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### Legislative Council

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#### **House Committee of the Legislative Council**

Minutes of the 30th meeting held in the Legislative Council Chamber at 2:55 pm on Friday, 25 June 2004

#### **Members present:**

Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee, JP (Chairman)

Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP (Deputy Chairman)

Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, GBS, JP

Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan

Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, JP

Hon LEE Cheuk-yan

Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming, SC, JP

Dr Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung, GBS, JP

Hon NG Leung-sing, JP

Hon Margaret NG

Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee, GBS, JP

Hon James TO Kun-sun

Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong

Hon CHAN Kwok-keung, JP

Hon Bernard CHAN, JP

Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, SBS, JP

Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung

Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat, JP

Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, GBS

Hon WONG Yung-kan

Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, GBS, JP

Hon Howard YOUNG, SBS, JP

Dr Hon YEUNG Sum

Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung, BBS

Hon LAU Chin-shek, JP

Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP

Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBS, JP

Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen, GBS, JP

Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP

Hon CHOY So-yuk

Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo Hon SZETO Wah Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, SBS, JP Dr Hon LAW Chi-kwong, JP Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong, JP Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, JP Hon LI Fung-ying, JP Hon Henry WU King-cheong, BBS, JP Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip Dr Hon LO Wing-lok, JP Hon WONG Sing-chi Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee Hon IP Kwok-him, JP Hon LAU Ping-cheung

#### **Members absent:**

Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou, JP
Dr Hon David CHU Yu-lin, JP
Hon Albert HO Chun-yan
Dr Hon David LI Kwok-po, GBS, JP
Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah, JP
Hon HUI Cheung-ching, JP
Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP
Hon CHAN Kam-lam, JP
Hon SIN Chung-kai
Hon LEUNG Fu-wah, MH, JP
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP
Hon MA Fung-kwok, JP

#### **Clerk in attendance:**

Mrs Justina LAM Clerk to the House Committee

#### **Staff in attendance:**

Mr Ricky C C FUNG, JP

Mr LEE Yu-sung

Ms Pauline NG

Mr Ray CHAN

Secretary General

Legal Adviser (Acting)

Assistant Secretary General 1

Assistant Secretary General 3

Mr Arthur CHEUNG Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 2 Principal Chief Secretary (Complaints) Mrs Vivian KAM Chief Public Information Officer Miss Kathleen LAU Mr Andy LAU Chief Council Secretary (1)2 Miss Salumi CHAN Chief Council Secretary (1)5 Mrs Constance LI Chief Council Secretary (2)5 Mrs Betty LEUNG Chief Council Secretary (3)1 Miss Anita HO Assistant Legal Adviser 2 Assistant Legal Adviser 3 Ms Connie FUNG Assistant Legal Adviser 5 Ms Kitty CHENG Assistant Legal Adviser 6 Mr KAU Kin-wah Senior Council Secretary (2)7 Miss Lolita SHEK

#### Action

I. Confirmation of the minutes of the 29th meeting held on 18 June 2004 (LC Paper No. CB(2) 2902/03-04)

The minutes were confirmed.

#### II. Matters arising

### Report by the Chairman on her meeting with the Chief Secretary for Administration (CS)

#### Meeting with CS

- 2. <u>The Chairman</u> said that she had informed CS that Members had suggested to hold a special House Committee meeting to meet with him on Friday, 2 July 2004 from 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm to discuss -
  - (a) the business sector's involvement in political development and policy-making; and
  - (b) enhanced cooperation and links between Hong Kong and Guangdong.
- 3. The Chairman further said that regarding paragraph 2 (b) above, CS had asked whether Members would like to suggest another topic as the Legislative Council (LegCo) would be debating Mr IP Kwok-him's motion on "Promoting Pan-Pearl River Delta regional co-operation and development" at its meeting of 30 June 2004.

- 4. <u>Mr IP Kwok-him</u> suggested to invite CS to brief Members on the progress of measures to improve environmental hygiene in Hong Kong. <u>Mr IP</u> said that CS had previously headed Team Clean, which had made a number of recommendations in its final report. He pointed out that the hygiene conditions in blackspots, such as Wan Tat Street in Kowloon City, were very poor and caused much public concern.
- 5. The Chairman said that she would convey this suggestion to CS.

