# 立法會 Legislative Council

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#### **Panel on Home Affairs**

# Minutes of meeting held on Thursday, 13 October 2005 at 11:30 am in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building

Members : Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP (Chairman)
present Hon TAM Heung-man (Deputy Chairman)

Hon Margaret NG

Hon James TO Kun-sun

Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBM, GBS, JP

Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP

Hon CHOY So-yuk, JP Hon LI Kwok-ying, MH

Hon Daniel LAM Wai-keung, BBS, JP Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming, SBS, JP Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS

**Members** : Hon Albert HO Chun-yan

**absent** Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, GBS

Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo

Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, GBS, JP Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS, JP

**Clerk in** : Miss Flora TAI

attendance Chief Council Secretary (2)2

**Staff in** : Mrs Justina LAM

**attendance** Assistant Secretary General 2

Ms Joanne MAK Senior Council Secretary (2)2

Mr Stanley MA Senior Council Secretary (2)6

Miss Sherman WOO Legislative Assistant (2)2

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# I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

[Appendices III and IV to LC Paper No. CB(2)7/05-06]

## **Election of Chairman**

The Chairman called for nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel for the 2005-2006 session. Mr Tommy CHEUNG, incumbent Chairman, was nominated by Mr CHEUNG Hok-ming and the nomination was seconded by Mr LAU Wong-fat. Mr Tommy CHEUNG accepted the nomination.

2. As the incumbent Chairman was nominated for the office and Miss TAM Heung-man, incumbent Deputy Chairman, was absent at that point in time, Ms Margaret NG, the member present who had the highest precedence, presided over the election of the Chairman. As there was no other nomination, Ms Margaret NG declared Mr Tommy CHEUNG elected as Chairman of the Panel for the 2005-2006 session. Mr Tommy CHEUNG then took the chair.

# Election of Deputy Chairman

- 3. <u>The Chairman</u> called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship of the Panel for the 2005-2006 session. Miss TAM Heung-man was nominated by Ms Margaret NG and the nomination was seconded by Mr CHEUNG Hokming. Miss TAM Heung-man accepted the nomination.
- 4. As there was no other nomination, the Chairman declared Miss TAM Heung-man elected as Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2005-2006 session.

#### II. Schedule of meetings for the 2005-2006 session

- 5. <u>Members</u> agreed that the regular meetings of the Panel would be held on the second Friday of each month at 10:45 am.
- 6. As the Chairman would be unavailable on the second Friday in November 2005 due to other commitments, members agreed to re-schedule the

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meeting to 8 November at 10:45 am. <u>Members</u> also agreed to re-schedule the regular meeting in April 2006 to 7 April at 10:45 am as the second Friday of that month, i.e. 14 April, was a public holiday.

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

[Appendices V and VI to LC Paper No. CB(2)7/05-06]

#### Regular meeting in November 2005

- 7. <u>Members</u> agreed to discuss "Hearing of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) on the report of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region under the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the concluding observations adopted by UNCRC on the report".
- 8. At the suggestion of the Chairman, <u>members</u> also agreed that the Panel should invite the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data to brief members on his work plan.

Joint meeting with the Panel on Economic Services to discuss the Central Police Station Compound Project (the Project)

- 9. <u>Miss CHOY So-yuk</u> expressed concern whether the Administration had already finalised the tender arrangements for the Project and proposed that the Panel should discuss it as soon as possible. <u>Ms Margaret NG</u> agreed with Miss CHOY that the Project should not be treated as merely a tourism project without due regard to its heritage value. As the subject fell under the purview of the Economic Development and Labour Bureau and the Panel on Economic Services had been following up the Project, <u>members</u> agreed to hold a joint meeting with the Panel on Economic Services for discussion of the Project.
- 10. As regards Miss CHOY So-yuk's suggestion of discussing the way forward of the built heritage conservation policy, <u>members</u> noted that the subject had been included in the "List of outstanding items for discussion" of the Panel.

Items proposed for inclusion in the "List of outstanding items for discussion"

11. The Deputy Chairman said that the Panel had discussed the Report of the Independent Panel of Inquiry on the Incidents Relating to the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) at its meeting on 21 March 2005. She suggested that the Panel should follow up the implementation of the recommendations made in the report as well as the recommendations in two other reports of the internal reviews conducted by EOC. Members agreed that the Panel would discuss the subject with the Administration and EOC in December 2005.

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12. The Deputy Chairman said that the Administration had issued proposed guidelines for conducting duty visits outside Hong Kong to EOC and the Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data (PCO) for consideration. She suggested that representatives of EOC and PCO should be invited to attend a meeting of the Panel to give their views on the proposed guidelines. Ms Emily LAU expressed support for the suggestion. She said that in taking measures to enhance the transparency and accountability of the administrative systems of EOC and PCO, the Administration should consider the impact of such measures on the autonomy of these two statutory bodies. Members agreed to discuss the subject in December 2005.

# IV. Any other business

Subcommittee to Follow Up the Outstanding Leisure and Cultural Services Projects of the Former Municipal Councils

- 13. <u>The Chairman</u> said that the work of the above Subcommittee would continue and its membership be re-opened as in the case of Panels. <u>The Chairman</u> added that it would be for the Subcommittee to decide whether re-election of its Chairman was necessary at its first meeting to be held on Monday, 31 October 2005 at 4:30 pm.
- 14. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 11:50 am.

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