion: “That this Council urges the Government to promote the sustained development of Hong Kong's agriculture and fisheries industries and expeditiously establish a research institute on agriculture and fisheries, so that the industries can follow closely the world trend of developing technologically-advanced and high value-added modes of production, and to formulate a long-term agriculture and fisheries development strategy, in order to ensure that the industries contribute to Hong Kong’s economy.” was carried.

2 December 1998 “The Government’s Scheme of Control Agreements with the two power companies” moved by Hon Fred LI Wah-ming

The motion: “That this Council urges the Government to abolish, in the year 2008, the profit control schemes made respectively with the China Light and Power Company Limited (“CLP”) and the Hongkong Electric Company Limited (“HEC”), so as to fully implement the opening up of the electricity supply market, and also urges the Government to expeditiously implement, in the meantime, the proposal to increase the interconnection capacity between CLP and HEC, so that the transfer of electricity between the two power companies can be extended, with a view to reducing the electricity reserve margin for the whole of Hong Kong, minimizing electricity wastage, deferring the implementation of HEC’s proposal to build additional electricity generating capacity, and preparing for the introduction of market competition in future; furthermore, this Council also requests the Government to seek actively to amend those provisions in the two power companies’ Scheme of Control Agreements that are against consumers’ interests, and to lower their permitted rate of return on average net fixed assets, so as to safeguard consumers’ interests.” was negatived.

9 December 1998	<p>“The repealed labour ordinances” moved by Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo</p>	<p>The motion: “That, as the Provisional Legislative Council (PLC) repealed the Employment (Amendment) (No. 4) Ordinance 1997 and the Employee’s Rights to Representation, Consultation and Collective Bargaining Ordinance and amended the Trade Unions (Amendment) (No. 2) Ordinance 1997, thereby breaching the International Labour Convention and the Basic Law, this Council deeply regrets the actions of the PLC and the Government, and urges the Government to immediately submit to this Council for reconsideration those pieces of labour legislation that have been repealed or amended, so as to safeguard the basic rights of the labour force.” was negated.</p>
9 December 1998	<p>“The HKSAR’s judicial jurisdiction” moved by Hon Martin LEE Chu- ming</p> <p>amendment proposed by Hon Mrs Miriam LAU Kin-yee</p>	<p>The original motion: “That this Council deeply regrets that, while the cases involving the kidnapping of two business tycoons in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (“SAR”) and the murder of five persons in Telford Gardens, which are being handled in the Mainland in accordance with the Criminal Law of the People’s Republic of China, have caused widespread concern among Hong Kong people, the SAR Government has not tried its utmost to seek the return of those who are suspected of violating the law in the SAR for trial in the SAR courts so as to safeguard the judicial jurisdiction conferred on the SAR by the Basic Law; this Council also urges the SAR Government to expeditiously discuss and conclude an agreement with the Central People’s Government, on the basis of internationally accepted principles, on rendition arrangements between the Mainland and the SAR, so as to restore the public’s confidence in the SAR’s judicial jurisdiction.” and the proposed amendment to the motion were negated.</p>

16 December 1998	<p>“Combating pirated compact discs” moved by Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye</p> <p>amendments proposed by Hon Christine LOH and Hon CHAN Kam-lam</p>	<p>The original motion: “That, in view of the recent proliferation of pirated compact discs in various districts, this Council urges the Government to immediately review the existing policies and strengthen the co-ordination of various law enforcement authorities, so as to combat more effectively the manufacture, importation and sale of pirated video, music and software compact discs; furthermore, the Government should strengthen its publicity and education programmes with a view to making the public aware that the infringement of intellectual property rights is immoral; this Council also urges the Government to actively consider amending the relevant legislation in order to empower the law enforcement authorities to prosecute those engaged in the pirated recording of movies in cinemas and consider the imposition of fines on purchasers of pirated compact discs, thereby achieving deterrent effects.” was carried.</p>
16 December 1998	<p>“Reducing the weight of schoolbags” moved by Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong</p>	<p>The motion: “That, in view of the long-standing problem of Hong Kong school children carrying overweight schoolbags, which has seriously affected their health and learning, this Council urges the Government to formulate appropriate education policies and measures with emphasis on promoting curriculum reform, reducing both the volume and weight of textbooks and exercise books, and improving the facilities and provision of space in schools, etc.; at the same time, schools and parents should also make concerted efforts to reduce the weight of schoolbags and the pressure of homework on school children, in order to protect their physical and mental health.” was carried.</p>
6 January 1999	<p>“Organ donation” moved by Hon LAU Chin-shek</p>	<p>The motion: “That this Council urges the Government to legislate for the implementation of the “opt-out scheme for organ donation” to ensure that needy patients can undergo organ transplants surgery early and, prior to the implementation of the opt-out scheme, the Government should adopt administrative measures to indicate the wish of donors on their personal documents such as identity cards or driving licences, so that their wish to</p>

6 January 1999	<p>“Reviewing the waste management policy” moved by Hon CHOY So-yuk</p> <p>amendment proposed by Hon Christine LOH</p>	<p>donate their organs after death is stated more clearly.” was negatived.</p> <p>The original motion: “That this Council urges the Government to immediately review the waste management policy and, under the principle of sustainable development, to consider setting up a Renewable Resources Centre, with a view to systematically take measures to assist the development of waste paper and other recycling industries, including widely consulting the industries concerned, environmental protection and labour organizations as well as other relevant bodies, expeditiously reviewing the waste disposal charging scheme, actively considering the alternative of collecting a recovery deposit from waste producers for the purpose of establishing a recycling fund, and encouraging the recycling sector to develop environmental protection industries geared to local needs, thereby creating employment opportunities for the underprivileged in the community; at the same time, additional supporting facilities should be introduced expeditiously to facilitate the separation and recovery of waste by the public; the Government should also enhance environmental protection education among government officials and the public, and require all government departments to give priority to the use of recycled products wherever possible, in order to achieve ultimately the desirable results of enhancing the effectiveness of environmental protection, revitalizing the local market for environmental protection industries, improving the investment environment for the recycling industries and their competitiveness internationally, saving the Government’s resources and creating employment opportunities.” was carried.</p>
13 January 1999	<p>“Review of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme” moved by Dr Hon YEUNG Sum</p> <p>amendment proposed by Hon CHAN Kam-lam</p>	<p>The original motion: “That this Council is disappointed that under the pretext of helping Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients to become self-reliant, the Government’s review of the CSSA Scheme is in effect to tighten the Scheme; at the same time, this Council urges the Government to adopt the following measures in order to attain its established policy objectives and continue to provide the necessary support to CSSA recipients:</p>

1. to withdraw the proposal for reducing the CSSA standard rates for three-person households;
2. to continue to provide the various special grants to CSSA recipients, including the burial grant and the grant for spectacles;
3. to redeploy the resources proposed by the Government for arranging unpaid work for CSSA recipients to provide comprehensive employment services, in order to make optimum use of these resources;
4. to provide comprehensive employment services to CSSA recipients, including assessment of employment skills, provision of training and employment counselling service; and
5. to withdraw the proposal that rigidly requires CSSA single-parents to seek full-time employment when their youngest child reaches the age of 12, and to allow these parents to take up part-time jobs, receive education or training.” and the proposed amendment to the motion were negatived.

