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## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

#### **MINUTES**

No. 12

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13 December 2000 at 2:30 pm

#### Members present:

President

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

The Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou, JP

The Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, JP

The Hon David CHU Yu-lin

The Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan

The Hon Albert HO Chun-yan

Ir Dr the Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, JP

The Hon LEE Cheuk-yan

The Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming, SC, JP

The Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung, JP

Dr the Hon David LI Kwok-po, JP

The Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP

Dr the Hon LUI Ming-wah, JP

The Hon NG Leung-sing

Prof the Hon NG Ching-fai

The Hon Margaret NG

The Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee, JP

The Hon James TO Kun-sun

The Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong

The Hon HUI Cheung-ching

The Hon CHAN Kwok-keung

The Hon CHAN Yuen-han

The Hon Bernard CHAN

The Hon CHAN Kam-lam

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

The Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung

The Hon SIN Chung-kai

The Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat, JP

Dr the Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong

The Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, JP

The Hon Howard YOUNG, JP

Dr the Hon YEUNG Sum

The Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung

The Hon LAU Chin-shek, JP

The Hon LAU Kong-wah

The Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBS, JP

The Hon Mrs Miriam LAU Kin-yee, JP

The Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen, JP

The Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP

The Hon CHOY So-yuk

The Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo

The Hon SZETO Wah

The Hon LAW Chi-kwong, JP

The Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP

Dr the Hon TANG Siu-tong, JP

The Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, JP

The Hon LI Fung-ying, JP

The Hon Henry WU King-cheong, BBS

The Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP

The Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung

The Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip

The Hon LEUNG Fu-wah, MH, JP

Dr the Hon LO Wing-lok

The Hon WONG Sing-chi

The Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee

The Hon IP Kwok-him, JP

The Hon LAU Ping-cheung

The Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP

#### Members absent:

The Hon WONG Yung-kan

The Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, SBS, JP

#### Public officers attending:

The Honourable Donald TSANG Yam-kuen, JP The Financial Secretary

The Honourable Elsie LEUNG Oi-sie, JP The Secretary for Justice

Mr CHAU Tak-hay, JP Secretary for Commerce and Industry

Mr Gordon SIU Kwing-chue, JP Secretary for Planning and Lands

Mr Nicholas NG Wing-fui, JP Secretary for Transport

Mr Joseph WONG Wing-ping, GBS, JP Secretary for the Civil Service

Miss Denise YUE Chung-yee, JP Secretary for the Treasury

Mr Stephen IP Shu-kwan, JP Secretary for Financial Services

Dr YEOH Eng-kiong, JP Secretary for Health and Welfare

Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee, JP Secretary for Security

Mrs Fanny LAW FAN Chiu-fun, JP Secretary for Education and Manpower

#### Clerks in attendance:

Mr Ricky FUNG Choi-cheung, JP, Secretary General

Mr LAW Kam-sang, JP, Deputy Secretary General

Ms Pauline NG Man-wah, Assistant Secretary General (1)

Mr Ray CHAN Yum-mou, Assistant Secretary General (3)

#### Taking of Legislative Council Oath

Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee took the Legislative Council Oath.

#### Tabling of Papers

The following papers were laid on the table pursuant to Rule 21(2) of the Rules of Procedure:

Subsidiary Legislation / Instruments		L.N. No.
1.	Country Parks and Special Areas (Amendment) Regulation 2000 (gazetted on 8.12.2000)	349/2000
2.	Marine Parks and Marine Reserves (Amendment) Regulation 2000 (gazetted on 8.12.2000)	350/2000
3.	Electricity (Registration) (Amendment) Regulation 2000 (gazetted on 8.12.2000)	351/2000
4.	Electricity (Wiring) (Amendment) Regulation 2000 (gazetted on 8.12.2000)	352/2000
5.	Electrical Products (Safety) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulation 2000 (gazetted on 8.12.2000)	353/2000
6.	Entertainment Special Effects (General) Regulation (gazetted on 8.12.2000)	354/2000
7.	Entertainment Special Effects (Fees) Regulation (gazetted on 8.12.2000)	355/2000
8.	Entertainment Special Effects Materials List Regulation (gazetted on 8.12.2000)	356/2000
9.	Statutes of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (Amendment) (No. 2) Statutes 2000 (gazetted on 8.12.2000)	357/2000

