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**Bills Committee on
Village Representative Election Bill**

**Minutes of meeting
held on Wednesday, 4 December 2002 at 8:30 am
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

Members Present : Hon IP Kwok-him, JP (Chairman)
Dr Hon David CHU Yu-lin, JP
Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat, JP
Hon WONG Yung-kan
Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBS, JP
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP
Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong, JP
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip

Members Absent : Hon CHAN Kwok-keung
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP
Hon WONG Sing-chi

Public Officers Attending : Mr Stephen FISHER
Deputy Secretary for Home Affairs (2)

Mr Y C CHAN
Principal Assistant Secretary for Home Affairs (Special
Duties)

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Ms Monica CHEN
Assistant Director of Home Affairs (1)

Mr Lawrence S Y PENG
Acting Senior Assistant Law Draftsman
Department of Justice

Mr Alan CHONG
Government Counsel
Department of Justice

Mr Philip LAM Min-kei
Chief Liaison Officer (NT)
Home Affairs Department

Clerk in Attendance : Miss Flora TAI
Chief Assistant Secretary (2)2

Staff in Attendance : Mr Stephen LAM
Assistant Legal Adviser 4

Miss Lolita SHEK
Senior Assistant Secretary (2)7

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I. Confirmation of minutes
[LC Paper No. CB(2)513/02-03]

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 November 2002 were confirmed.

II. Outstanding issues arising from previous meetings
[LC Paper Nos. CB(2)329/02-03(01), CB(2)468/02-03(01) and
CB(2)540/02-03(01)]

2. The Committee deliberated the Administration's responses to the concerns and issues raised by members at the meetings on 22 October, 16 November and 22 November 2002 respectively (index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

Adm 3. The Administration was requested to provide a written response to the following issues –

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Electoral arrangements for representatives of fishing population

- (a) whether fishermen and boat dwellers in fishermen's villages which did not have boundaries could participate in Village Representative (VR) elections;
- (b) whether the representatives of fishermen and boat dwellers could continue to serve as members of Rural Committees (RCs); and

Disqualification from holding VR office or being nominated as a candidate or elected as a VR

- (c) whether a member of the people's congress or people's consultative body in Macau Special Administrative Region would be eligible to run for and hold a VR office under clauses 9(f) and 23(h) of the Bill.

Adm 4. The Administration was requested to consider the following comments and suggestions from members –

Subsidies for village offices and RCs

- (a) reviewing the amount of subsidies granted to village offices and RCs as VR elections would be put under statutory control ;

Eligibility of civil servants to run for and hold VR offices

- (b) amending clauses 9(1) and 23(1) of the Bill to the effect that civil servants would be allowed to run for and hold offices of VRs; and

Residency requirements on voters and candidates for Resident Representative elections

- (c) amending the Bill to the effect that a person who had close affiliations with and a residence in an Existing Village should be allowed to choose to use his residence in the Village as his principal residential address for the purpose of voter registration for the Village.

5. Mr Albert CHAN said that he would move Committee Stage amendments to the Bill if the Administration refused to accept members' suggestions in respect of paragraph 4(b) and (c) above.

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III. Any other business

6. Members agreed that the next meeting of the Bills Committee would be held on Friday, 20 December 2002 at 8:30 am to start clause-by-clause examination of the Bill, and to study the draft Committee Stage amendments proposed by the Administration.

7. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 10:40 am.

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Legislative Council Secretariat
18 December 2002

**Proceedings of the meeting of the
Bills Committee on Village Representative Election Bill
on Wednesday, 4 December 2002 at 8:30 am
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

Time marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action required
0000-0047	Chairman	Confirmation of minutes	
0048-0716	Chairman Admin	<u>Annex G to LC Paper No. CB(2)329/02-03(01)</u> Information on Indigenous Villages and Existing Villages	
0717-2006	Chairman Mr WONG Yung-kan Admin Dr TANG Siu-tong	Arrangements for the election of Village Representatives (VRs) and representatives at Rural Committees (RCs) for fishermen and boat dwellers	Admin (see para. 3(a) and (b) of the minutes)
2007-3158	Chairman Admin Dr TANG Siu-tong Mr Andrew WONG	<u>Annexes H and I to LC Paper No. CB(2)329/02-03(01)</u> Use of village offices and offices of RCs	
3159-5736	Chairman Admin Dr TANG Siu-tong Mr Andrew CHENG Mr Albert CHAN Mr Andrew WONG	<u>Annex J to LC Paper No. CB(2)329/02-03(01) and Annex A to LC Paper No. CB(2)540/02-03(01)</u> Disparity of treatment for some indigenous inhabitants having two votes in VR election	
5737-011344	Chairman Mr Albert CHAN Admin Dr TANG Siu-tong Mr Andrew WONG	<u>Annex K to LC Paper No. CB(2)329/02-03(01)</u> Functions of the two types of VRs	
011345-011540	Chairman Admin Dr TANG Siu-tong Mr Andrew WONG	<u>Annex L to LC Paper No. CB(2)329/02-03(01)</u> Subsidies for village offices and RCs	Admin (see para. 4(a) of the minutes)

011541-014653	Chairman Mr LAU Wong-fat Admin Mr Andrew WONG Mr Albert CHAN Mr TAM Yiu-chung Dr TANG Siu-tong	<u>Annex M to LC Paper No. CB(2)329/02-03(01) and Annex A to LC Paper No. CB(2)468/02-03(01)</u> Eligibility of civil servants to run for and hold VR offices	Admin (see paras. 3(c) and 4(b) of the minutes)
014654-015423	Chairman Dr TANG Siu-tong Admin Mr LAU Wong-fat	<u>Annex N to LC Paper No. CB(2)329/02-03(01)</u> Alternative models for VR elections	
015424-020917	Chairman Dr TANG Siu-tong Admin Mr Albert CHAN Mr Andrew WONG	<u>Annex D to LC Paper No. CB(2)540/02-03(01)</u> Residency-in-village requirement for registration as an elector for an Existing Village	Admin (see para. 4(c) of the minutes)
020918-021155	Chairman	Date of next meeting	

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