13 January 1999

“Developing continuing education”
moved by Hon TAM Yiu-chung

The motion: “That, in order to enhance the competitiveness of Hong Kong people individually and as a community, this Council urges the Special Administrative Region Government to conduct a study on the establishment of a continuing education commission, to review the existing continuing education mechanism, to formulate both long-term and short-term objectives and strategies for the development of continuing education, to institute a transparent mechanism for the accreditation of academic qualifications as well as an integrated qualification ladder, to set up a fund for the development of continuing education, to support and assist organizations and institutions to provide a variety of learning programmes, to encourage employers to increase investment in human resources, and to promote learning incentive schemes to

encourage people to actively pursue further studies, so as to create a liberal and open learning environment, motivate individuals to learn on their own initiative, and facilitate the development of Hong Kong into a learning-based community.” was carried.

20 January 1999 “Right and freedom of Hong Kong residents to strike” moved by Hon CHAN Wing-chan

amendment proposed by Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung

The original motion: “That, whereas Article 27 of the Basic Law provides that Hong Kong residents shall have the right and freedom to strike, employers may, by virtue of section 9 of the Employment Ordinance (Cap. 57), dismiss their employees who go on strike or take industrial action without notice or payment in lieu of notice; that section is clearly in contravention of Article 27 of the Basic Law, this Council urges the Government to expeditiously amend the Employment Ordinance to give effect to the right and freedom of Hong Kong residents to strike, as conferred by the Basic Law.” and the proposed amendment to the motion were negatived.

20 January 1999 “Comprehensive review of the Target Oriented Curriculum” moved by Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung

The motion: “That, as there have been doubts about the effectiveness of the Target Oriented Curriculum (TOC) since its implementation, this Council urges the Government to suspend the implementation of the TOC in Primary Five classes in September this year and expeditiously conduct a comprehensive review of the TOC to decide the way forward for the Curriculum, so as to truly improve the overall quality of students and promote the development of quality education.” was carried.

27 January 1999 “South East Kowloon Development” moved by Hon Christine LOH

amendment proposed by Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing

The motion as amended by Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing: “That this Council urges the Government to revise the proposal for the development of South East Kowloon, undertake a thorough consultation process and formulate a plan which is both visionary and sustainable and seeks to provide livable communities to meet the public’s 21st century expectations; the area to be reclaimed under the plan should be reduced to protect the harbour’s resources; the Government should also carry out urban renewal expeditiously in the northern part of the site in recognition of the urgent public housing needs and

to provide the space required for resettling the residents displaced in the process of redeveloping some of the other older parts of Kowloon; at the same time, there must be a comprehensive railway development programme to ensure that the construction of the railway network synchronizes with the development of the area.” was carried.

27 January 1999 “Anti-monopolization” moved by
Hon LEE Wing-tat

The motion: “That, as the Government vetoed the proposal for enacting a fair competition law in 1997 and set up the Competition Policy Advisory Group instead, but the Group has failed to put forward any measure to deal with unfair competition in various sectors such as energy, freight services, telecommunications, broadcasting and banking, thereby seriously impairing the interests of industrial and commercial enterprises and the public, this Council urges the Government to expeditiously enact a fair competition law and remove the unfair market barriers, so as to encourage enterprises to innovate and promote consumers’ rights and interests.” was negatived.

3 February 1999 “Report of the Select Committee”
moved by Hon Mrs Selina CHOW
LIANG Shuk-ye

The motion: “That this Council endorses the Report of the 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.” was carried.

10 February 1999 “Promoting the economy” moved
by
Hon SIN Chung-kai

amendments proposed by
Hon Christine LOH and
Hon CHAN Kam-lam

The original motion: “That, in the face of Hong Kong’s economic downturn, high unemployment rate and declining competitiveness, and with a view to restoring the momentum of Hong Kong’s economic growth, this Council urges the Government to adopt the following measures to boost consumer spending, promote innovation and re-create talents:

1. draw up a deficit budget for the financial year 1999-2000;
2. rebate part of the salaries tax and profits tax received;
3. waive the rates for one quarter in 1999;
4. reduce the fees charged by Government-owned public utilities and freeze

- government charges;
- 5. improve the Special Finance Scheme for small and medium enterprises to ease their liquidity difficulties;
- 6. set up a ‘start-up capital loan fund’ to give impetus to the establishment of innovative enterprises and increase job opportunities;
- 7. encourage enterprises to provide on-the-job training for their employees by offering tax incentives for employee training; and
- 8. motivate young graduates to pursue further studies and enhance their own competitiveness by providing an incentive in the form of ‘training vouchers’.” was carried.

10 February 1999	<p>“Prices of fuel” moved by Hon Mrs Miriam LAU Kin-ye</p> <p>amendment proposed by Hon Fred LI Wah-ming</p>	<p>The original motion: “That, in order that fuel prices can soon be reduced across the board and maintained at a reasonable level, this Council urges the Government to adopt comprehensive measures, including immediately reducing fuel duty, continuing to negotiate with oil companies for price reduction; lowering the land premium and rental costs of filling stations by granting more land designated for such stations; opening up the retail fuel market to introduce price competition; and, under the principle of not affecting commercial operations, encouraging oil companies to enhance the transparency in the determination of oil prices.” and the proposed amendment to the motion were negatived.</p>
10 March 1999	<p>“Civil service’s culture and efficiency” moved by Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung</p>	<p>The motion: “That in the light of the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Reports of Public Accounts Committee upon the Director of Audit’s Report Nos. 30 & 31, this Council urges the Government to take note of the views expressed by Members of this Council on the culture, efficiency and frugality of the civil service.” was carried.</p>
10 March 1999	<p>“Vote of no confidence in the Secretary for Justice” moved by Hon Margaret NG</p>	<p>The motion: “That this Council has no confidence in the Secretary for Justice.” was negatived.</p>

21 April 1999	<p>“Establishment of a Culture Commission” moved by Hon MA Fung-kwok</p> <p>amendment proposed by Hon Ambrose CHEUNG Wing-sum</p>	<p>The original motion: “That this Council urges the Government to set up an independent and highly-transparent Culture Commission to formulate cultural policies, promote cultural development and take charge of resource allocations in this respect; its members should comprise individuals who are representative of the cultural and arts sectors, representatives of cultural and arts groups, professionals in the education field, representatives of councils, members of the public who are concerned about cultural development, and officials of relevant policy bureaux; an appropriations committee should be formed under the Commission to allocate funds to various arts groups and to cultural and arts activities organized by Government and non-Government organizations, and various management committees should also be formed to manage libraries, antiquities and monuments, museums, venues and facilities, as well as to coordinate cultural activities” and the proposed amendment to the motion were negatived.</p>
21 April 1999	<p>“Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women” moved by Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing</p>	<p>The motion: “That this Council urges the Administration to make every effort to implement expeditiously the numerous recommendations of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, contained in the Committee’s concluding comments published after the hearing held on 2 February 1999 on the Initial Report on the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.” was carried.</p>
28 April 1999	<p>“New arrivals from the Mainland” moved by Hon LAW Chi-kwong</p> <p>amendment proposed by Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee</p>	<p>The original motion: “That, in anticipation of the arrival of hundreds of thousands of eligible persons from the Mainland to settle in Hong Kong following the judgment of the Court of Final Appeal (CFA), which was made according to the provisions in the Basic Law, this Council urges the Government:</p> <p>(a) to collaborate with the Mainland authorities to expeditiously formulate</p>

and promulgate the new procedure for vetting and approving Certificate of Entitlement (C of E) applications in accordance with the judgment of the CFA and the spirit of the Basic Law, verify the status of C of E applicants and issue the C of E within a reasonable period of time, so as to discourage those persons who have the right of abode (ROA) in Hong Kong but whose status has not been verified from entering Hong Kong illegally;

- (b) to make arrangements for persons with the ROA, without prejudice to the exercise of their right, to decide for themselves whether or when to settle in Hong Kong after being issued with the C of E; and

to give new arrivals the right to enjoy social welfare in accordance with the law, assist them in becoming self-dependent and integrating into the community as soon as possible, and adopt measures to eliminate any possible discrimination and misunderstanding towards them.” and the proposed amendment to the motion were negatived.