#### III. Business arising from previous Council meetings

Legal Service Division report on subsidiary legislation gazetted on 18 June 2004 and tabled in Council on 23 June 2004

(LC Paper No. LS 88/03-04)

- 6. The Legal Adviser (Atg) said that there were a total of eight items of subsidiary legislation, including five Commencement Notices, gazetted on 18 June 2004 and tabled in Council on 23 June 2004.
- 7. The Legal Adviser (Atg) explained that the Banking (Specification of Public Sector Entities in Hong Kong) (Amendment) Notice 2004 specified 香港五隧一橋有限公司 Hong Kong Link 2004 Limited as a public sector entity in Hong Kong for the purpose of calculating the risk weighted exposure of an authorized institution referred to in the Third Schedule to the Banking Ordinance (Cap. 155). Such specification was to enable the relevant public sector entity in Hong Kong to borrow funds at a lower cost in the market.
- 8. <u>The Legal Adviser (Atg)</u> added that the Legal Service Division was seeking clarification from the Administration on a technical issue and would provide a further report if necessary.
- 9. The Legal Adviser (Atg) said that the following four Commencement Notices were related to the installation of passenger protection equipment, including seat belts and high back seats, on newly registered public light buses (PLBs) -
  - (a) Road Traffic (Construction and Maintenance of Vehicles) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulation 2002 (L.N. 147 of 2002) (Commencement) Notice 2004;
  - (b) Road Traffic (Safety Equipment) (Amendment) Regulation 2002 (L.N. 148 of 2002) (Commencement) Notice 2004;
  - (c) Fixed Penalty (Criminal Proceedings) (Amendment) Regulation 2004 (L.N. 103 of 2004) (Commencement) Notice 2004; and

- (d) Fixed Penalty (Criminal Proceedings) Ordinance (Cap. 240) Resolution of the Legislative Council (L.N. 114 of 2004) (Commencement) Notice 2004.
- 10. <u>The Legal Adviser (Atg)</u> explained that the four Commencement Notices appointed 1 August 2004 as the day on which the Regulations and Resolution concerned would come into operation.
- 11. The Chairman said that the Regulations and Resolution concerned were related to the Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill 2003, the Second Reading debate on which would be resumed at the Council meeting of 30 June 2004. The Chairman further said that the Bill and the relevant Regulations had been examined by a Bills Committee and a subcommittee respectively. With the Bill and the Regulations coming into operation on 1 August 2004, the Administration would not issue new licences to PLBs unless they had been installed with high back seats and fitted with rear seat belts.
- 12. The Chairman informed Members that the Administration had previously advised the relevant Bills Committee and subcommittee that new PLBs were available for the implementation of the new safety requirements by 1 August 2004. The trade, however, had informed her a few days ago that the most popular model of PLBs, which met the new safety requirements, would not be available until November 2004.
- 13. The Chairman proposed that a subcommittee be formed to discuss with the trade and the Administration ways to resolve the problem. Members agreed. The following Members agreed to join: Mr LAU Kong-wah (as advised by Mr IP Kwok-him), Ms Miriam LAU and Mr Andrew CHENG (as advised by Mr James TO).
- 14. <u>Members</u> did not raise any queries on the other three items of subsidiary legislation.
- 15. <u>The Chairman</u> said that the deadline for amending these items of subsidiary legislation was the day after the 2nd meeting in the 2004-05 session.

#### IV. Further business for the Council meeting on 30 June 2004

#### **Ouestions**

(LC Paper No. CB(3) 746/03-04)

16. <u>The Chairman</u> said that Mr SIN Chung-kai had replaced his previous oral question.

