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House Committee of the Legislative Council

Minutes of the 14th meeting held in the Legislative Council Chamber at 2:30 pm on Friday, 2 February 2007

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
Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, SBS, S.B.St.J., JP
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
Dr Hon David LI Kwok-po, GBS, JP
Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah, SBS, JP
Hon Margaret NG
Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye, GBS, JP
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong
Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP
Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, 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 Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, GBS, JP
Hon Howard YOUNG, SBS, JP
Dr Hon YEUNG Sum
Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP
Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBM, GBS, JP
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
Hon CHOY So-yuk, JP
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
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 Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, SBS, 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, JP
Dr Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long, JP
Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, SBS, JP
Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, SBS, JP
Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung
Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming, SBS, JP
Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC
Hon CHIM Pui-chung
Prof Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS, JP
Hon KWONG Chi-kin

Members absent :

Hon Albert HO Chun-yan
Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming, SC, JP
Hon Bernard CHAN, GBS, JP
Hon LAU Chin-shek, JP
Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, GBS, JP
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
Hon Daniel LAM Wai-keung, SBS, JP
Hon MA Lik, GBS, JP
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS
Hon Albert Jinghan CHENG
Hon TAM Heung-man

Clerk in attendance :

Mrs Vivian KAM Clerk to the House Committee

Staff in attendance :

Mr Ricky C C FUNG, JP	Secretary General
Mr Jimmy MA, JP	Legal Adviser
Ms Pauline NG	Assistant Secretary General 1
Mrs Justina LAM	Assistant Secretary General 3
Mr LEE Yu-sung	Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 1

Mr Arthur CHEUNG	Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 2
Mrs Constance LI	Principal Council Secretary (Complaints)
Mr Simon WONG	Chief Public Information Officer
Miss Odelia LEUNG	Chief Council Secretary (2)6
Mr Kelvin LEE	Assistant Legal Adviser 1
Ms Connie FUNG	Assistant Legal Adviser 3
Mr KAU Kin-wah	Assistant Legal Adviser 6
Ms Amy YU	Senior Council Secretary (2)3

Action

I. Confirmation of the minutes of the 13th meeting held on 26 January 2007
(LC Paper No. CB(2) 979/06-07)

The minutes were confirmed.

II. Matters arising

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

Draft report of the Subcommittee to Examine the Implementation in Hong Kong of Resolutions of the United Nations Security Council in relation to Sanctions

2. The Chairman said that she had informed CS that the Subcommittee had forwarded its draft report to the Administration on 9 February 2006 for comments by the Secretary for Justice (S for J), but S for J's response was still outstanding. CS pointed out that S for J had to carry out a detailed and in-depth study on the report, and had hence taken a long time to respond to the Subcommittee. The Chairman added that CS had undertaken to convey the Subcommittee's concern to S for J.

3. Ms Margaret NG, Chairman of the Subcommittee, reiterated her concern about the need and urgency for S for J to provide a response which had been outstanding for almost one year.

4. The Chairman said that she would follow up the matter with CS again should S for J's response remain outstanding after some time.

III. Business arising from previous Council meetings

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

Housing (Amendment) Bill 2007

(LC Paper No. LS 34/06-07)

5. The Chairman said that the Bill sought to amend the Housing Ordinance to remove the 10% median rent-to-income ratio cap and the three-year interval restriction on rent adjustment, and introduce a new rent adjustment framework.

6. The Chairman added that the Panel on Housing had discussed the legislative proposals at a series of meetings held in the 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 sessions, and members had expressed different views on the legislative proposals.

7. Dr YEUNG Sum considered that a Bills Committee should be formed to study the Bill.

8. The Chairman proposed that a Bills Committee be formed to study the Bill in detail. Members agreed. The following Members agreed to join: Mr Fred LI, Mrs Selina CHOW, Miss CHAN Yuen-han, Mr CHAN Kam-lam, Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung, Ms Emily LAU, Mr Frederick FUNG, Mr WONG Kwok-hing, Mr LEE Wing-tat (as advised by Dr YEUNG Sum), Mr Alan LEONG, Mr Ronny TONG and Prof Patrick LAU.

9. The Chairman said that as there were vacant slots, the Bills Committee could commence work immediately.

(b) **Legal Service Division report on subsidiary legislation gazetted on 26 January 2007 and tabled in Council on 31 January 2007**

(LC Paper No. LS 33/06-07)

10. The Chairman said that a total of four items of subsidiary legislation were gazetted on 26 January 2007 and tabled in Council on 31 January 2007.

11. Members did not raise any queries on these items of subsidiary legislation.

12. The Chairman reminded Members that the deadline for amending these items of subsidiary legislation was 28 February 2007.

IV. Further business for the Council meeting on 7 February 2007

Questions

(LC Paper No. CB(3) 345/06-07)

13. The Chairman said that she had replaced her previous oral question.

V. Report of Bills Committees and subcommittees

Report of the Subcommittee on Construction Workers Registration Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 1) Notice 2007 and Construction Workers Registration Ordinance (Commencement) Notice 2007

(LC Paper No. CB(1) 845/06-07)

14. The Chairman said that Mr KWONG Chi-kin, Chairman of the Subcommittee, had given a verbal report at the last House Committee meeting. A written report was provided at the current meeting.

15. Members did not raise any queries on the report.

VI. Position on Bills Committees and subcommittees

(LC Paper No. CB(2) 980/06-07)

16. The Chairman said that there were 10 Bills Committees and six subcommittees under the House Committee in action.

17. Mr James TO expressed concern about the small number of bills introduced into the Legislative Council so far. Mr TO said that the Administration should introduce the bills on the 2006-2007 Legislative Programme as soon as possible to avoid bunching at the end of the session.

18. The Chairman agreed to remind CS again on the need for early introduction of the bills on the Legislative Programme.

VII. Any other business

19. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 2:38 pm.