28 April 1999

“Labour Day” moved by
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan

amendment proposed by
Hon CHAN Wing-chan

The original motion: “That, on the eve of Labour Day, this Council worries that the promotion and adoption of a flexible appointment system by both the Government and the private sector may lead to a trend of ‘casualization’ and job insecurity for the wage-earning class in Hong Kong, as well as a drastic plunge in their wages, resulting in general impoverishment in the community and polarization of the rich and the poor, thereby foreshadowing a potential crisis of social instability; this Council regrets that the Government has disregarded the situation, and urges the Government to improve the quality of life for the wage-earning class by adopting positive measures, including:

- (a) instituting a statutory collective bargaining system and strengthening the protection for employees participating in trade union activities;

(b) setting a minimum wage to safeguard the basic livelihood of employees;
and

conducting a review of the tax system in Hong Kong with a view to reducing the disparity between the rich and the poor.” and the proposed amendment to the motion were negatived.

5 May 1999	“Consultancy Report on Health Care Financing” moved by Dr Hon LEONG Che-hung amendment proposed by Hon Michael HO Mun-ka amendment to amendment proposed by Hon CHAN Yuen-han	The original motion: “That this Council urges the people of Hong Kong to respond positively to the report, “Improving Hong Kong's Health Care System: Why and For Whom?”, so as to push a reform of our health care policies and structure that can be sustained in the next century; assure affordable, accessible and equitable quality care for the public; and build up Hong Kong as a healthy community.” was carried.
5 May 1999	“Reforming the securities and futures markets” moved by Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen amendment proposed by Hon SIN Chung-kai	The original motion: “That this Council urges that in promoting reforms of the securities and futures markets, the Government must be impartial and open-minded, face up to the worries of the industry, encourage the industry to participate in discussions on the reforms, seek consensus among various sectors of the community, promote the steady development of the financial market, as well as create a favourable investment environment and more opportunities for investors in the future new Exchange; furthermore, in keeping with the trends in the international financial markets, the Government should also formulate comprehensive and long-term development strategies with a view to enhancing the competitiveness of Hong Kong’s financial services industry internationally.” was carried.
12 May 1999	“Condemning NATO” moved by Dr Hon LEONG Che-hung	The motion: “That this Council strongly condemns NATO for bombing our Embassy in Yugoslavia.” was carried.

19 May 1999	“The 4 June incident” moved by Hon SZETO Wah	The motion: “That this Council commemorates the tenth anniversary of the 4 June incident, mourns for those compatriots who died in the incident, and considers that the pro-democracy movement in 1989 must be vindicated.” was negatived.
26 May 1999	“Interpretation of the Basic Law” moved by Hon Albert HO Chun-yan	The motion: “That, in order to uphold the principles of ‘one country, two systems’, a high degree of autonomy and judicial independence, this Council objects to the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress interpreting those articles of the Basic Law relating to the limits of the autonomy of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.” was negatived.
26 May 1999	“Promoting extensive use of English” moved by Hon James TIEN Pei-chun	The motion: “That, as an excellent command and the extensive use of English is pivotal in maintaining and enhancing Hong Kong’s status as an international city and centre of trade, commerce and finance, this Council urges the Government to adopt comprehensive measures to improve the standard of English as well as increase its use in Hong Kong; such measures include better training and development of local teachers of English, promoting and encouraging the learning and extensive use of English in schools, the business and professional sectors, government departments and the community.” was carried.
2 June 1999	“Problem of youngster gangs” moved by Hon HO Sai-chu	The motion: “That, in view of the increasing seriousness of the problem of youngster gangs, this Council urges the Government to thoroughly examine the causes of the problem and adopt a comprehensive package of measures to protect the development of young people, including: (a) strengthening the communication and co-operation among the police, schools and social service agencies to ensure that youngsters at risk and their families can receive proper care and counselling, including conducting educational programmes for parents to instil into them

knowledge in family education and to urge them to attach importance to the care and education of their children and, at the same time, extending to other districts in Hong Kong the various schemes being implemented in some districts for youngsters at risk;

- (b) facing up to the unemployment problem among young people and providing temporary jobs for the unemployed youths as far as possible;
- (c) building the newly-developed and re-developed communities into multi-stratum communities through town planning, and adopting measures to prevent the emergence of crime blackspots in these communities;
- (d) determining the quantity and scale of youth service facilities in various districts flexibly after taking into full account the uniqueness of individual communities, such as their demographic structures and geographical locations;
- (e) enhancing the education on ethics, morality and the rule of law in schools, and strengthening teacher training in these regards, as well as introducing diversified curricula to provide more choices and development opportunities for students with different aptitudes;
- (f) implementing expeditiously the target of one social worker serving one school;
- (g) reviewing the current classification system and standards for printed publications with a view to preventing young people from being affected by publications containing violence and pornography, as well as adopting a classification system for electronic games containing violence and pornography; and

		(h) examining whether the penalties currently imposed on young criminals are appropriate, and strengthening rehabilitation services to assist them in developing a healthy way of living and reforming themselves.” was carried.
2 June 1999	“Naming the former Government House” moved by Hon Howard YOUNG	The motion: “That this Council urges the Government to officially name the former Government House ‘Former Government House’.” was negatived.
9 June 1999	“Civil Service Reform” moved by Hon CHAN Kwok-keung amendment proposed by Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing amendment to amendment proposed by Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong	The motion as amended by Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing: “That this Council considers that the civil service reform should: (a) include the system of accountability for senior civil servants; (b) streamline the disciplinary procedures; (c) not implement employment on agreement terms across the board; (d) consider the introduction of a provident fund system; and (e) establish a fair and open performance appraisal mechanism before introducing performance pay; and as a stable, honest, law-abiding and outstanding civil service is of great importance to Hong Kong and the civil service reform will have far-reaching implications, this Council urges the Administration to fully consider the views of the public and of the civil service.” was carried.
9 June 1999	“Developing Chinese medicine centre” moved by	The motion: “That this Council urges the Government to expeditiously formulate a comprehensive and long-term policy on the development of

Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung

Chinese medicine, so as to facilitate the development of Hong Kong into an international centre for Chinese medicine; the policy should include:

- (a) incorporating Chinese medicine into Hong Kong's public health care system;
- (b) developing Hong Kong into a centre for the co-ordination, research and development, quality control, information and promotion of Chinese medicine; and
- (c) developing Hong Kong into a centre for promoting high value-added proprietary Chinese medicine, as well as natural and health products." was carried.