#### V. Business for the Council meeting on 7 July 2004

- (a) Questions (LC Paper No. CB(3) 747/03-04)
- 17. <u>The Chairman</u> said that 20 questions (six oral and 14 written) had been scheduled for the Council meeting on 7 July 2004.
- (b) <u>Bills First Reading and moving of Second Reading</u>
- 18. The Chairman said that no notice had been received yet.
- (c) Bills resumption of debate on Second Reading, Committee Stage and Third Reading
  - (i) Town Planning (Amendment) Bill 2003
  - (ii) Land Titles Bill
  - (iii) Education (Amendment) Bill 2002
  - (iv) Adoption (Amendment) Bill 2003
  - (v) Human Organ Transplant (Amendment) Bill 2001
  - (vi) Companies (Amendment) Bill 2003
  - (vii) Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill 2004
- 19. <u>The Chairman</u> said that the relevant Bills Committees had reported at the last House Committee meeting on 18 June 2004, and Members did not raise objection to the resumption of the Second Reading debate on the seven Bills.
- 20. <u>The Chairman</u> further said that the following Bills Committees had provided written reports for this meeting under item VI below -
  - (a) Town Planning (Amendment) Bill 2003;
  - (b) Land Titles Bill;
  - (c) Education (Amendment) Bill 2002; and
  - (d) Human Organ Transplant (Amendment) Bill 2001.
- (d) Government motions
- 21. The Chairman said that no notice had been received yet.

(e) Members' Bills - resumption of debate on Second Reading, <u>Committee Stage and Third Reading</u>

#### Professional Accountants (Amendment) Bill 2004

22. <u>The Chairman</u> said that at the last House Committee meeting on 18 June 2004, Members did not raise objection to the resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Bill.

#### (f) Members' motions

- (i) Motion on "Report of the Select Committee" (Wording of the motion issued vide LC Paper No. CB(3) 759/03-04 dated 23 June 2004.)
- (ii) Motion on "Facilitating communication between the Central Government and the pro-democracy camp in Hong Kong" (Wording of the motion issued vide LC Paper No. CB(3) 774/03-04 dated 24 June 2004.)
- (iii) Motion on "Big market and small government" (Wording of the motion issued vide LC Paper No. CB(3) 767/03-04 dated 24 June 2004.)
- (iv) Valedictory motion
  (Wording of the motion issued vide LC Paper No. CB(3) 760/03-04 dated 23 June 2004.)
- 23. <u>The Chairman</u> said that the above motions would be moved by Dr LAW Chi-kwong, Mr James TIEN, Mr NG Leung-sing and herself respectively. The wording of the motions had been issued to Members.
- 24. <u>The Chairman</u> reminded Members that the deadline for giving notice of amendments, if any, to the motions was Tuesday, 29 June 2004.

#### VI. Reports of Bills Committees and subcommittees

(a) Report of the Bills Committee on Education (Amendment) Bill 2002
(LC Paper No. CB(2) 2891/03-04)

25. <u>Ms Cyd HO</u>, Chairman of the Bills Committee, said that she had made a verbal report at the last House Committee meeting and a written report was now provided for Members' reference.

- 26. Ms HO further said that the Administration had accepted most of members' suggestions, and would move about 50 Committee Stage amendments (CSAs). The Administration would also propose a CSA to extend the transition period in the proposed section 40BJ, which provided that the sponsoring body of an operating aided school had to make a submission of a draft constitution for the establishment of an incorporated management committee (IMC) by 1 January 2009. The Bills Committee would discuss the Administration's CSA at its meeting to be held immediately after the House Committee meeting,
- 27. <u>Ms HO</u> added that Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong had proposed a CSA to add a new subsection (5) to section 40BJ to enable LegCo to extend, by way of a resolution at any time after 1 January 2008, the date for school sponsoring bodies (SSBs) of aided schools to submit draft constitutions.
- 28. <u>Ms HO</u> informed Members that she had also proposed amendments to section 40BJ to provide that the Secretary for Education and Manpower could, by notice published in the Gazette, specify the date before which the submission of draft constitutions would be made.
- 29. Referring to paragraph 122 of the report, Ms HO said that one of the largest SSBs planned to initiate litigation against the Government for contravention of Article 141 of the Basic Law (BL) if the Bill was enacted. The Bills Committee had asked the Administration to seek legal advice and provide a written response to the Bills Committee before the resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Bill. The Administration's initial view was that under BL 136, it could, on its own, formulate policies on the development and improvement of education. The Administration had agreed to provide a paper to the Bills Committee in this regard.
- 30. <u>Ms HO</u> thanked the LegCo Secretariat for the assistance it had provided to the Bills Committee.

