

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES

No. 21

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 22 March 2006 at 11:00 am
and Thursday 23 March 2006 at 2:30 pm

Members present:

President

The Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai, GBS, JP

The Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, GBS, JP

Ir Dr the Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, S.B.St.J., JP

The Hon LEE Cheuk-yan

Dr the Hon David LI Kwok-po, GBS, JP (absent on 23.3.2006)

The Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP

Dr the Hon LUI Ming-wah, SBS, JP

The Hon Margaret NG

The Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee, GBS, JP

The Hon James TO Kun-sun

The Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong

The Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP

The Hon Bernard CHAN, JP

The Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP

The Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, SBS, JP

The Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (absent on 22.3.2006)

The Hon SIN Chung-kai, JP

Dr the Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, GBS

The Hon WONG Yung-kan, JP

The Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, GBS, JP

The Hon Howard YOUNG, SBS, JP

Dr the Hon YEUNG Sum

The Hon LAU Chin-shek, JP (absent on 23.3.2006)

The Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP

The Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBM, GBS, JP (absent on 23.3.2006)

The Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee, GBS, JP

The Hon CHOY So-yuk, JP (absent on 23.3.2006)

The Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, GBS, JP

The Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP

The Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, JP

The Hon LI Fung-ying, BBS, JP

The Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP

The Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip

The Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, JP (absent on 23.3.2006)

The Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP

The Hon Vincent FANG Kang, JP

The Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH

The Hon LEE Wing-tat

The Hon LI Kwok-ying, MH

Dr the Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long

The Daniel LAM Wai-keung, BBS, JP

The Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, SBS, JP

The Hon MA Lik, GBS, JP (absent on 23.3.2006)

The Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, SBS, JP

The Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC

The Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung

Dr the Hon KWOK Ka-ki

Dr the Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung

The Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming, SBS, JP

The Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS

The Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC (absent on 23.3.2006)

The Hon CHIM Pui-chung

The Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS, JP

The Hon Albert Jinghan CHENG

The Hon KWONG Chi-kin

The Hon TAM Heung-man

Members absent:

The Hon Albert HO Chun-yan

The Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming, SC, JP

The Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP

The Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo

Public officers attending:

On 22.3.2006 and 23.3.2006

The Hon Henry TANG Ying-yen, GBS, JP
The Financial Secretary

The Hon WONG Yan-lung, SC, JP
The Secretary for Justice

On 22.3.2006

The Hon Rafael HUI Si-yan, GBS, JP
The Chief Secretary for Administration

Prof the Hon Arthur LI Kwok-cheung, GBS, JP
Secretary for Education and Manpower

Dr the Hon Patrick HO Chi-ping, JP
Secretary for Home Affairs

The Hon Stephen IP Shu-kwan, GBS, JP
Secretary for Economic Development and Labour

Dr the Hon Sarah LIAO Sau-tung, JP
Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works

The Hon Frederick MA Si-hang, JP
Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Prof LAU Siu-kai, JP
Head, Central Policy Unit

On 23.3.2006

The Hon Michael SUEN Ming-yeung, GBS, JP
Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

Dr the Hon York CHOW Yat-ngok, SBS, JP
Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

The Hon Denise YUE Chung-yee, GBS, JP
Secretary for the Civil Service

Clerks in attendance:

On 22.3.2006 and 23.3.2006

Mr Ricky FUNG Choi-cheung, JP, Secretary General

Mr Ray CHAN Yum-mou, Assistant Secretary General (3)

On 22.3.2006

Mrs Justina LAM CHENG Bo-ling, Assistant Secretary General (2)

Tabling of Papers

The following papers were laid on the table pursuant to Rule 21(2) of the Rules of Procedure:

<u>Subsidiary Legislation / Instruments</u>	<u>L.N. No.</u>
1. Import and Export (General) (Amendment) Regulation 2006 (gazetted on 10.3.2006)	49/2006
2. Import and Export (Fees) (Amendment) Regulation 2006 (gazetted on 10.3.2006)	50/2006
3. Professional Accountants (Amendment) Bylaw 2006 (gazetted on 10.3.2006)	51/2006
4. Road Traffic (Registration and Licensing of Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulation 2006 (gazetted on 10.3.2006)	52/2006
5. Public Health and Municipal Services (Setting Aside Places for Use as Public Pleasure Grounds) Order 2006 (gazetted on 17.3.2006)	56/2006
6. Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Amendment of Fourth Schedule) Order 2006 (gazetted on 17.3.2006)	57/2006

Other Papers

- No.75 - Report of changes to the approved Estimates of Expenditure approved during the third quarter of 2005-06 (Public Finance Ordinance : Section 8) (published on 16.3.2006)
- No.76 - Hong Kong Council for Academic Accreditation Annual Report 2004-2005 (published on 20.3.2006)

Questions

Written replies to Questions 1 to 20 were tabled for Members' information.

Bill

Second Reading

Appropriation Bill 2006

The debate on the motion for the Second Reading which had been moved on 22 February 2006 resumed, in accordance with Rule 67(2) of the Rules of Procedure.

12 Members and Hon WONG Kwok-hing spoke on the motion.

While Hon WONG Kwok-hing was speaking, the President left the chair at 1:16 pm temporarily and the President's Deputy, Hon Miriam LAU, took the chair.

Another four Members and Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing spoke on the motion.

At 2:24 pm, while Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing was speaking, the President resumed the chair.

17 more Members spoke on the motion.

The President suspended the meeting at 6:10 pm.

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The Council resumed at 2:30 pm on 23 March 2006 and continued to debate the motion for the Second Reading of the Appropriation Bill 2006.

Noting the absence of a quorum, the President directed the Clerk to summon Members to the meeting. A quorum was then present.

16 Members spoke on the motion.

After declaring he was the chairman of Coalition Against Sales Tax, Hon Vincent FANG Kang spoke on the motion.

Another two Members spoke on the motion.

Hon Miriam LAU moved that the debate on the motion be adjourned to the meeting to be held on 29.3.2006.

Question on the motion proposed, put and agreed to.

Next meeting

The President declared that the next meeting of the Council would be held on 29 March 2006 at 11:00 am.

The Council was adjourned at 6:39 pm on 23 March 2006.

(Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai)
President

Council Chamber
Hong Kong