16 June 1999

"Privatization of Government departments" moved by Hon LEE Cheuk-yan

amendment proposed by Hon LAU Kong-wah

The motion as amended by Hon LAU Kong-wah: "That, in view of the Government's plans to corporatize, privatize or demutualize a considerable number of Government departments and public organizations, this Council urges the Government to retain its responsibility for providing public services while striving to enhance cost-effectiveness, introduce mechanisms for competition, improve service quality and reduce its financial burden; at the same time, this Council requests the Government to clearly specify the criteria for determining which departments and organizations are suitable for corporatization, privatization or demutualization, and to face up to the impacts of such plans on the job security of the staff concerned, the quality of service and the charging of fees; this Council also urges the Government, before deciding whether privatization programmes should be implemented, to fully consult the staff concerned and the public and to gain their acceptance and support, as well as to formulate in detail mechanisms for the executive authority, the legislature and the public to monitor the quality of service and the charging of fees." was carried.

16 June 1999

“Facilitating the financial industry”
moved by Hon Bernard CHAN

amendment proposed by
Hon FUNG Chi-kin

The motion as amended by Hon FUNG Chi-kin: “That, in view of the Government’s continuing effort to open and liberalize the financial market, this Council urges the Government to ensure a fair, liberal and highly open operating environment for all local and overseas market participants; apart from regulating the market appropriately, the Government should act as an active facilitator by strengthening first the functions of the departments responsible for financial affairs in promoting Hong Kong’s financial services throughout the world, and secondly, in promoting market development, give due consideration to the market’s overall capacity, prevent all forms of manipulative and unfair competition, expedite the training of local professionals including qualified supervisory personnel in the financial sector, and ensure that operators of small and medium businesses have room for survival and development, so as to enhance Hong Kong’s status as a financial centre and facilitate a balanced, sustainable and healthy development of the market.” was carried.

23 June 1999

“The Cox Report” moved by
Hon LAU Kong-wah

amendment proposed by
Hon SIN Chung-kai

The motion as amended by Hon SIN Chung-kai: “That this Council deeply regrets that the Cox Report, recently released by a special committee of the House of Representatives of the United States of America, made unsubstantiated accusations that Hong Kong had been used to steal and transfer from the United States confidential information on military technology, which may seriously affect the trade relations between Hong Kong and the United States; at the same time, this Council supports the HKSAR Government’s continuing to strictly enforce controls over the import and export of strategic commodities, and urges the Government to vigorously explain to the overseas communities, particularly the United States Congress, the Import and Export Ordinance and stringent control measures in Hong Kong, and to make efforts to ensure that Hong Kong will continue to enjoy the relatively lenient controls, as compared with the Mainland, over the import and export of strategic commodities; this Council also encourages Hong Kong to

continue to actively promote cultural, technological, economic and academic exchanges with the people of the United States.” was carried.

23 June 1999 “Enhancing Hong Kong’s status as an aviation centre” moved by Hon FUNG Chi-kin

amendment proposed by Hon Fred LI Wah-ming

amendment to amendment proposed by Hon MA Fung-kwok

The original motion: “That, in view of the great potential and competitiveness of the Hong Kong International Airport, this Council urges the Government to comprehensively review the existing civil aviation policy and the development strategies for related services, in accordance with Article 128 of the Basic Law which stipulates that ‘the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region shall provide conditions and take measures for the maintenance of the status of Hong Kong as a centre of international and regional aviation’; in the review, active consideration should be given to opening up the aviation market so as to explore new routes and provide more choices for the tourism and freight forwarding industries; the Government should also study vigorously the combined advantages offered by the new airport and the fine harbour in developing air and sea freight transshipment services; furthermore, the Government should seriously consider the aspirations of the industries and discuss with the Airport Authority, under the premise of ensuring high quality services and having regard to the present economic situation, the formulation of new long-term financial arrangements for the new airport and reduce its various operating costs and charges as far as possible, so as to ease the burden on the industries and promote the development of the tourism and other related service industries.” was carried.

30 June 1999 “Promoting breast-feeding” moved by Hon Michael HO Mun-ka

The motion: “That, in view of the slow progress in the promotion of breast-feeding in Hong Kong, this Council urges the Government to expeditiously implement the ‘International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes’ as well as the joint declaration of the World Health Organization and the United Nations Children’s Fund.” was carried.

30 June 1999 “Providing major venues for sporting events” moved by

The original motion: “That this Council requests the Government to expedite its undertaking to designate land for the building of a multi-purpose stadium

	Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting	and aquatic centre complex adequate for the hosting of the 2006 Asian Games; this Council also urges the Government to consider integrating an art and cultural centre with the complex for the economy of scale, synergy and generation of communal pride, civic identity, quality of life and the development of tourism.” was carried.
	amendment proposed by Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo	
7 July 1999	“The Executive Council” moved by Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan	The motion: “That this Council urges the Chief Executive to expeditiously review the powers and responsibilities of the Executive Council, the criteria for appointing the Executive Council Members, the role of the Executive Council Members and the means for dealing with conflicts of interest, and to enhance the transparency of the Executive Council, so as to enhance its accountability to Hong Kong people.” was negatived.
7 July 1999	“Enhancing the competitiveness of Hong Kong’s manufacturing industry” moved by Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou amendment proposed by Hon SIN Chung-kai	The original motion: “That, following the substantial depreciation of the currencies and the increasing political stability of the Southeast Asian countries, Hong Kong’s manufacturing industry has been steadily losing goods orders, and the Government’s various policies to promote the development of the manufacturing industry have only had limited effect; to enhance the competitiveness of the local manufacturing industry, this Council urges the Government to: (1) reduce the various government fees and charges relating to the manufacturing industry, as well as coordinating with the various relevant public and private organizations for lowering as far as possible public utilities charges, public transport costs, airport charges, container terminal handling charges and those fees which have a direct impact on the operating costs of the manufacturing industry; (2) introduce more tax concessions which are conducive to the development of the manufacturing industry;

- (3) explore the feasibility of offering direct government loans to manufacturers; and
- (4) discuss with the Central Government the extension of the right of Hong Kong manufacturers to sell their products in the Mainland and the provision of tax concessions, and streamline the regulation of the operation of factories established with capital from outside the Mainland.” was carried.

14 July 1999

“Legal problems associated with the millennium bug” moved by Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing

amendment proposed by Hon SIN Chung-kai

The motion as amended by Hon SIN Chung-kai: “That, as the Y2K problem (the millennium bug) may give rise to various legal disputes, this Council urges the Government to take effective precautionary and contingency measures and strengthen education and publicity so that the public may have a correct understanding of the millennium bug problem, including their rights when they suffer losses arising from the millennium bug and the means for dealing with the various disputes.” was carried.

14 July 1999

“Assisting the development of small and medium enterprises” moved by Hon HUI Cheung-ching

The motion: “That, as the small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in all sectors are still facing a difficult operating environment, this Council urges the Government to expeditiously formulate a comprehensive policy to support the SMEs in order to increase their capability and opportunities for development, and to strive to create a favourable business environment, particularly by:

- (1) promoting the use of information technology in SMEs and the shifting of SMEs towards high value-added industries, and making efforts to train local talents and attract highly-skilled technologists from the Mainland and overseas;
- (2) providing additional resources to open up the Mainland and overseas markets more vigorously;

- (3) actively considering setting up, through various support organizations, an Internet Shopping Mall for SMEs featuring competitive pricing, wide coverage and specialization, with a view to promoting business transactions through the Internet;
- (4) enhancing and promoting quality accreditation services in all sectors to tie in with the shifting of local industries towards high value-added industries; and
- (5) in addition to the Special Finance Scheme for SMEs, developing more financing facilities which do not rely excessively on using property as security, in order to more effectively cater for the SMEs' needs for capital in the long run." was carried.