### (b) Report of the Bills Committee on Land Titles Bill (LC Paper No. CB(1) 2219/03-04)

- 31. <u>Miss Margaret NG</u>, Chairman of the Bills Committee, said that she had made a verbal report at the last House Committee meeting and a written report was now provided for Members' reference.
- 32. <u>Miss NG</u> said that the Bills Committee supported the resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Bill subject to the Administration's undertakings as detailed in paragraphs 120 and 121 of the report. <u>Miss NG</u> informed Members that the Bills Committee had just received the Administration's confirmation that it agreed to give these undertakings.

33. <u>Miss NG</u> further said that the Bills Committee supported the resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Bill and the CSAs proposed by the Administration.

### (c) Report of the Bills Committee on Town Planning (Amendment) Bill 2003

(LC Paper No. CB(1) 2213/03-04)

34. Mr James TO, Chairman of the Bills Committee, said that he had made a verbal report at the last House Committee meeting and he had nothing to add to the written report.

### (d) Report of the Bills Committee on Human Organ Transplant (Amendment) Bill 2001

(LC Paper No. CB(2) 2802/03-04)

35. <u>Dr LO Wing-lok</u>, Chairman of the Bills Committee, said that he had made a verbal report at the last House Committee meeting and he had nothing to add to the written report.

#### (e) Report of the Subcommittee on the draft Criminal Jurisdiction Ordinance (Amendment of Section 2(2)) Order 2002

(LC Paper No. CB(2) 2921/03-04)

- 36. Mr James TO, Chairman of the Subcommittee, said that the Administration had previously withdrawn its notice for moving the proposed resolution on the draft Order to allow time for the Subcommittee to examine the draft Order.
- 37. Mr TO further said that the draft Order sought to add three computer offences to the Criminal Jurisdiction Ordinance (Cap. 461) (CJO) so as to improve the existing regime on computer crime legislation, enforcement and prevention, and also to extend the territorial jurisdiction of the three offences.
- 38. Mr TO said that some members had reservations about the approach adopted to extend the territorial jurisdiction of the three computer offences. They requested that the Administration should consider drawing up a consolidated piece of legislation on computer offences and providing for extended jurisdiction in that legislation, instead of bringing them within the scope of CJO.
- 39. Mr TO further said that he considered that the mechanism to amend the list of offences under CJO, i.e. by an order made by the Chief Executive in Council with prior LegCo approval by way of an affirmative resolution, was not as desirable as a three-reading procedure.

- 40. Mr TO informed Members that the Administration remained of the view that the draft Order was the appropriate means to effect the intended changes to jurisdictional rules for the three computer offences covered by the draft Order. The Administration, however, would not give fresh notice for moving a motion to seek LegCo's approval for the draft Order in the remainder of the current term.
- 41. Mr TO further said that the Subcommittee recommended that the Administration should
  - (a) revert to LegCo in the next term on how it proposed to take forward the matter, while addressing members' concern about the approach adopted by the Administration to extend the territorial jurisdiction of the three computer offences; and
  - (b) consider setting up a working group to regularly review whether existing legislation was adequate to deal with new computer crimes, and to have interface with the relevant Panel of LegCo to facilitate early and in-depth deliberation.
- 42. <u>Members</u> noted the Subcommittee's recommendations.
- (f) Report of the Subcommittee on the United Nations Sanctions
  (Liberia) Regulation 2003

(LC Paper No. CB(2) 2892/03-04)

- 43. <u>Miss Margaret NG</u>, Chairman of the Subcommittee, said that the Subcommittee had provided an interim report to the House Committee on 28 May 2004.
- 44. <u>Miss NG</u> further said that the Subcommittee had recently received the views of Professor Yash GHAI from the Department of Law of the University of Hong Kong on the legal and constitutional issues arising from the existing arrangements for implementing resolutions of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) in relation to sanctions in Hong Kong. Professor GHAI was of the view that there were major problems in the existing arrangements, and the Subcommittee had requested the Administration to provide a written response to Professor GHAI's views.
- 45. <u>Miss NG</u> said that the Subcommittee considered that as the existing arrangements for implementing UNSC resolutions in relation to sanctions in Hong Kong had far-reaching implications, the matter should be followed up in the next LegCo term, when the Administration had responded to Professor GHAI's submission.

- 46. <u>Miss NG</u> added that the Subcommittee recommended that the House Committee in the next term be invited to consider setting up a subcommittee to follow up the arrangements for implementing UNSC resolutions in relation to sanctions in Hong Kong. <u>Dr YEUNG Sum</u> expressed support for the suggestion.
- 47. The Chairman said that it would be for the House Committee in the next term to consider the Subcommittee's recommendation.

