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Public Works Subcommittee of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council

Minutes of the 1st meeting held in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building on Wednesday, 18 October 2000, at 2:15 pm

Members present:

Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou, JP Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, JP Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung, JP Prof Hon NG Ching-fai Hon CHAN Yuen-han Hon SIN Chung-kai Hon WONG Yung-kan Hon LAU Kong-wah Hon Mrs Miriam LAU Kin-yee, JP Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong, JP Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, JP Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip Hon IP Kwok-him, JP Hon LAU Ping-cheung

Non-Subcommittee Member attending:

Dr Hon David LI Kwok-po, JP Dr Hon LO Wing-lok

Members absent:

Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan

Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP

Hon James TO Kun-sun

Hon CHAN Kam-lam

Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat, JP

Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP

Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo

Hon LAW Chi-kwong, JP

Hon Henry WU King-cheong, BBS

Hon WONG Sing-chi

Clerk in attendance:

Miss Polly YEUNG Chief Assistant Secretary (1)3

Staff in attendance:

Ms Pauline NG
Assistant Secretary General 1
Ms Sarah YUEN
Senior Assistant Secretary (1)4
Ms Anita SIT
Senior Assistant Secretary (1)8

Mr Kenneth TING Woo-shou, the Member who had the highest precedence in the Council, presided at the election of the Chairman of the Public Works Subcommittee (PWSC) for the 2000-01 session.

Election of Chairman

- 2. Mr Kenneth TING Woo-shou invited nominations for the chairmanship. Dr Raymond HO Chung-tai was nominated by Mr IP Kwok-him and seconded by Mr Michael MAK Kwok-fung. Dr HO accepted the nomination.
- 3. There being no other nomination, Dr Raymond HO Chung-tai was declared elected Chairman of the PWSC for the 2000-01 session.

Election of Deputy Chairman

4. Dr Raymond HO Chung-tai took the chair and called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship. Mr Albert CHAN Wai-yip was nominated by Mr LAU

Kong-wah and seconded by Mr SIN Chung-kai. Mr CHAN accepted the nomination.

5. There being no other nomination, Mr Albert CHAN Wai-yip was declared elected Deputy Chairman of the PWSC for the 2000-01 session.

Any other business

- 6. The Chairman advised that the next meeting of the PWSC would be held on Wednesday, 25 October 2000, at 10:45 am.
- 7. The Chairman suggested that to avoid prolonged discussion and hence, possible delay in the consideration of public works funding proposals, he would exercise due control over the duration of discussion at future meetings of the PWSC. For example, he might limit the number of further questions to be raised on an item after the item had been discussed at length and would disallow questions that were not directly related to the item under consideration. In this regard, the Assistant Secretary General 1 supplemented that the usual practice of committees and subcommittees was for the Chairman to set a limit, if necessary, on further questions on an item after each member who wished to ask questions had been given the opportunity to raise at least one question on the item.
- 8. Mrs Miriam LAU concurred that the Chairman should exercise his discretion to adopt a stricter control over the relevancy of questions. Miss CHAN Yuen-han said that as members might have diverse concerns over a public works proposal, the Chairman should be cautious when exercising his judgement on the scope and relevancy of members' questions. The Chairman assured members that they would be given reasonable opportunities to raise questions and express views on any item under consideration. In case there was insufficient time to deal with all the items scheduled for a PWSC meeting but there was an urgency for one or more of the outstanding items, he might consider arranging special meetings of the PWSC to deal with the urgent outstanding item(s).
- 9. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 2:22 pm.

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