

**Extract from the draft minutes of the
House Committee meeting on 16 May 2003**

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III. Business arising from previous Council meetings

(b) Legal Service Division report on subsidiary legislation gazetted on 9 May 2003 and tabled in Council on 14 May 2003

(LC Paper No. LS 108/02-03)

18. The Legal Adviser said that three items of subsidiary legislation were gazetted on 9 May 2003 and tabled in Council on 14 May 2003.

19. The Legal Adviser explained that the Fire Services (Fire Hazard Abatement) Regulation was made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 25 of the Fire Services Ordinance to deal with all matters relating to abatement of fire hazards. The Legal Adviser further explained that the Regulation also provided for the regulation of new forms of fire hazards, such as conveyance on land of a container and prohibition of using premises for illegal vehicle refuelling activities.

20. The Legal Adviser advised Members that the Bills Committee on Fire Services (Amendment) Bill 2001 had discussed the policy aspects of the Regulation and the draft Regulation, and had expected that a subcommittee would be formed to study the Regulation in detail when it was gazetted.

21. The Legal Adviser added that the Administration intended to appoint 1 January 2004 as the commencement date of the Fire Services (Amendment) Ordinance 2003 and the Regulation.

22. The Chairman proposed that a subcommittee be formed to study the Regulation. Members agreed. The following Member agreed to join : Mr IP Kwok-him. The Chairman said that a circular would be issued to invite other Members to join the subcommittee.

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