#### Other Papers

- No.38 Social Work Training Fund
  Thirty-ninth Annual Report by the Trustee for
  the year ending on 31 March 2000 (published on
  4.12.2000)

  No.39 Emergency Relief Fund
- No.39 Emergency Relief Fund
  Annual Report by the Trustee for the year ending
  on 31 March 2000 (published on 4.12.2000)
- No.40 Queen Elizabeth Foundation for the Mentally Handicapped Report and Accounts 1999-2000 (published on 4.12.2000)

No.41 - Equal Opportunities Commission
Annual Report 1999/2000 (published on 11.12.2000)

#### Presentation of Petitions

Hon Albert HO presented a petition to the Council and made a summary statement of the number and description of the petitioners and the substance of the petition in accordance with Rule 20 of the Rules of Procedure.

#### **Questions**

1. Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung asked Question 1.

The Secretary for Education and Manpower replied.

Eight Members asked supplementaries and the Secretary for Education and Manpower replied.

2. Hon Andrew CHENG asked Question 2.

The Secretary for Transport replied.

Five Members asked supplementaries and the Secretary for Transport replied.

3. Hon LEUNG Fu-wah asked Question 3.

The Secretary for the Civil Service replied.

Five Members asked supplementaries and the Secretary for the Civil Service replied.

4. Ir Dr Hon HO Chung-tai asked Question 4.

The Secretary for Commerce and Industry replied.

Six Members asked supplementaries and the Secretary for Commerce and Industry replied.

5. Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung asked Question 5.

The Secretary for Health and Welfare replied.

Three Members asked supplementaries and the Secretary for Health and Welfare replied.

6. Hon CHAN Kam-lam asked Question 6.

The Secretary for Planning and Lands replied.

Five Members asked supplementaries and the Secretary for Planning and Lands replied.

Written replies to Questions 7 to 20 were tabled for Members' information.

#### Bills

#### First Reading

#### Employment (Amendment) (No.2) Bill 2000

The Bill was read the first time and ordered to be set down for Second Reading pursuant to Rule 53(3) of the Rules of Procedure.

#### Second Reading

#### Employment (Amendment) (No.2) Bill 2000

The Secretary for Education and Manpower moved the Second Reading and addressed the Council.

Question on the Second Reading proposed. The President stated that in accordance with Rule 54(4) of the Rules of Procedure, the debate was adjourned and the Bill was referred to the House Committee.

#### Members' Bills

## First Reading

Prior of the Order of Cistercians of the Strict Observance Incorporation (Amendment) Bill 2000

The Bill was read the first time and ordered to be set down for Second Reading pursuant to Rule 53(3) of the Rules of Procedure.

#### Second Reading

Prior of the Order of Cistercians of the Strict Observance Incorporation (Amendment) Bill 2000

Hon Ambrose LAU moved the Second Reading and addressed the Council.

Question on the Second Reading proposed. The President stated that in accordance with Rule 54(4) of the Rules of Procedure, the debate was adjourned and the Bill was referred to the House Committee.

#### Members' Motions

The President stated that Hon CHAN Yuen-han and Hon LAU Chinshek had separately given notice to move the following nine motions under the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance. As the motions proposed by Hon CHAN Yuen-han and Hon LAU Chin-shek were identical and had the same effect, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, she would only invite Hon CHAN Yuen-han, who had given notice earlier, to move the motion.

### <u>Proposed resolution under the Interpretation and General Clauses</u> Ordinance

Hon CHAN Yuen-han moved the following motion and addressed the Council:

Resolved that the Waste Disposal (Permits and Licences) (Forms and Fees) (Amendment) Regulation 2000, published as Legal Notice No. 302 of 2000 and laid on the table of the Legislative Council on 15 November 2000, be amended by repealing section 2(a), (c) and (h).

Question on the motion proposed.

Hon LAU Chin-shek spoke on the motion.