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Bills Committee on Evidence (Amendment) Bill 1998

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Bills Committee on Factories and Industrial Undertakings (Amendment) Bill 1999

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Bills Committee on Companies (Amendment) Bill 1999

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Bills Committee on Firearms and Ammunition (Amendment) Bill 1999

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Hon LEE Kai-ming
Hon Margaret NG
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon LAW Chi-kwong

Subcommittee on Ozone Layer Protection (Controlled Refrigerants) Regulation (Commencement) Notice 1998

Hon Ronald ARCULLI (Chairman)
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan
Hon LEE Kai-ming
Hon WONG Yung-kan
Hon LAW Chi-kwong

Subcommittee on Resolution under the Immigration Ordinance

Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen (Chairman)
Hon David CHU Yu-lin
Hon HO Sai-chu
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan
Hon Albert HO Chun-yan
Hon NG Leung-sing
Hon Margaret NG
Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon Ambrose CHEUNG Wing-sum
Hon HUI Cheung-ching
Hon CHAN Kam-lam
Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing
Hon Howard YOUNG
Hon Mrs Miriam LAU Kin-yee
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing
Hon CHOY So-yuk

Subcommittee on the Five Resolutions made under section 4 of the Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Ordinance (Cap. 525)

Hon James TO Kun-sun (Chairman)
Hon Margaret NG
Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing
Hon Mrs Miriam LAU Kin-yee

Subcommittee on Government Motions under section 48A of the Employees' Compensation Ordinance and section 40 of the Pneumoconiosis (Compensation) Ordinance

Hon CHAN Kam-lam (Chairman)
Hon HO Sai-chu
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
Hon LEE Kai-ming
Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah
Hon Ronald ARCULLI
Hon CHAN Yuen-han
Hon Bernard CHAN
Hon CHAN Wing-chan
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong (until 4.9.98)

Subcommittee on Resolution under section 3 of the Dogs and Cats Ordinance (Cap. 167) and Dogs and Cats (Amendment) Ordinance 1997 (97 of 1997) (Commencement) Notice 1999

Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong (Chairman)
Hon James TIEN Pei-chun
Hon David CHU Yu-lin
Hon Michael HO Mun-ka
Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung
Hon Ronald ARCULLI
Hon HUI Cheung-ching
Hon Christine LOH
Hon CHAN Kwok-keung
Hon CHAN Wing-chan
Dr Hon LEONG Che-hung
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing

Subcommittee on Electricity Ordinance (Commencement) Notice 1999 and Electrical Products (Safety) Regulation (Commencement) Notice 1999

Hon CHAN Kam-lam (Chairman)
Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai
Hon LEE Kai-ming
Hon Fred LI Wah-ming
Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye
Hon SIN Chung-kai

Subcommittee on Subsidiary Legislation Relating to District Councils Election

Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat (Chairman)
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan
Hon LEE Wing-tat
Hon Ronald ARCULLI
Hon Ambrose CHEUNG Wing-sum
Hon LAU Kong-wah
Hon CHOY So-yuk

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Subcommittee on Review of Operating Expenses for Members of the Legislative Council

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Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung (Deputy Chairman)
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan
Hon Fred LI Wah-ming
Hon NG Leung-sing

Hon Christine LOH
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Hon WONG Yung-kan
Hon Howard YOUNG
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Hon LEE Kai-ming
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Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing
Hon CHOY So-yuk
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo

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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

Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee (Chairman)
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Hon LEE Wing-tat
Hon Margaret NG
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Hon SIN Chung-kai
Hon LAU Kong-wah

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Hon CHOY So-yuk

Appendix 6

**REDRESS INFORMATION SYSTEM: NATURE
AND OUTCOME OF CASES COMPLETED
BETWEEN 1 JULY 1998 AND 30 SEPTEMBER 1999**

Appendix 7

**REDRESS INFORMATION SYSTEM: ANNUAL
STATISTICS REPORT BETWEEN 1 JULY 1998
AND 30 SEPTEMBER 1999**

3 July 1998

Four overseas opinion formers:

Hon Barbara Hackman Franklin
Mr Douglas Paal
Mr Colin Jennings
Sir Timothy Garden

18 July 1998

Irish Parliamentary Delegation:

Mr Seamus Pattison
Ms Mary Coughlan
Mr Gay Mitchell
Mr P J Sheehan
Mr Sean Power
Mr Derek McDowell
Ms Mary Hanafin
Mr Tony Gregory
Mr Eoin Faherty

28 July 1998

Mr Henry C K Liu,
Chairman, Liu Investment Group, USA

4 August 1998

Professor Icksoo Kim,
Chair-person, Department of International Trade, College of Business Administration, Korea University

11 August 1998

Dr Harry Harding,
Dean, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, USA

12 August 1998

Delegation from the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Danish Parliament:

Helle Degn
Hans-Pavia Rosing
Svend Aage Jensby
Per Stig Moller
Pia Kjaersgaard
Arne Melchior
Jorgen Estrup
Kirsten Jacobsen
Soren Sondergaard

18 August 1998

Professor Lawrence J Lau,
Kwoh-Ting Li Professor of Economic Development, Department of Economics and Director, Centre for Economic Policy Research, Stanford University, USA

20 August 1998

Hon Derek Quigley, MP,
New Zealand

21 August 1998

Ambassador Dato' Noor Adlan, Executive Director, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Secretariat

25 August 1998

Delegation of the Economic Affairs Committee of the Finnish Parliament:

Mrs Tuulikki Huuhtanen
Mr Arto Bryggare
Mrs Paula Kokkonen
Mrs Rauha-Maria Merttinen

Mr Janne Viitamies
Mr Peter Saramo
Mr Mika Kivinen

12 September 1998

Mr Yoh Kurosawa,
Chairman of the Board of Directors, The Industrial Bank of Japan Ltd., Japan

25 September 1998

Delegation from the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Irish Parliament, Ireland:

Mr Desmond J O'Malley
Mr Austin Deasy
Senator Madeleine Taylor-Quinn
Mr McAodha

5 October 1998

Mr Robert Wilson,
Clerk of the Overseas Office, House of Commons, UK

12 October 1998

Dr WANG Kai Yuen,
Chairman, Singapore-Hong Kong Parliamentary Friendship Group

13 October 1998

Dr Chalongphob Sussangkarn,
President, Thailand Development Research Institute

15 October 1998

Dr Ernesto Marcos,
Founding Partner, Marcos y Asociados, Mexico

20 October 1998

Mr LIU Gongchen,
Director-General, and
Mr SUN Ji,
Division Chief, Maritime
Safety Administration,
Ministry of Communications,
PRC

21 October 1998

Mr LIU Cai,
Director-General of
Department of Policies and
Laws, Ministry of Information
Industry, PRC

22 October 1998

Mayor Mel Lastman of Toronto
Megacity and delegation,
Canada:

