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**Public Works Subcommittee of the Finance Committee  
of the Legislative Council**

**Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting  
held in the Chamber of Legislative Council Building  
on Thursday, 9 October 2003, at 2:15 pm**

**Members present :**

Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, JP (Chairman)  
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip (Deputy Chairman)  
Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou, JP  
Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP  
Hon James TO Kun-sun  
Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat, JP  
Hon WONG Yung-kan  
Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee, JP  
Hon CHOY So-yuk  
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo  
Dr Hon LAW Chi-kwong, JP  
Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP  
Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong, JP  
Hon Henry WU King-cheong, BBS, JP  
Hon WONG Sing-chi  
Hon LAU Ping-cheung

**Members absent:**

Dr Hon David CHU Yu-lin, JP  
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan  
Dr Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung, GBS, JP



5. There being no other nomination, the Chairman declared that Mr Albert CHAN was elected Deputy Chairman of the PWSC for the 2003-04 session.

**Any other business**

Meeting time of PWSC meetings

6. Ms Miriam LAU said that in the last session, some PWSC meetings had overrun well beyond the normal ending time of 12:45 pm. The situation had caused difficulties to some members who had scheduled other activities but wished to participate in the voting of the outstanding PWSC items. Ms LAU considered the arrangement very unsatisfactory. She suggested that there should be a clear common understanding among members about the ending time of PWSC meetings so that members could plan their activities without worrying that they might miss the voting of some PWSC items. She suggested that in future, PWSC meetings should end by 12:45 pm as far as possible and in any event, should not run beyond 1:00 pm. Mr Kenneth TING expressed support for Ms LAU's suggestion. He added that the target ending time of 12:45 pm should be adhered to unless there were very exceptional circumstances.

7. The Chairman said that on relevant past occasions, he had always consulted the members present and only with the support of a majority of the members, he had made the decision to extend the meetings beyond 12:45 pm or so in order to finish some urgent items. He thanked Ms Miriam LAU for raising the matter and invited members' comments on Ms LAU's proposed arrangement. As members did not give further comments, the Chairman said that for the 2003-04 session, he would strive to end the meetings by 12:45 pm.

Overview of potential submissions to PWSC in the 2003-04 session

8. The Chairman informed members that the list of potential submissions to PWSC in the 2003-04 session was under preparation by the Administration. As the Administration would probably be able to finalize the list in November 2003, he might call a special meeting in November 2003 for members to enquire about the potential submissions. He would ask the Clerk to notify members of the meeting arrangements in due course.

Schedule of meetings for the 2003-04 session

9. The Chairman said that he would discuss with the Clerk the schedule of meetings for the 2003-04 session and thereafter members would be informed of the schedule.

10. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 2:25 pm.

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