Hon James TIEN, Chairman of the Subcommittee formed to study the Subsidiary Legislation relating to the revision of fees and charges gazetted on 10 November 2000, spoke on the motion.

Seven other Members and the Secretary for the Treasury spoke on the motion.

Hon CHAN Yuen-han replied.

Question on the motion put.

Hon IP Kwok-him claimed a division. The President then ordered the Council to divide under Rule 47(1) of the Rules of Procedure.

The President announced that among the Members returned by functional constituencies, 24 were present, 13 were in favour of the motion and 11 against it; while among the Members returned by geographical constituencies through direct elections and by the Election Committee, 29 were present, 10 were in favour of the motion and 18 against it. (Voting record in Appendix I.) Since the question was not agreed by a majority of each of the two groups of Members present, she declared that the motion was negatived.

Hon Mrs Selina CHOW rose to move the following motion without notice:

That in the event of further divisions being claimed in respect of the remaining motions to be moved on the following proposed resolutions under the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance at this meeting, Rule 47(1)(c) of the Rules of Procedure be suspended so that the President may order that the Council do proceed to each of such divisions immediately after the division bell has been rung for one minute.

Question on the motion proposed, put and agreed to.

## Proposed resolution under the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance

Hon CHAN Yuen-han moved the following motion and addressed the Council:

Resolved that the Water Pollution Control (General) (Amendment) Regulation 2000, published as Legal Notice No. 303 of 2000 and laid on the table of the Legislative Council on 15 November 2000, be amended by repealing section 2(a), (b) and (d).

Question on the motion proposed.

The Secretary for the Treasury spoke on the motion.

Hon CHAN Yuen-han replied.

Question on the motion put.

Hon CHAN Yuen-han claimed a division. The President then ordered the Council to divide under Rule 49(5) of the Rules of Procedure.

The President announced that among the Members returned by functional constituencies, 24 were present, 13 were in favour of the motion and 11 against it; while among the Members returned by geographical constituencies through direct elections and by the Election Committee, 29 were present, 10 were in favour of the motion and 18 against it. (Voting record

in Appendix II.) Since the question was not agreed by a majority of each of the two groups of Members present, she declared that the motion was negatived.

#### <u>Proposed resolution under the Interpretation and General Clauses</u> <u>Ordinance</u>

Hon CHAN Yuen-han moved the following motion and addressed the Council:

Resolved that the Air Pollution Control (Asbestos) (Administration) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulation 2000, published as Legal Notice No. 304 of 2000 and laid on the table of the Legislative Council on 15 November 2000, be amended by repealing section 2(a).

Question on the motion proposed, put and negatived.

#### <u>Proposed resolution under the Interpretation and General Clauses</u> Ordinance

Hon CHAN Yuen-han moved the following motion and addressed the Council:

Resolved that the Air Pollution Control (Specified Processes) (Amendment) Regulation 2000, published as Legal Notice No. 306 of 2000 and laid on the table of the Legislative Council on 15 November 2000, be amended by repealing section 2(a), (b), (c) and (d).

Question on the motion proposed, put and negatived.

#### Proposed resolution under the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance

Hon CHAN Yuen-han moved the following motion and addressed the Council:

Resolved that the Noise Control (General) (Amendment) Regulation 2000, published as Legal Notice No. 307 of 2000 and laid on the table of the Legislative Council on 15 November 2000, be repealed.

Question on the motion proposed, put and negatived.

## <u>Proposed resolution under the Interpretation and General Clauses</u> <u>Ordinance</u>

Hon CHAN Yuen-han moved the following motion and addressed the Council:

Resolved that the Noise Control (Air Compressors) (Amendment) Regulation 2000, published as Legal Notice No. 308 of 2000 and laid on the table of the Legislative Council on 15 November 2000, be repealed.

Question on the motion proposed, put and negatived.

## <u>Proposed resolution under the Interpretation and General Clauses</u> Ordinance

Hon CHAN Yuen-han moved the following motion and addressed the Council:

Resolved that the Noise Control (Hand Held Percussive Breakers) (Amendment) Regulation 2000, published as Legal Notice No. 309 of 2000 and laid on the table of the Legislative Council on 15 November 2000, be repealed.

