

**Extract from the minutes of the House Committee meeting on 6 May 2005**

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

**(a) Legal Service Division reports on bills referred to the House Committee in accordance with Rule 54(4)**

3. The Chairman said that the Director of Administration (D of Adm) had written to her to request that priority be given to the scrutiny of the Revenue (Personalized Vehicle Registration Marks) Bill 2005 and the Public Health and Municipal Services (Amendment) Bill 2005. D of Adm's letter dated 5 May 2005 had been issued to Members.

4. The Chairman added that the Administration's request would be dealt with after Members had decided whether or not to form Bills Committees to study the two Bills.

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**(ii) Public Health and Municipal Services (Amendment) Bill 2005**

*(LC Paper No. LS 62/04-05)*

8. The Chairman said that the Administration had briefed the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene on the legislative proposal on 14 December 2004. The Panel was generally in support of the proposal.

9. Mr Tommy CHEUNG said that a Bills Committee should be formed to study the Bill in detail as new offences were proposed.

10. The Chairman proposed that a Bills Committee be formed. Members agreed. The following Members agreed to join: Mr Fred LI, Mr WONG Yung-kan and Mr Tommy CHEUNG.

11. Members agreed to the Administration's request for priority to be given to the scrutiny of the Revenue (Personalized Vehicle Registration Marks) Bill 2005 and the Public Health and Municipal Services (Amendment) Bill 2005.

12. The Chairman added that D of Adm had also requested that priority be given to the scrutiny of the Revenue (Abolition of Estate Duty) Bill 2005. The Chairman suggested that D of Adm's request should be dealt with at the meeting of the House Committee on 13 May 2005, after the Bill had been

presented to the Legislative Council (LegCo) on 11 May 2005. Members agreed.

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**VII. Position on Bills Committees/subcommittees**  
(*LC Paper No. CB(2) 1445/04-05*)

34. The Chairman said that there were 15 Bills Committees including the Bills Committee on Revenue (Personalized Vehicle Registration Marks) Bill 2005 and the Bills Committee on Public Health and Municipal Services (Amendment) Bill 2005 formed under item III(a) above, and nine subcommittees in action.

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