Ms Vicky FUNG
Dr CHEUNG Ming-tat
Dr Benson LAU

23 October 1998

Mr Paul Evans,
Professor, Joint Centre for
Asia-Pacific Studies,
University of Toronto - York
University, Canada

26 October 1998

Mr Jun Saito,
Director, Price Coordination
Division, Price Bureau,
Economic Planning Agency,
Japan

29 October 1998

Mr Guy Wires,
Managing Director of the
Federation of Finnish
Commerce and Trade, and
Mrs Wires, Finland

30 October 1998

Major General YANG Fukun,
Director, Legislative Affairs

Bureau of Central Military
Commission, PRC

30 October 1998

Speaker of the State
Duma of Russia and
delegation:

Gennadiy N Seleznev
Vladimir K Gusev
Pavel G Bunich
Vladimir P Lukin
Larisa A Zlobina
Sergey I Shtogrin
Vladislav G Yurchik
Anatoliy I Yaroshenko
Igor A Rogachev
Pavel A Averin
Nikolay I Lyakh
Eduard S Shevchenko
Konstantin V Vnukov
Sergey N Goldin
Vladimir P Zakharov

2 November 1998

Senator Tana de Zulueta,
Member for Rome and
Member of Foreign Affairs
Committee, Italy

3 November 1998

Mr Jacques Santer, President,
Sir Leon Brittan, Vice-
President of the European
Commission, and delegation:

Mr Etienne Reuter
Mr Juan Victor Monfort
Mr Jean-Louis Dewost
Mr Percy Westerlund
Mrs Martine Reicherts
Mr David Wright
Mr Nicholas Clegg
Mr Philippe Van Amersfoort
Mr Peter Guilford

4 November 1998

Mr WANG Hui,
Director General of

Department of Taiwan, Hong
Kong and Macao Affairs,
Ministry of Foreign Trade and
Economic Cooperation, and
Mr CHEN Zhituan, PRC

5 November 1998

Professor the Lord Skidelsky,
UK

6 November 1998

Mr Ole Brix Andersen,
Minister Councillor and
Deputy Head of Consular
Affairs Department, Ministry
of Foreign Affairs, Denmark

17 November 1998

Mr Lim Swee Say, MP
Deputy Secretary General,
National Trades Union
Congress, Singapore

17 November 1998

Mr Barry Brill,
President, Employers and
Manufacturers Association,
New Zealand

19 November 1998

Mr XU Liugen,
Director, Office for
Indo-Chinese Refugee
Affairs, Ministry of Civil
Affairs, and
Mr CHEN Yonggang,
PRC

23 November 1998

Mr Simon Sperryn,
Chief Executive, London
Chamber of Commerce
and Industry, UK

24 November 1998

Mr Seppo Hrkkanen,
President of the Finnish
Foreign Trade Association,
Finland

26 November 1998

Delegation led by Mayor
Greg Halsey-Brandt of
Richmond, BC, Canada:

Malcolm Brodie
Derek Dang
Lyn Greenhill
Ken Johnston
Kiichi Kumagai
Bill McNulty
Corisande Percival-Smith
Harold Steves

26 November 1998

Mr LIN Yunai,
Director, and
Mr LI Fangtian,
Division Chief of
Business Division,
Maritime Rescue and
Salvage Bureau, Ministry
of Communications,
PRC

27 November 1998

Ambassador Timothy
James Hannah, Deputy
Executive Director,
APEC Secretariat

7 December 1998

Mr GAO Qiang,
Vice Minister of Finance,
PRC

8 December 1998

Mr James Lilley,
Resident Fellow of Asian
Studies, American
Enterprise Institute, USA

9 December 1998

Mr Alberto R Gonzales,
Secretary of State of
Texas, USA

11 December 1998

The Hon Michael Egan,
MLC, Treasurer, Minister
for Energy, Minister for
State and Regional
Development, Minister
Assisting the Premier and
Vice-President of the
Executive Council, NSW,
Australia

15 December 1998

Dr Robert Lager,
Executive Director,
Alabama Foreign Trade
Relations Commission,
USA

15 December 1998

Mr DU Yuzhou,
Director, and
Mr XIA Lingmin, Secretary,
State
Bureau of Textile
Industry, PRC

16 December 1998

Dr Orna Berry,
Chief Scientist, Ministry
of Industry and Trade,
Israel

17 December 1998

Professor Michel
Oksenberg, Professor of
Political Science &
Senior Fellow,
Asia/Pacific Research
Centre, Stanford
University, USA

17 December 1998

Dr Hartwig Berghaus,
Foreign Trade and
Development Assistance,
Ministry of Economic
Affairs, Germany

7 January 1999

Mr Kumiharu Shigehara,

Deputy Secretary-
General of the
Organisation for
Economic Co-operation
and Development

7 January 1999

Ambassador Stanislaw
Patek, Head of the
Swedish Delegation to
the 113 Textiles
Committee, Ministry of
Foreign Affairs, Sweden

12 January 1999

Mr Phillip Gibson,
Chief Executive, Asia
2000 Foundation, New
Zealand

12 January 1999

Miss Nancy Kontou,
Member of Sir Leon
Brittan's Cabinet,
European Commission

13 January 1999

The Rt Hon Peter Lilley,
MP (Con), Shadow
Chancellor of the
Exchequer, UK

14 January 1999

Mr Dick Thornburgh,
Counsel, Kirkpatrick and
Lockhart Limited
Liability Partnership,
USA

19 January 1999

Mr Marc Van Hende,
Deputy Director-
General, Ministry of
Economic Affairs,
Belgium

21 January 1999

Mr Dai Yuzhong,
Deputy Director General

of the General Bureau
Against Corruption and
Bribery, Supreme
People's Procuratorate,
and
Mr Wang Guoping, PRC

22 January 1999

Mr Hao Zhaocheng,
Deputy Commissioner of
the State Administration
of Taxation, PRC

22 January 1999

Ms Christine Chauvet,
Vice-President of the
Paris Economic and
Social Council, and
President of the Femmes
Chefs d'Entreprise
(Female heads of
companies), France

26 January 1999

Mr Zhang Zhijian,
Executive Vice President
of National School of
Administration, and
Mr Lu Linxiang, PRC

26 January 1999

Delegation of Audit
Committee on Financial
Planning, PRC

26 January 1999

Dr Heinz Handler,
Director-General,
Economic Policy
Section, Federal Ministry
of Economic Affairs,
Austria

27 January 1999

Mr Eugene Schreiber,
Managing Director,
World Trade Center of
New Orleans, USA

27 January 1999

Professor Wang Yiming,
Deputy Director-
General, China State
Bureau of Quality and
Technical Supervision,
PRC

28 January 1999

Delegation of Singapore-
Hong Kong Parliamentary
Friendship Group:

Dr Wang Kai Yuen, MP
Mr Goh Choon Kang, MP
Mrs Yu-Foo Yee Shoon, MP
Mr Kenneth Chen Koon
Lap, MP
Mr R Sinnakaruppan, MP
Mr Hawazi Daipi, MP
Madam Claire Chiang See
Ngoh, MP

28 January 1999

Mr Lars Kolte,
Deputy Director, Agency
for Business and
Industry, Denmark

29 January 1999

Ambassador Periklis
Tsamoulis, Head of Asia
and Oceania Division,
Ministry of Foreign
Affairs, Greece

