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House Committee of the Legislative Council

Minutes of the 20th meeting held in the Legislative Council Chamber at 3:43 pm on Friday, 18 March 2005

Members present :

Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee, GBS, JP (Chairman) Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP (Deputy Chairman) Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, GBS, JP Hon Albert HO Chun-yan Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, S.B.St.J., JP Hon LEE Cheuk-yan Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming, SC, JP Dr Hon David LI Kwok-po, GBS, JP Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah, JP Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee, GBS, JP Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP Hon Bernard CHAN, JP Hon CHAN Kam-lam, JP Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, SBS, JP Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung Hon SIN Chung-kai, JP Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, GBS Hon WONG Yung-kan, JP Hon Howard YOUNG, SBS, JP Dr Hon YEUNG Sum Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBS, JP Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP Hon CHOY So-yuk Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, GBS, JP Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, JP Hon LI Fung-ying, BBS, JP Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP

Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, JP Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP Hon Vincent FANG Kang, JP Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH Hon LEE Wing-tat Hon LI Kwok-ying, MH Dr Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, SBS, JP Hon MA Lik, JP Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, SBS, JP Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming, SBS, JP Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC Hon CHIM Pui-chung Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS, JP Hon Albert Jinghan CHENG Hon KWONG Chi-kin Hon TAM Heung-man

Members absent :

Hon Margaret NG Hon James TO Kun-sun Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, GBS, JP Hon LAU Chin-shek, JP Hon Daniel LAM Wai-keung, BBS, JP Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung

Clerk in attendance :

Mrs Justina LAM

Clerk to the House Committee

Staff in attendance :

Mr Ricky C C FUNG, JP Mr Jimmy MA, JP Ms Pauline NG Mr Ray CHAN Secretary General Legal Adviser Assistant Secretary General 1 Assistant Secretary General 3

Mr LEE Yu-sung	Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 1
Mr Arthur CHEUNG	Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 2
Mrs Vivian KAM	Principal Council Secretary (Complaints)
Miss Kathleen LAU	Chief Public Information Officer
Mrs Constance LI	Chief Council Secretary (2)5
Ms Bernice WONG	Assistant Legal Adviser 1
Miss Lolita SHEK	Senior Council Secretary (2)7

Action

I. Confirmation of minutes of meetings

- (a) <u>Special meeting held on 18 February 2005</u> (LC Paper No. CB(2) 1094/04-05)
- (b) <u>19th meeting held on 11 March 2005</u> (*LC Paper No. CB*(2) 1095/04-05)

The two sets of minutes were confirmed.

II. Matters arising

Report by the Chairman on her meeting with the Chief Secretary for Administration

2. <u>The Chairman</u> said that there was nothing special to report.

III. Business arising from previous Council meetings

Legal Service Division report on subsidiary legislation gazetted on <u>11 March 2005 and tabled in Council on 16 March 2005</u> (LC Paper No. LS 41/04-05)

3. <u>The Legal Adviser</u> said that the eight items of subsidiary legislation gazetted on 11 March 2005 and tabled in the Legislative Council on 16 March 2005 were Rules relating to notaries public. They were made consequent upon the passage of the Legal Practitioners (Amendment) Ordinance 1998. The Hong Kong Society of Notaries had consulted its members, and had also briefed the Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services on the progress of the drafting of the Rules. At its meeting on 24 May 2004, the Panel agreed that it was not necessary to discuss the draft Rules, as it had already considered the policy aspects of the Rules at previous meetings.

4. <u>Members</u> did not raise any queries on the eight sets of Rules.

5. <u>The Chairman</u> reminded Members that the deadline for amending these items of subsidiary legislation was 6 April 2005, or 4 May 2005 if extended by resolution.

IV. Advance information on business for the Council meeting on 6 April 2005

(a) <u>Bills - First Reading and moving of Second Reading</u>

- (i) Banking (Amendment) Bill 2005
- (ii) Securities and Futures (Amendment) Bill 2005
- (iii) Chief Executive Election (Amendment) (Term of Office of the Chief Executive) Bill

6. <u>The Chairman</u> said that the Administration would introduce the above three Bills into the Council on 6 April 2005. The House Committee would consider the three Bills at its meeting on 8 April 2005.

(b) <u>Members' motions</u>

Proposed resolution to be moved by Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun under Rule 85 of the Rules of Procedure of the Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (Wording of the proposed resolution issued vide LC Paper No. CB(3) 436/04-05 dated 11 March 2005.)

7. <u>The Chairman</u> said that above motion would be moved by Mrs Sophie LEUNG, and the wording of the motion had been issued to Members.

8. In response to Ms Emily LAU, <u>the Chairman</u> said that public officers could speak at the debate on the motion, if they so wished.

9. <u>The Chairman</u> added that the deadline for notice of amendments to the motion, if any, was 29 March 2005.

V. Position on Bills Committees/subcommittees

(LC Paper No. CB(2) 1093/04-05)

10. <u>The Chairman</u> said that there were eight Bills Committees and six subcommittees in action.

VI. Any other business

11. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 3:48 pm.

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