

**立法會**  
***Legislative Council***

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**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**

**Purpose**

This paper invites members to consider the size of the Select Committee and the procedure for the nomination of Members for appointment to the Select Committee.

**Size of the select committee**

2. 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.

3. For members' information, the size of the four Select Committees set up since 1994 is as follows -

- (a) Select Committee to inquire into the Kwun Lung Lau Landslip and related issues set up in 1994 - seven members;
- (b) Select Committee to inquire into the circumstances surrounding the departure of Mr LEUNG Ming-yin from the Government and related issues set up in 1996 - 11 members;
- (c) Select Committee to inquire into matters relating to the opening of the new airport at Chek Lap Kok set up in 1998 - 13 members; and

- (d) Select Committee on building problems of public housing units set up in 2001 - 15 members.

4. Although the size of a select committee may vary, it is invariably in odd numbers. Members may wish to take note of this when considering the size of the Select Committee to inquire into matters relating to the handling of the SARS outbreak by the Government and the Hospital Authority.

#### **Proposed procedure for the nomination of Members for appointment to a select committee**

5. The following procedure was adopted for nomination of Members for appointment to previous select committees -

- (a) Nomination shall be made at a House Committee meeting. A valid nomination shall be made orally by a Member, seconded by at least one other Member, and accepted by the Member nominated. A Member who nominates a Member who is absent from the meeting shall state that the absent Member's acceptance of the nomination has been secured.
- (b) If the number of nominations exceeds that required for appointment, a vote will be taken by a show of hands. Members may vote as many times as the agreed number of members on the select committee.
- (c) If two or more nominees receive the same number of votes such that the House Committee cannot determine as to which nominees should be recommended for appointment to the select committee, the House Committee Chairman shall first announce that the nominees who have received the highest number of votes be recommended for appointment. As regards the remaining nominees who have received the same number of votes in the next highest order, lots will be drawn by the House Committee Chairman to decide which of them should be recommended to make up the full complement of the select committee.
- (d) After the nomination and election of Members to the select committee, the House Committee should be suspended for 10 minutes to enable the nominated Members to decide amongst themselves as to who should be nominated as the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman of the select committee. The House Committee will then resume and be asked to endorse the proposed composition

of the select committee.

- (e) The Chairman of the House Committee will make a recommendation to the President on the membership, the chairmanship and the deputy chairmanship of the select committee.

**Advice sought**

6. Members are invited to recommend -

- (a) the size of the Select Committee; and
- (b) the procedure for nomination of Members for appointment to the Select Committee

for consideration of the House Committee on 17 October 2003.

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