1 February 1999

Senator Valentino Martelli,
Under-Secretary of State
for Foreign Affairs for
Asia-Pacific, Italy

1 February 1999

Dr Armando Varricchio,
Chief Adviser for the
Minister of European
Policy, Italy

2 February 1999

Mr David Edwards, CEO
Victorian Employers'
Chamber of Commerce and
Industry, Australia

3 February 1999

Mr Ye Rutang,
Vice Minister of the
Ministry of Construction,
and
Mr Zhang Baiping,
PRC

3 February 1999

Delegation of the Fudan
University, Shanghai:

Mr HU Honggao
Mr CHENG Tianquan
Mr ZHANG Shixin
Mr ZHANG Guangjie
Mr ZHU Mingyuan
Mr YU Dachu
Mr LU Huangqiang
Mr ZHANG Shunmao
Mr ZhANG Jingmo
Mr ZHANG Yongxiang

4 February 1999

Professors Gary Smith and
Mr Bernard Luk,
York University, Ontario,
Canada

4 February 1999

Mr Dorian Prince,
Head of Unit (Market
Access), DGI, European
Commission

5 February 1999

Mr Ian Wilkinson,
Deputy Permanent
Representative of European
Commission to World Trade
Organisation

9 February 1999

Mr L B Woodward, CEO,

Australian Customs Service

and Trade, Australia

11 February 1999

Mr Hou Lin, Director of
Trademark Office, State
Administration for Industry
and Commerce, PRC

11 February 1999

Professor Stephen FitzGerald,
Chairman, the Asia-
Australian Institute,
University of New South
Wales, Australia

11 February 1999

Mr Yin Yubiao,
Director-General,
Department of Treaty and
Law, and
Mr Peng Keyu,
Director-General,
Department of Consular
Affairs, PRC

23 February 1999

Mr Myron Brilliant,
Manager, Asia, International
Policy, International
Division, US Chamber of
Commerce, USA

24 February 1999

Professor Henry M Levin,
David Jacks Professor of
Higher Education and
Economics, Stanford
University, USA

25 February 1999

Professor Cesare Merlini,
President of Istituto Affari
Internazionali, Italy

26 February 1999

Senator David MacGibbon,
Chairman, Parliamentary
Joint Standing Committee
on Foreign Affairs, Defence

3 March 1999

Law enforcement officers
from Mongolia:

Mr Aajuur Dulaanjargal
Ms Chojjilsuren Munkhtsetseg
Mr Jadambaa Ganbaatar
Mr Batbayar Gan-Och

4 March 1999

Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown,
Member of Parliament
(Conservative), UK

4 March 1999

Mr Bo G%an Eriksson,
Director-General of Trade
Department, Ministry of
Trade and Industry,
Finland

5 March 1999

Mr Zhang Yuqing,
Director General of
Department of Treaty
and Law, Ministry of
Foreign Trade and
Economic Cooperation,
PRC

5 March 1999

Mr Chen Hua,
Deputy Director, Foreign
Affairs Department,
National Audit Office,
and
Mr Hou Kai, PRC

9 March 1999

The Lord Paul,
MP (Labour), UK

9 March 1999

Mr Masaya Fujiwara,
Director, Non-proliferation
Division, Ministry of
Foreign Affairs, Japan

10 March 1999

Mr Kazuhiro Tajiri,
Assistant Director, China
Division, Asian Bureau,
Ministry of Foreign
Affairs, Japan

12 March 1999

Ambassador Staffan
Sohlman, Head of
National Inspectorate of
Strategic Products,
Sweden

15 March 1999

Mr Eiichi Hasegawa,
Director, Industrial
Structure Division,
Industrial Policy Bureau,
Ministry of International
Trade and Industry,
Japan

15 March 1999

Mr Clyde Prestowitz,
Founder and President,
Economic Strategy
Institute, USA

16 March 1999

Mr Xu Fuxing,
Director General,
Department of Science
and Technology, Ministry
of Foreign Trade and
Economic Cooperation,
and
Mr Jiang Qianliang,
PRC

16 March 1999

Hon Chris Stockwell,
Speaker of the Legislative
Assembly of Ontario,
Canada

17 March 1999

Delegation of the Hong Kong Committee of the All Party China Parliamentary Group, UK:

Mr Howard Flight, MP
Mr Peter Viggers, MP
Mr Graham Brady, MP
Mr Tom Pendry, MP
Mr Anthony Colman, MP

17 March 1999

Mr Li Qiyang,
Vice Minister of Labour and Social Security, and
Mr Zhao Yujin, PRC

18 March 1999

Mr Tony Joyce, Deputy Director-General, Trade Division, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Ireland

19 March 1999

Mr Adrian Otten,
Director, Intellectual and Investment Division,
World Trade Organisation Secretariat

22 March 1999

HE Ambassador Jan K F Grauls, Director-General of the Foreign Economic and Bilateral Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Belgium

23 March 1999

Mongolian parliamentary delegation:

Mr R Badamdandin
Mr Lu Bold
Mrs Hulan

23 March 1999

Mr Zhu Mingshan,

Vice President, Supreme People's Court, and
Mr Zhang Shuming, PRC

25 March 1999

Madam Jiang Qiangui,
Secretary General, State Economic and Trade Commission and
Madam Li Yanbin, PRC

26 March 1999

Professor Michael Barber,
Head, Standards and Effectiveness Unit,
Department for Education and Employment, London, UK

29 March 1999

Mr Michael Hindley,
MEP and President of European Parliament-Hong Kong Friendship Group, European Parliament

29 March 1999

Ms Margaret Bazley,
Director General,
Department of Social Welfare in Wellington,
New Zealand

29 March 1999

Senator Jack Austin and
Mr Reg Alcock, Co-Chairs of the Canada-China Legislative Association

30 March 1999

Mr Abdul Razak Baginda,
Executive Director,
Malaysian Strategic Research Centre, Malaysia

20 April 1999

Delegation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, PRC:

Mr Wang Weiyang
Ms Chen Ling
Mr Hu Zhiqiang
Mr Kuang Weilin
Ms Jiang Qin
Mr Song Binglin
Mr Xu Chaoyou
Mr Chen Haiping

21 - 27 April 1999

Dr Rosemary Whip,
Lecturer in Sociology,
The University of Queensland

23 April 1999

Mr Stephane Schewebach,
Director-General,
Ministry of Interior and
Mr De Mot,
Director-General of Police Services Department,
Belgium

30 April 1999

Members of the Parliament of the Republic of Poland and regional parliaments:

Mr Krzysztof Oksiuta
Mr Zbigniew Chrzanowski
Mr Stanislaw Chmura

3 May 1999

Japan Hong Kong Parliamentarian League:

Hon Tsutomu Hata
Hon Shozamuro Jimi
Hon Ichiro Takahashi
Hon Eisei Ito
Hon Mikio Oomi
Mr Yuichiro Hata
Mr K Makita
Ms A Tejima
Mr Y Kobayahi

12 May 1999

The Hon Justice Ming W
Chin, Supreme Court of
California, USA

31 May 1999

Mrs Claudie Gardet-Jousse
of the National Institute
for Oriental Languages
and Civilisations (Paris)

7 June 1999

Delegation of the
Association of the Bar of
the City of New York and
the Fordham Law School,
USA:

