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Paper for the House Committee meeting on 10 October 2003

Vacancy in the Public Accounts Committee

Purpose

This paper invites the House Committee to endorse the recommendation that a Member be elected to fill a vacancy in the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) arising from a member's withdrawal from the Committee.

Background

2. Under Rule 72(3) of the Rules of Procedure, PAC shall consist of a chairman, deputy chairman and five members who shall be appointed by the President in accordance with an election procedure determined by the House Committee. Members of PAC serve on the Committee until the end of a Legislative Council term. The current membership of PAC is as follows:

Dr Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung, GBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Dr Hon David CHU Yu-lin, JP
Hon SIN Chung-kai
Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, JP
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP

3. Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan has written to seek the President's permission to withdraw from PAC because he needs to reorganize his Legislative Council commitments so as to perform the functions of a Legislative Council Member more effectively. As a result, there is a need to elect a Member to fill the vacancy in PAC.

Recommendation

4. It is recommended that the election be held at the House Committee meeting to be held on 17 October 2003. In accordance with the election procedure agreed by the House Committee on 13 October 2000, the election of members to PAC is by way of nominations made orally at the meeting of the House Committee. In making the nominations, Members should have regard for the need to ensure that PAC's membership is broadly balanced and representative of the membership of the Council. If there are more nominations than places available, an election by a show of hands will be conducted.

5. The House Committee's recommendation in regard to the member elected will then be submitted to the President for appointment.

Decision sought

6. Members are invited to endorse the recommendation in paragraph 4 above.

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