

Extract from Report of the Subcommittee to prepare for the appointment of the select committee to inquire into matters relating to the handling of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome outbreak by the Government and the Hospital Authority

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Size of the select committee and the procedure for nominating its Chairman, Deputy Chairman and members

16. In accordance with Rule 78(2) of the Rules of Procedure, the President shall decide the size of every select committee and shall appoint the chairman, deputy chairman and members thereof, taking into account the recommendations of the House Committee.

17. The Subcommittee proposes that -

- (a) the number of members to be appointed to the proposed select committee should be an odd number not exceeding 15;
- (b) nomination of Members to the select committee should be made orally at the House Committee meeting on Friday, 24 October 2003, should the proposed select committee be appointed by the Council on 22 October 2003; or at the House Committee meeting on Friday, 31 October 2003, should the proposed select committee be appointed by the Council on 29 October 2003;
- (c) after the nomination of Members to the select committee, the House Committee should adjourn for 10 minutes to enable the nominated Members to consider which of them should be nominated as Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the select committee;
- (d) the House Committee will then resume and be asked to endorse the proposed composition of the select committee; and
- (e) the Chairman of House Committee will make a recommendation to the President on the chairmanship, deputy chairmanship and membership of the select committee.

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