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Legislative Council

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Bills Committee on Attachment of Income Order
(Application to Government and Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2007

Minutes of the first meeting
held on Wednesday, 11 July 2007, at 10:30 am
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building

Members present : Hon CHOY So-yuk, JP (Chairman)
Hon Margaret NG
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon CHAN Yuen-han, SBS, JP

Member absent : Hon Albert HO Chun-yan

Clerk in attendance : Miss Betty MA
Chief Council Secretary (2) 4

Staff in Attendance : Mr Chris LAI
Senior Council Secretary (2) 7

Action

I. Election of Chairman

Miss CHOY So-yuk was elected Chairman of the Bills Committee.

Action

II. Any other business

[Legislative Council Brief, the Bill, LC Paper Nos. LS92/06-07 and CB(2)2388/06-07(01) to (02)]

2. The Bills Committee deliberated (index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).
3. The Chairman sought members' views on whether views from relevant parties on the Bill should be invited. Miss CHAN Yuen-han suggested that deputations should be invited to give views on the collection and enforcement of maintenance payments. Mr James TO and Ms Margaret NG considered that the Bill contained mainly technical amendments, and its early enactment would render better protection to the maintenance payees. They pointed out that the scope of Bill was limited, and discussion on issues relating to the collection and enforcement of maintenance payments would be outside the scope of the Bill.
4. Ms Margaret NG recalled that deputations had been invited to give views on the collection and enforcement of maintenance payments, including the setting up of an intermediary body, when the subject was discussed by Legislative Council (LegCo) committees. To assist members to recapitulate deputations' views, the Chairman requested the LegCo Secretariat to prepare a background paper summarising the major views expressed by deputations on the subject for members' reference.
5. Members agreed that issues relating to the collection and enforcement of maintenance payments and the proposed setting up of an intermediary body should be followed up by the Panel on Home Affairs.
6. Members agreed that the Bills Committee would hold its next meeting on 27 July 2007 at 10:45 am to meet with the Administration.

(Post-meeting note : With the concurrence of the Chairman, the next meeting had been re-scheduled for 23 July 2007 at 10:45 am.)

7. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 10:45 am.

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Time marker	Speaker(s)	Subject(s)	Action required
000000 - 000311	Ms Margaret NG Miss CHAN Yuen-han Mr James TO Miss CHOY So-yuk	Election of Chairman	
000312 - 001008	Chairman Miss CHAN Yuen-han Mr James TO Ms Margaret NG	<p>Invitation of views on the Bill</p> <p>Mr James TO's reservation about the need for public consultation</p> <p>Ms Margaret NG's view that public views on issues relating to the collection and enforcement of maintenance payments had been sought at previous meetings of the Legislative Council and these issues of concern were outside the scope of the Bill</p> <p>The Chairman's suggestion that issues relating to the collection and enforcement of maintenance payments should be followed up by the Panel on Home Affairs</p> <p>A background paper summarizing deputations' views on issues relating to the collection and enforcement of maintenance payments</p>	Clerk to follow up (para. 4 of minutes)
001009 - 001336	Chairman Miss CHAN Yuen-han Ms Margaret NG	Date of next meeting	

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