### (g) Report of the Subcommittee on subsidiary legislation relating to 2004 Legislative Council elections

(LC Paper No. CB(2) 2922/03-04)

- 48. Mr Andrew WONG, Deputy Chairman of the Subcommittee, said that the Subcommittee had completed scrutiny of the Electoral Affairs Commission (Electoral Procedure) (Legislative Council) (Amendment) Regulation 2004. The Subcommittee's deliberations focused on the Administration's proposed measures against corrupt and illegal conduct at elections and to protect secrecy of votes, as well as the decentralized counting arrangement for geographical constituencies (GCs).
- 49. Mr WONG pointed out that after considering members' views, the Administration had agreed not to further pursue the proposal to make leaving mobile telephones switched on inside polling stations an offence. Nevertheless, the Administration would encourage electors to switch off their mobile telephones inside polling stations. The Administration had also confirmed that the proposal to increase the term of imprisonment from three months to six months for offences under section 45(2) and section 96 of the Regulation would remain unchanged. The Subcommittee supported the revised proposal.
- 50. Mr WONG further said that members had divergent views on the decentralized counting arrangement for GCs. While some members supported the proposed arrangement, some other members raised objection to the proposal. These members considered that there should be one counting station for each GC, or at least a few counting stations for each GC, so as to safeguard the integrity of the electoral process, and minimize the chance of intimidation and reprisals, or other illegal and corrupt conduct at elections.
- 51. Mr WONG further said that the Electoral Affairs Commission (EAC) remained of the view that decentralized counting arrangement was the most effective approach to address candidates' concern expressed in past elections about the long time taken to complete the counting process and to announce the election results. Nevertheless, EAC agreed to revise its original proposal so that the ballot papers of small polling stations with less than 500, instead of 200, registered electors would be delivered to a polling station which was designated as a main counting station. The ballot papers cast at the small

polling stations and the main station would be mixed before the votes were counted.

- 52. <u>Mr WONG</u> added that the Administration would give notice on 29 June 2004 to move a motion to amend the Amendment Regulation at the Council meeting of 7 July 2004. The Subcommittee supported the Amendment Regulation and the draft Resolution.
- 53. <u>The Chairman</u> reminded Members that the deadline for notice of amendments was Tuesday, 29 June 2004.
- (h) Report of the Subcommittee on Food and Drugs (Composition and Labelling) (Amendment) Regulation 2004
  (LC Paper No. CB(2) 2904/03-04)
- 54. <u>Dr LO Wing-lok</u>, Chairman of the Subcommittee, said that the Subcommittee had completed scrutiny of the Amendment Regulation.
- 55. <u>Dr LO</u> further said that the Subcommittee generally supported the principle of providing more information in food labels to enable consumers to make informed choices, and to reduce health risks caused by allergenic substances in food. Some members, however, had expressed serious concerns about the practical difficulties faced by the trade in complying with the new labelling requirements concerning additives, allergenic substances and drinks with alcoholic contents.
- 56. <u>Dr LO</u> said that to address the concerns of members and the trade, the Administration had agreed to provide for a defence clause and to extend the grace period for most parts of Amendment Regulation from 18 months to 30 months, i.e. up to 9 January 2007. The Subcommittee generally found the Administration's proposed amendments acceptable.
- 57. <u>Dr LO</u> further said that after the Subcommittee's last meeting on 21 June 2004, the Administration had further discussed with the trade on 24 June 2004. In response to the trade's request, the Administration had proposed to further extend the grace period to 36 months, i.e. up to 9 July 2007. Subcommittee members did not raise objection to this proposed amendment.
- 58. <u>Dr LO</u> added that the Administration had also agreed to continue the present exemption of wines, liquor wines, fruit wines and other drinks with an alcoholic strength by volume of 10% or more, from all labelling requirements. As for drinks with an alcoholic strength by volume of more than 1.2% but less than 10%, they would be exempted from all labelling requirements except that on durability.