Question on the motion proposed, put and negatived.

## <u>Proposed resolution under the Interpretation and General Clauses</u> Ordinance

Hon CHAN Yuen-han moved the following motion and addressed the Council:

Resolved that the Ozone Layer Protection (Fees) (Amendment) Regulation 2000, published as Legal Notice No. 310 of 2000 and laid on the table of the Legislative Council on 15 November 2000, be repealed.

Question on the motion proposed, put and negatived.

## <u>Proposed resolution under the Interpretation and General Clauses</u> Ordinance

Hon CHAN Yuen-han moved the following motion and addressed the Council:

Resolved that the Environmental Impact Assessment (Fees) (Amendment) Regulation 2000, published as Legal Notice No. 311 of 2000 and laid on the table of the Legislative Council on 15 November 2000, be repealed.

Question on the motion proposed, put and negatived.

The President stated that Hon James TIEN and Hon LAU Chin-shek had separately given notice to move the following motion under the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance. As the motions proposed by Hon James TIEN and Hon LAU Chin-shek were

identical and had the same effect, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, she would only invite Hon James TIEN, who had given notice earlier, to move the motion.

#### Proposed resolution under the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance

Hon James TIEN moved the following motion and addressed the Council:

Resolved that the Dutiable Commodities (Amendment) Regulation 2000, published as Legal Notice No. 324 of 2000 and laid on the table of the Legislative Council on 15 November 2000, be amended -

- (a) by repealing section 2(1)(a), (b) and (c);
- (b) by repealing section 2(2);
- (c) by repealing section 2(3);
- (d) by repealing section 2(4);
- (e) by repealing section 2(5).

Question on the motion proposed.

Hon LAU Chin-shek and the Secretary for the Treasury spoke on the motion.

Hon James TIEN replied.

Question on the motion put.

Hon James TIEN claimed a division. The President then ordered the Council to divide under Rule 49(5) of the Rules of Procedure.

The President announced that among the Members returned by functional constituencies, 24 were present, 10 were in favour of the motion and 14 against it; while among the Members returned by geographical constituencies through direct elections and by the Election Committee, 28 were present, three were in favour of the motion and 24 against it. (Voting record in Appendix III.) Since the question was not agreed by a majority of each of the two groups of Members present, she declared that the motion was negatived.

## <u>Proposed resolution under the Interpretation and General Clauses</u> <u>Ordinance</u>

Hon LAU Chin-shek moved the following motion and addressed the Council:

Resolved that the Medical Registration (Fees) (Amendment) Regulation 2000, published as Legal Notice No. 313 of 2000 and laid on the table of the Legislative Council on 15 November 2000, be repealed.

Question on the motion proposed.

The Secretary for the Treasury spoke on the motion.

Hon LAU Chin-shek replied.

Question on the motion put.

Hon LAU Chin-shek claimed a division. The President then ordered the Council to divide under Rule 49(5) of the Rules of Procedure.

The President announced that among the Members returned by functional constituencies, 24 were present, 11 were in favour of the motion and 13 against it; while among the Members returned by geographical constituencies through direct elections and by the Election Committee, 29 were present, four were in favour of the motion and 24 against it. (Voting record in Appendix IV.) Since the question was not agreed by a majority of each of the two groups of Members present, she declared that the motion was negatived.

Hon LAU Chin-shek sought the President's permission for him to remain seated when moving the remaining motions under his name, for the reason that his back was injured, thus rendering it difficult for him to stand up and sit down frequently. The President acceded to the request. She reminded Members that her permission should not be taken as a precedence and she would not consider similar requests in future except upon the production of relevant medical certificates.

The President suspended the meeting at 6:54 pm.

The Council resumed at 7:05 pm.

#### Proposed resolution under the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance

Hon LAU Chin-shek moved the following motion and addressed the Council:

Resolved that the Dentists (Registration and Disciplinary Procedure) (Amendment) Regulation 2000, published as Legal Notice No. 314 of 2000 and laid on the table of the Legislative Council on 15 November 2000, be repealed.

