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Meetings-cum-luncheons with District Council Members

Purpose

This paper invites Members' views on the arrangements for holding regular meetings-cum-luncheons with members of District Councils.

Background

2. Meetings-cum-luncheons had been organized since mid 1980s for Members of the former Legislative Council to meet members of District Boards from time to time. During the first term of the Legislative Council, a complete round of meetings were held between Members of the Council and members of the 18 Provisional District Boards. Meetings-cum-luncheons were also held with members of 10 District Councils, following the commencement of the first term of the District Councils on 1 January 2000.

3. The purpose of these meetings-cum-luncheons is to enable Members of the Legislative Council to discuss and exchange views with members of District Councils on matters of mutual interest and concern as well as to enhance communication between the legislature and the District Councils.

Proposed Arrangements

4. It is proposed that meetings-cum-luncheons with members of District Councils should be held about every four weeks when the Legislative Council is in session. Under this arrangement, at least three complete cycles of meetings with members of the 18 District Councils would be held before their term ends on 31 December 2003. In accordance with rule 32 of the House Rules (the Appendix refers) and in line with past practice, it is also proposed that on each occasion, two meetings will take place concurrently on a Thursday morning from 10:45 am to 12:30 pm in different conference rooms. The meetings will be followed by a joint luncheon for members of both District Councils.

5. Subject to Members' agreement to holding the meetings-cum-luncheons, Members, except the President, will be divided into groups each comprising nine or 10 Members to attend meetings with members of District Councils on a roster basis. Meetings with those District Councils which belong to the same geographical constituency in the Legislative Council elections will be arranged to be held on different dates so as to enable the Members elected from geographical constituencies to meet as many District Council members of their respective constituencies as possible.

Consultation with the Administration and District Councils

6. Subject to Members' views and endorsement of the proposed arrangements set out in paragraphs 4 and 5 above, the Secretariat will consult the District Councils through the Home Affairs Department.

Members' Advice

7. Members' views are sought on the proposed arrangements set out in paragraphs 4 and 5 above.

Legislative Council Secretariat

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Extract from the House Rules

32. Meetings with District Councils

- (a) Meeting-cum-luncheons are held in camera with District Council (DC) members from time to time to discuss and exchange views on matters of mutual interest.
- (b) Tentative dates of the meetings can be drawn up in advance, but the exact dates can be fixed mutually between the respective DCs and the Secretariat, subject to sufficient notice being given to members on both sides.
- (c) The meeting time is normally from 10:45 am to 12:45 pm, followed by lunch up to 2:00 pm.
- (d) Members are divided into groups to meet with DC members on a roster system.
- (e) Members convene meetings by turn.
- (f) Upon the request of DCs, individual Members may be invited to attend a particular meeting.
- (g) Each meeting should be attended by a minimum of five Members. Members scheduled on the roster should make themselves available to attend these meetings/luncheons.
- (h) If the number of Members who have signed up for a meeting is less than five, other Members approached by the Secretariat should make an effort to attend the meeting to ensure that the minimum attendance is met.
- (i) A formal agenda for the meeting should be prepared in consultation with the DC concerned prior to the meeting.
- (j) Minutes of meetings are to be issued to the DCs after the meetings.
- (k) Matters discussed at the meetings are followed up by the relevant policy Panels or the Complaints Division as appropriate.
- (l) While the Secretariat will liaise with the Administration on the issues raised and the follow-up action to be taken, the convenor of the meeting/luncheon will report back to the DC personally, on behalf of Members present.