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

**Minutes of the 7th meeting
held in the Chamber of Legislative Council Building
on Wednesday, 3 March 2004, at 10:45 am**

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 Cyd HO Sau-lan
Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat, JP
Hon WONG Yung-kan
Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung, BBS
Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
Dr Hon LAW Chi-kwong, JP
Hon WONG Sing-chi
Hon IP Kwok-him, JP

Members absent:

Dr Hon David CHU Yu-lin, JP
Dr Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung, GBS, JP
Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP
Hon CHAN Kam-lam, JP

Hon SIN Chung-kai
Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yea, JP
Hon CHOY So-yuk
Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP
Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong, JP
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, JP
Hon Henry WU King-cheong, BBS, JP
Hon LAU Ping-cheung

Public officers attending:

Miss Amy TSE, JP	Deputy Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury) ³
Mr Y C LO, JP	Permanent Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works (Works)
Mrs Carrie LAM, JP	Permanent Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands (Planning and Lands) 1
Mr Rob LAW, JP	Director of Environmental Protection
Miss Janice TSE	Principal Assistant Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury) (Works)
Mr C H YUE, JP	Director of Architectural Services
Mr David WONG	Principal Assistant Secretary for Education and Manpower (Infrastructure & Research Support)
Mr John CHAI, JP	Director of Territory Development
Mr D J HAYES	Chief Engineer, (Yuen Long) Territory Development Department

Clerk in attendance:

Ms Anita SIT	Chief Council Secretary (1) ⁶
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Staff in attendance:

Ms Pauline NG	Assistant Secretary General 1
Mr Matthew LOO	Senior Council Secretary (1) ³
Ms Caris CHAN	Senior Legislative Assistant 1
Mr Frankie WOO	Legislative Assistant 2

HEAD 703 - BUILDINGS

PWSC(2003-04)68 314EP A 24-classroom primary school at the junction of Tin Shing Road and Tin Pak Road, Tin Shui Wai

Members noted that the Administration had consulted the LegCo Panel on Education (Education Panel) on the planning and provision of public sector school places at the Panel meeting held on 30 January 2004.

2. The item was voted on and endorsed.

PWSC(2003-04)70 259ES Second secondary school in Area 104, Tin Shui Wai
322EP Second primary school in Area 104, Tin Shui Wai

3. Members noted that, similar to PWSC(2003-04)68, the Administration had consulted the Education Panel on the planning and provision of public sector school places at the Panel meeting held on 30 January 2004.

4. Mr Albert CHAN pointed out that Tin Shui Wai (TSW) was a very large district with a population of more than 300 000, but there was only one Primary One Admission (POA) School Net for the entire TSW district. Many students living in TSW North were allocated to schools in TSW South which were beyond walking distance from their homes. This arrangement was unsatisfactory. Apart from the longer travelling time, the transportation expenses would increase the financial burden of the families of the students, as these students were not eligible for the Cross-net Travel Subsidy. Mr CHAN opined that TSW should be divided into two School Nets as in the case of Tsuen Wan the population of which was around 270 000. In response, the Principal Assistant Secretary for Education and Manpower (Infrastructure & Research Support) (PAS(I&RS), EMB) confirmed that all primary schools in TSW were covered by one School Net, i.e. POA School Net No. 72. He advised that in anticipation of completion of housing estates in TSW North, four new primary schools were planned to meet the projected shortfall of primary school places. Two of these primary schools would be located in Area 104 of TSW North for completion in 2005 and 2006 respectively. The school sites of the other two primary schools were in TSW South which were within only five to 10 minutes of travelling by public transport from TSW North via Tin Shing Road and Tin Shui Road. PAS(I&RS), EMB agreed to follow up Mr CHAN's suggestion of dividing TSW into two School Nets. The Chairman requested the Administration to report to the Education Panel on this issue. Mr IP Kwok-him supported the Chairman's suggestion.

5. Mr Kenneth TING enquired why the estimated piling cost for the proposed primary school (\$24.1 million) was significantly higher than that for the proposed secondary school (\$20.2 million), notwithstanding that the corresponding reference cost for the secondary school (\$9.5 million) was higher than the reference cost for the primary school (\$8 million). In response, the Director of Architectural Services (D Arch S) advised that the estimations of reference costs were based on the assumption that the school site was uncomplicated and without unusual environmental restrictions. Higher piling costs for the two proposed schools were required as the school sites were located on a large underground marble cavern, and hence more complicated piling works were required for both schools. The reason for the higher piling cost for the proposed primary school was the presence of fault and shear zone underneath the primary school site but not the secondary school site. At the request of the Chairman and Mr TING, D Arch S agreed to provide more precise explanations in future submissions on special arrangements in projects, so that members did not need to ask for the details at the meeting.

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6. Noting that the running tracks for the shared use of the schools were around 80 metres (m) in length, Ms Cyd HO enquired whether it was feasible to provide 100m-running tracks in the school site for better physical training of students. In response, D Arch S said that insofar as project design was concerned it was feasible to provide 100m-running tracks in the school site by relocating the tracks to the middle of site. He however pointed out the Administration had consulted the relevant school sponsoring body (SSB) on the design of the schools. SSB had agreed to the layout design shown in Enclosure 1 of the paper and had indicated the preference for an uninterrupted playground area in-between the two schools. At the request of Ms HO, PAS(I&RS), EMB undertook to discuss her suggestion about the provision of 100m-running tracks for the schools with the SSB and report the outcome to members before the relevant Finance Committee meeting.

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7. The item was voted on and endorsed.

HEAD 707 - NEW TOWNS AND URBAN AREA DEVELOPMENT

PWSC(2003-04)69

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Yuen Long south western extension – site formation for school development and the associated roadworks in Area 13

8. Members noted that the Administration had circulated an information paper to the LegCo Panel on Planning, Lands and Works in February 2004 on the proposed works.

9. The item was voted on and endorsed.

10. The meeting ended at 11:03 pm.

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