Question on the motion proposed, put and negatived.

## <u>Proposed resolution under the Interpretation and General Clauses</u> <u>Ordinance</u>

Hon LAU Chin-shek moved the following motion and addressed the Council:

Resolved that the Ancillary Dental Workers (Dental Hygienists) (Amendment) Regulation 2000, published as Legal Notice No. 315 of 2000 and laid on the table of the Legislative Council on 15 November 2000, be repealed.

Question on the motion proposed.

A Member spoke on the motion.

Question on the motion put and negatived.

## <u>Proposed resolution under the Interpretation and General Clauses</u> <u>Ordinance</u>

Hon LAU Chin-shek moved the following motion and addressed the Council:

Resolved that the Midwives Registration (Fees) (Amendment) Regulation 2000, published as Legal Notice No. 316 of 2000 and laid on the table of the Legislative Council on 15 November 2000, be repealed.

Question on the motion proposed, put and negatived.

# <u>Proposed resolution under the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance</u>

Hon LAU Chin-shek moved the following motion and addressed the Council:

Resolved that the Nurses (Registration and Disciplinary Procedure) (Amendment) Regulation 2000, published as Legal Notice No. 317 of 2000 and laid on the table of the Legislative Council on 15 November 2000, be repealed.

Question on the motion proposed, put and negatived.

## <u>Proposed resolution under the Interpretation and General Clauses</u> <u>Ordinance</u>

Hon LAU Chin-shek moved the following motion and addressed the Council:

Resolved that the Enrolled Nurses (Enrolment and Disciplinary Procedure) (Amendment) Regulation 2000, published as Legal

Notice No. 318 of 2000 and laid on the table of the Legislative Council on 15 November 2000, be repealed.

Question on the motion proposed, put and negatived.

## <u>Proposed resolution under the Interpretation and General Clauses</u> Ordinance

Hon LAU Chin-shek moved the following motion and addressed the Council:

Resolved that the Medical Laboratory Technologists (Registration and Disciplinary Procedure) (Amendment) Regulation 2000, published as Legal Notice No. 319 of 2000 and laid on the table of the Legislative Council on 15 November 2000, be repealed.

Question on the motion proposed, put and negatived.

## Proposed resolution under the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance

Hon LAU Chin-shek moved the following motion and addressed the Council:

Resolved that the Occupational Therapists (Registration and Disciplinary Procedure) (Amendment) Regulation 2000, published as Legal Notice No. 320 of 2000 and laid on the table of the Legislative Council on 15 November 2000, be repealed.

Question on the motion proposed, put and negatived.

## <u>Proposed resolution under the Interpretation and General Clauses</u> Ordinance

Hon LAU Chin-shek moved the following motion and addressed the Council:

Resolved that the Optometrists (Registration and Disciplinary Procedure) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulation 2000, published as Legal Notice No. 321 of 2000 and laid on the table of the Legislative Council on 15 November 2000, be repealed.

Question on the motion proposed, put and negatived.

## <u>Proposed resolution under the Interpretation and General Clauses</u> <u>Ordinance</u>

Hon LAU Chin-shek moved the following motion and addressed the Council:

Resolved that the Physiotherapists (Registration and Disciplinary Procedure) (Amendment) Regulation 2000, published as Legal Notice No. 322 of 2000 and laid on the table of the Legislative Council on 15 November 2000, be repealed.

Question on the motion proposed, put and negatived.

### Proposed resolution under the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance

Hon LAU Chin-shek moved the following motion and addressed the Council:

Resolved that the Radiographers (Registration and Disciplinary Procedure) (Amendment) Regulation 2000, published as Legal Notice No. 323 of 2000 and laid on the table of the Legislative Council on 15 November 2000, be repealed.

Question on the motion proposed, put and negatived.

### Proposed resolution under the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance

Hon LAU Chin-shek moved the following motion and addressed the Council:

Resolved that the Gambling (Amendment) Regulation 2000, published as Legal Notice No. 325 of 2000 and laid on the table of the Legislative Council on 15 November 2000, be repealed.