- 59. <u>Dr LO</u> said that the Administration would prepare a voluntary code of practice on the labelling of alcoholic drinks with an alcoholic strength by volume of 1.2% or more. It would be specified in the code that importers should maintain information on the name and address of manufacturer/supplier to facilitate follow-up action where necessary. The voluntary code of practice would be reviewed after one year of implementation.
- 60. <u>Dr LO</u> added that the Administration would move a motion at the Council meeting of 7 July 2004 to amend the Amendment Regulation. The majority of Subcommittee members supported the Administration's proposed amendments.
- 61. Referring to the further extension of the grace period, Mrs Selina CHOW said that the trade had requested for an additional six months because the Administration would need six months to draw up the code of practice/guidelines and discuss with the trade the implementation details.
- 62. Mrs CHOW further said that as Hong Kong relied heavily on imported food and many of the exporting countries/places had not implemented similar labelling requirements, there were practical difficulties for the trade to obtain the required information on allergens and additives for compliance with the new labelling requirements. Mrs CHOW added that the trade had expressed serious concerns because the Administration had not conducted consultation with the trade properly before introducing the Amendment Regulation. Nevertheless, the Administration had now agreed to continue discussion with the trade on the implementation details during the grace period.
- 63. Mrs CHOW thanked the LegCo Secretariat for the assistance it had provided to the Subcommittee.
- 64. <u>The Chairman</u> reminded Members that the deadline for notice of amendments was Tuesday, 29 June 2004.
- (i) Report of the Subcommittee on juvenile justice system (LC Paper No. CB(2) 2895/03-04)
- 65. <u>Miss Margaret NG</u>, Chairman of the Subcommittee, said that the Subcommittee had followed up the policy issues arising from the review on juvenile justice system, and also discussed the Consultancy Report entitled "Measures Alternative to Prosecution for Handling Unruly Children and Young Persons: Overseas Experiences and Options for Hong Kong" published in August 2003.

- 66. Miss NG said that the Subcommittee had expressed disappointment that the Administration had made little progress in the direction of the development of a new juvenile justice system. Members had urged the Administration to take early and positive steps to take forward the development of a new juvenile justice system featuring restorative and reintegrative principles and practices, taking into account developments in overseas jurisdictions and the views expressed by members and the deputations.
- 67. <u>Miss NG</u> further said that the Subcommittee recommended that the Administration should report to the relevant Panels in the new LegCo term on -
  - (a) the effectiveness of the enhanced support measures introduced by the Administration since October 2003; and
  - (b) the outcome of the review on the development of a new juvenile justice system incorporating the principles and practices of restorative justice.
- 68. <u>Miss NG</u> added that the Subcommittee also recommended LegCo of the new term to follow up the relevant issues.
- 69. <u>Members</u> noted the Subcommittee's recommendations in paragraphs 50 to 52 of the paper.

#### VII. Position on Bills Committees/subcommittees

(LC Paper No. CB(2) 2900/03-04)

- 70. The Chairman said that all the Bills Committees and subcommittees had completed their work, except the five Bills Committees on the waiting list and the subcommittee which had just been formed under agenda item III above at this meeting.
- 71. <u>Miss Margaret NG</u>, Chairman of the Bills Committee on Companies (Corporate Rescue) Bill, said that the House Committee agreed at its meeting on 7 December 2001 that the scrutiny of the Bill should be held in abeyance to allow time for the Administration to conduct consultation on, and work out the details of, a new proposal relating to the trust account arrangement.
- 72. <u>Miss NG</u> informed Members that the Administration had provided a paper on 16 June 2004 to the Bills Committee on the outcome of the consultation. In view of the majority support for the new proposal on trust account arrangements, the Administration was working on the possible changes to the Bill to put in place the proposal. Given the complexity of the proposal, the Administration did not propose that the Bills Committee be re-activated to continue its scrutiny of the Bill in the current term.

# VIII. Report on the duty visit to study overseas experience in port and airport management, airport privatization and theme park management by the delegation of the Panel on Economic Services

(LC Paper No. CB(1) 2216/03-04)

73. Mr James TIEN, Chairman of the Panel and head of delegation, said that a delegation of the Panel conducted a visit to Europe from 3 to 9 April 2004 to study overseas experience in port and airport management, airport privatization and theme park management in London, Paris, Amsterdam and Rotterdam. A detailed report on the visit was provided for Members' reference.

#### IX. Any other business

74. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 3:54 pm.

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