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**Panel on Home Affairs**

**Minutes of meeting  
held on Thursday, 9 October 2003 at 11:30 am  
in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building**

**Members present** : Hon MA Fung-kwok, JP (Deputy Chairman)  
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan  
Hon NG Leung-sing, JP  
Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat, JP  
Hon WONG Yung-kan  
Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBS, JP  
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP  
Hon CHOY So-yuk  
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo  
Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong, JP  
Hon Henry WU King-cheong, BBS, JP  
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP  
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip

**Members absent** : Hon IP Kwok-him, JP (Chairman)  
Hon Albert HO Chun-yan  
Hon James TO Kun-sun  
Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, SBS, JP  
Dr Hon LO Wing-lok, JP  
Hon WONG Sing-chi

**Clerk in attendance** : Miss Flora TAI  
Chief Assistant Secretary (2)2

**Staff in attendance** : Ms Joanne MAK  
Senior Assistant Secretary (2)2

Mr Stanley MA  
Senior Assistant Secretary (2)6

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**I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman for the 2003-2004 session**

Mr Andrew CHENG, as presiding member of the meeting, called for nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel. Mr IP Kwok-him was nominated by Mr WONG Yung-kan and the nomination was seconded by Mr Henry WU and Miss CHOY So-yuk. Mr Andrew CHENG informed the meeting that Mr IP Kwok-him was unable to attend the meeting and had already confirmed in writing his acceptance of the nomination for the chairmanship of the Panel. There being no other nomination, Mr Andrew CHENG declared Mr IP Kwok-him elected as Chairman of the Panel for the 2003-2004 session.

2. Mr Andrew CHENG called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship of the Panel. Mr Albert CHAN was nominated by Ms Emily LAU. However, the nomination was not valid because Mr Albert CHAN did not accept it.

3. Mr MA Fung-kwok was nominated by Ms Emily LAU and the nomination was seconded by Mr Henry WU. Mr MA Fung-kwok accepted the nomination. There being no other nomination, Mr Andrew CHENG declared Mr MA Fung-kwok elected as the Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2003-2004.

**II. Schedule of meetings for the 2003-04 session**

4. Members agreed that the regular meetings of the Panel would be held on the second Friday of each month at 10:45 am. Since 9 April 2004 was a public holiday, members agreed that the regular meeting for April 2004 be re-scheduled to 16 April 2004.

**III. Items for discussion at the next meeting**

(Appendices V and VI to LC Paper No. CB(2)12/03-04)

Next regular meeting on 14 November 2003

5. Referring to items 7 and 17 on the list of outstanding items for discussion, the Deputy Chairman informed members that the Administration had proposed to discuss the following items at the next regular meeting on 14 November 2003 -

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- (a) a financial proposal on the remuneration package for District Council (DC) members of the second term of DCs (2004-07); and
- (b) outcome of the public consultation exercise on the proposed legislative amendments to the Building Management Ordinance and the way forward.

6. On item (a), Ms Cyd HO said that since many members were currently DC members and/or candidates for the forthcoming DC elections, the subject should not be discussed before 23 November 2003 i.e. the date of DC elections. Ms HO said that she opposed discussing the subject at the meeting on 14 November 2003 as she considered that this might give rise to conflict of interests or so perceived by the public. Ms Emily LAU and Mr Andrew CHENG shared her view. Mr Tommy CHEUNG said that he did not consider it inappropriate for the Panel to discuss the subject at the meeting on 14 November 2003 provided that members concerned declared their interests. However, the Panel could also consider rescheduling the regular meeting for a date after 23 November 2003.

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7. Members agreed that the Administration should be consulted as to whether the discussion of the subject could be deferred to the regular meeting in December (i.e. 12 December 2003). If not, the regular meeting in November should be deferred to a date after 23 November 2003 and this subject would be discussed at that meeting. The Deputy Chairman instructed the Clerk to liaise with the Administration and further consult the Chairman on the appropriate timing for the discussion of the subject.

Joint meeting to discuss the West Kowloon Cultural District

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8. Members noted that Ms Emily LAU proposed that the Panel should hold a joint meeting with the Panel on Planning, Lands and Works (PLW) to discuss the West Kowloon Cultural District. Ms LAU also suggested that deputations from interested parties should be invited to give views at the meeting. She added that as far as she knew, the property sector also wished to give views on the subject. Dr TANG Siu-tong, Chairman of PLW Panel, informed Members that PLW Panel had agreed to convene the proposed joint meeting. Members agreed that the Clerk would liaise with the Chairman and the Clerk to PLW Panel on the meeting arrangements and inform members of the details in due course.

Problems pertaining to the operation of the National Sports Associations

9. Mr Albert CHAN suggested that the Panel should discuss the problems pertaining to the operation of the National Sports Associations (NSAs). He

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said that he had received many complaints on the operation of NSAs. He considered that the Panel should look into the problems since the level of public funding allocated to sports was quite significant. Ms Emily LAU agreed that the Panel should discuss the subject. She suggested that the Administration be asked to give an indication of the earliest timing for discussion of the subject. The Deputy Chairman requested the Clerk to follow up and to include this subject in the list of outstanding items for discussion.

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Dates of the hearings conducted by the relevant United Nations Treaty Monitoring Bodies

10. Ms Emily LAU requested that the Panel should enquire with the Administration about the dates of the hearings to be conducted by the relevant United Nations Treaty Monitoring Bodies to discuss -

- (a) the Second Report of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China in the light of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; and
- (b) the Report of the HKSAR under the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Ms Emily LAU suggested that the Panel should convene a meeting to receive views from deputations on the above two reports. She said that information on the dates of the relevant hearings would facilitate the Panel's consideration of the appropriate timing for discussion of the reports. The Deputy Chairman requested the Clerk to follow up Ms LAU's request and to include this subject in the list of outstanding items for discussion.

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**IV. Any other business**

Subcommittee membership

11. The Deputy Chairman invited members to consider whether the membership in respect of the Subcommittee to study discrimination on the ground of sexual orientation and the Subcommittee on review of the Building Management Ordinance should be re-opened.

12. Mr Albert CHAN, chairman of the Subcommittee on review of the Building Management Ordinance, said that the Panel should consider whether the Subcommittee should be dissolved since the Subcommittee had already made all its suggestions on improvements to the Ordinance to the Administration. He did not see there was any new issue to be discussed by the Subcommittee.

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13. In response to the Deputy Chairman, the Clerk advised that the Subcommittees were dissolved upon the submission of their respective reports to the Panel, or when the Panel so decided. However, the Subcommittees so far had not submitted their reports to the Panel yet.

14. Ms Cyd HO, chairman of the Subcommittee to study discrimination on the ground of sexual orientation, said that the Subcommittee also had completed its work. She said that the Subcommittee would submit its report to the Panel and recommend the Panel to follow up any outstanding issues with the Administration.

15. Members agreed that the two Subcommittees should submit their reports to the Panel and that members should be allowed to re-signify membership of the Subcommittees.

16. The meeting ended at 11:50 am.

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