Question on the motion proposed.

The Secretary for the Treasury spoke on the motion.

Question on the motion put and negatived.

#### Drug abuse among young persons

Hon James TO moved the following motion and addressed the Council:

That, in view of the recent trend of psychotropic substance abuse among young persons many of whom indulge in drug abuse when visiting places of entertainment in the Mainland and bring drugs into Hong Kong, and having regard to the drug

abuse problem stemming from the growing popularity of rave parties in Hong Kong, this Council urges the Government to:

- (a) work out expeditiously with the Mainland authorities a co-operative mechanism and strategy to curb the problem of young persons abusing drugs in the Mainland, as well as stepping up the efforts to block the inflow of drugs to Hong Kong;
- (b) examine corresponding measures, such as regulating the organization of rave parties through licensing, for combating drug abuse in such parties;
- (c) consider imposing heavier penalties on persons who illegally traffic and possess psychotropic substances;
- (d) inject more resources to enhance outreach social work services, so as to guide young persons to resist dangerous drugs;
- (e) put in resources to analyze the trends of drug abuse and disseminate such information regularly, so that frontline staff can be better informed of the latest trends of drug abuse among young persons; and
- (f) adopt more effective publicity measures to increase young persons' awareness of the harms of psychotropic substance abuse.

Question on Hon James TO's motion proposed.

The President stated that Hon Mrs Selina CHOW would move an amendment to the motion. In accordance with the Rules of Procedure, the motion and the amendment would be debated together in a joint debate.

Hon Mrs Selina CHOW moved the following amendment to Hon James TO's motion and addressed the Council:

To add "(d) enhance publicity and education in schools and to parents in order to prompt them to face up to the harms of psychotropic substance abuse, so that they will guide young persons to refrain from abusing psychotropic substances;" after "possess psychotropic substances;"; to delete "(d)" and substitute with "(e)"; to delete "(e)" and substitute with "(f)"; and to delete "(f)" and substitute with "(g)".

Question on Hon Mrs Selina CHOW's amendment to Hon James TO's motion proposed.

Seven Members spoke on the motion and the amendment.

Hon James TO spoke on the amendment.

The Secretary for Security spoke on the motion and the amendment.

Question on Hon Mrs Selina CHOW's amendment to Hon James TO's motion put and agreed to.

Hon James TO replied.

Question on Hon James TO's motion as amended by Hon Mrs Selina CHOW put and agreed to.

#### Deposit insurance system

Hon Albert HO moved the following motion and addressed the Council:

That this Council urges the Government to expeditiously implement a deposit insurance system for effectively protecting small depositors, and to formulate an appropriate framework aiming at reducing the risk of moral hazard.

At 9:05 pm, the President's Deputy took the chair during the temporary absence of the President.

Question on Hon Albert HO's motion proposed.

The President's Deputy stated that Hon Tommy CHEUNG would move an amendment to the motion. In accordance with the Rules of Procedure, the motion and the amendment would be debated together in a joint debate.

Hon Tommy CHEUNG moved the following amendment to Hon Albert HO's motion and addressed the Council:

To add ", which is cost-effective and easy for depositors to understand," after "a deposit insurance system"; to delete "an" after "to formulate"; and to delete "framework" and substitute with "complementary measures".

Question on Hon Tommy CHEUNG's amendment to Hon Albert HO's motion proposed.

Seven Members spoke on the motion and the amendment.

Hon Albert HO spoke on the amendment.

At 10:01 pm, the President resumed the chair.

The Secretary for Financial Services spoke on the motion and the amendment.

Question on Hon Tommy CHEUNG's amendment to Hon Albert HO's motion put and agreed to.

Hon Albert HO replied.

Question on Hon Albert HO's motion as amended by Hon Tommy CHEUNG put and agreed to.

#### Next Meeting

The President declared that the next meeting of the Council would be held on 20 December 2000 at 2:30 pm.

The Council was adjourned at 10:30 pm.

(Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai)
President

Council Chamber Hong Kong