Hon Leonard B Sand
Professor Tracy Higgins
Professor Martin Flaherty
Ms Mae Hsieh
Mr Rodger Hurley
Mr John Rothermich
Ms Scarlett CHEUNG

9 June 1999

Mainland Lawyers under
the Practical Training
Scheme for Young
Chinese Lawyers 1999:

Ms Zhou Hong
Ms Yu Yan
Ms Shi Cuijun
Ms Ma Jun
Ms Lei Lan
Ms Cheng Xiaoyan
Ms Wang Tao
Ms Lu Huiwen
Mr Liu Borong
Mr Hua Xiaojun
Mr Cao Shufeng
Mr Wang Minglang
Mr Zhang Biao
Mr He Bin
Ms Maria Tong

24 June 1999

Mr Zhang Xinfeng

Director of the Criminal
Investigation Department,
Ministry of Public
Security, PRC
Mr Yang Dong

24 June 1999

Delegation from Provincial
and Municipal Public
Security Bureaux, PRC:

Mr Niu Ji-gang
Mr WU Yan-an
Mr Cao Ai-ping

29 June 1999

Mr Hiromichi Toya,
Special Adviser to the
Ministry of Transport,
Japan

12 July 1999

Ambassador J P Silveira de
Carvalho, Director-
General, Department of
European Union Affairs,
Ministry of Foreign
Affairs, Portugal

13 July 1999

Hon Douglas Parkinson,
Deputy Leader for the
Government, Tasmania's
Legislative Council,
Commonwealth of
Australia

23 July 1999

Mr Jörg Schlegel,
Managing Director, Berlin
Chamber of Commerce,
Germany

Appendix 9

MEMBERSHIP OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL COMMISSION AND ITS COMMITTEES

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL COMMISSION

Hon Mrs Rita FAN (Chairman)
Dr Hon LEONG Che-hung (Deputy Chairman)
Hon James TIEN Pei-chun
Hon Edward HO Sing-tin
Hon LEE Wing-tat
Hon NG Leung-sing
Hon CHAN Kwok-keung
Hon Bernard CHAN
Dr Hon YEUNG Sum
Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung
Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing
Hon LAW Chi-kwong

Committee on Personnel Matters

Terms of Reference

- (1) To consider personnel matters including staffing resources, appointment, promotion, dismissal, grading, duties, remuneration and other terms and conditions of service of staff of the Secretariat which require the attention of the Commission;
- (2) To approve appointments including acting appointments with a view to promotion of officers at Chief Assistant Secretary level and above; and
- (3) To monitor progress of appointment and personnel matters delegated to the Secretary General.

Membership

Hon Mrs Rita FAN (Chairman)
Hon James TIEN Pei-chun
Hon Bernard CHAN
Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung
Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen
Hon LAW Chi-kwong

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.

Membership

Hon Mrs Rita FAN (Chairman)

Hon Edward HO Sing-tin

Hon LEE Wing-tat

Hon NG Leung-sing

Hon CHAN Kwok-keung

Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing

Committee on Members' Allowances

Terms of Reference

- (1) To formulate policies on administering the processing of claims for allowances submitted by Members; and
- (2) To advise on related practices and procedures for processing Members' claims for allowances.

Membership

Hon Mrs Rita FAN (Chairman)

Dr Hon LEONG Che-hung

Dr Hon YEUNG Sum

Legislative Council Redress Information System
Nature and Outcome of Cases
Completed between 01-Jul-1998 and 30-Sep-1999

Nature of Completed Cases

Complaint	429	29.0%
Appeal	7	0.5%
Request for Assistance	506	34.3%
Proposal/View	418	28.3%
Enquiry	53	3.6%
Private/Subjudice	47	3.2%
Civil Service Matter	17	1.1%
Total	1.477	100.0%

Outcome of Complaint Cases

Resolved	105	24.5%
Suitable Assistance Given	107	24.9%
Information Given/Referrals Made	147	34.3%
Not Pursued	70	16.3%

Outcome of Appeal Cases

Resolved	0	0.0%
Suitable Assistance Given	1	14.3%
Information Given/Referrals Made	5	71.4%
Not Pursued	1	14.3%

Outcome of Request for Assistance Cases

Resolved	108	21.3%
Suitable Assistance Given	146	28.9%
Information Given/Referrals Made	209	41.3%
Not Pursued	43	8.5%

Overall Outcome of Completed Cases

Resolved	236	16.0%
Suitable Assistance Given	274	18.6%
Information Given/Referrals Made	642	43.5%
Not Pursued	325	21.9%
Total	1.477	100.0%

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Legislative Council Redress Information System

Annual Statistics Report

Statistical Breakdown, by Government Policy Bureaux/Departments, Independent Organizations and Non-Government Organizations, of Completed Cases

Outcome A : Resolved
 B : Suitable assistance given
 C : Information given / referrals made
 D : Not pursued

From 01-Jul-1998 To 30-Sep-1999

Nature :	Complaint				Appeal				Request for assistance				Proposal/View				Enquiry				Private/ Sub-judice				Civil Service Matter				Total				
	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D					
CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS BUREAU	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
OFFICE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
REGISTRATION & ELECTORAL OFFICE	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
LAND REGISTRY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
TREASURY	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
TV & ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING AUTHORITY	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
WORKS BUREAU	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	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	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
CENSUS & STATISTICS DEPARTMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
GOVERNMENT FLYING SERVICE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
HK MONETARY AUTHORITY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
OFFICIAL RECEIVER'S OFFICE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Sub-total	101	98	135	54	0	1	5	1	105	134	185	33	19	18	212	108	2	1	45	1	0	0	1	12	1	0	6	8	1286				
Independent Organizations																																	
JUDICIARY	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	1	2	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	34				
HOSPITAL AUTHORITY	4	1	5	3	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	19				
INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9				
EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3				
OFC OF PRIVACY COMMISSIONER FOR PERSONAL DATA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3				
CONSUMER COUNCIL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2				

Legislative Council Redress Information System

Annual Statistics Report

Statistical Breakdown, by Government Policy Bureaux/Departments, Independent Organizations and Non-Government Organizations, of Completed Cases

Outcome A : Resolved
 B : Suitable assistance given
 C : Information given / referrals made
 D : Not pursued

From 01-Jul-1998 To 30-Sep-1999

Nature :	Complaint				Appeal				Request for assistance				Proposal/View				Enquiry				Private/ Sub-judice				Civil Service Matter				Total				
	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D					
HK SPORTS DEVELOPMENT BOARD	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Sub-total	4	4	9	8	0	0	0	0	2	3	4	2	0	1	7	19	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	5	1	0	0	1	73				
Non-Government Organizations																																	
NON-GOVERNMENT	0	1	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	6	7	5	0	0	2	31	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	26	0	0	0	0	91				
HK HOUSING SOCIETY	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	13	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20				
LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3				
HK JOCKEY CLUB	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1				
HK TELECOM	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1				
KOWLOON MOTOR BUS CO. (1933) LTD.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1				
MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1				
Sub-total	0	5	3	8	0	0	0	0	1	9	20	8	0	0	3	31	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	26	0	0	0	0	118				
Total	105	107	147	70	0	1	5	1	108	146	209	43	19	19	222	158	2	1	49	1	0	0	4	43	2	0	6	9	1477				

*** End of Report ***

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