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**Establishment Subcommittee of the Finance Committee**

**Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting**  
**held in Conference Room A of Legislative Council Building**  
**on Wednesday, 18 February 2009, at 9:30 am**

**Members present:**

Hon WONG Yung-kan, SBS, JP (Chairman)  
Dr Hon Margaret NG (Deputy Chairman)  
Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, SBS, S.B.St.J., JP  
Dr Hon David LI Kwok-po, GBM, GBS, JP  
Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP  
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS  
Prof Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS, JP  
Dr Hon PAN Pey-chyou

**Members absent:**

Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong  
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, SBS, JP  
Hon LI Fung-ying, BBS, JP  
Hon WONG Sing-chi  
Hon WONG Yuk-man  
Hon IP Wai-ming, MH  
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee, GBS, JP

**Public Officers attending:**

Ms Bernadette LINN, JP	Deputy Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury)
Mrs Ingrid YEUNG, JP	Deputy Secretary for the Civil Service
Ms Olivia NIP, JP	Deputy Secretary for Food and Health (Food)

Mr Francis HO	Principal Assistant Secretary for Food and Health (Food) 2
Ms Alice LAU, JP	Deputy Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Environmental Hygiene)
Ms Selene TSOI	Principal Assistant Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Financial Services)4
Mr Edward Thomas O'CONNELL Mr HO Tin-ching	Official Receiver, Official Receiver's Office Chief Treasury Accountant, Official Receiver's Office

**Clerk in attendance:**

Ms Rosalind MA	Chief Council Secretary (1)5
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**Staff in attendance:**

Mr Noel SUNG	Senior Council Secretary (1)4
Ms Alice CHEUNG	Senior Legislative Assistant (1)1
Mr Frankie WOO	Legislative Assistant (1)2

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Action

The Chairman drew members' attention to an information paper (ECI(2008-09)12) provided by the Administration, which set out the latest changes in the directorate establishment approved since 2002.

**EC(2008-09)19      Proposed creation of one permanent post of Assistant Director of Municipal Services (D2) in Food and Environmental Hygiene Department to be offset by the deletion of one permanent post of Administrative Officer Staff Grade C (D2) to rationalise the directorate structure in the Environmental Hygiene Branch**

2.      The Chairman informed the meeting that the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene was consulted on the staffing proposal at its meeting on 9 December 2008, and members did not raise objection to the proposal.

3.      The item was voted on and endorsed.

**EC(2008-09)20      Proposed downgrading of one permanent post of Assistant Director of Accounting Services (D2) to Chief Treasury Accountant (D1) in Official Receiver's Office to rationalise the directorate structure of the Financial Services Division to reflect changes in responsibilities and workload**

4.      The Chairman apprised the meeting that the Panel on Financial Affairs was consulted on the staffing proposal at its meeting on 5 January 2009, and members did not raise objection to the proposal.

5.      While supporting the staffing proposal, Dr Margaret NG was concerned whether this proposal would have any impact on the manpower resources available in the Official Receiver's Office (ORO) for the work related to the legislative amendments for introduction of the corporate rescue scheme (CRS). Dr NG recalled that the scrutiny of the relevant bill for introduction of CRS had been held in abeyance years ago to allow time for the Administration to consult parties concerned on details of the scheme. She was concerned about the consultation work and the time table for introducing the legislative amendments.

6.      In response, the Official Receiver said that ORO was examining issues related to the introduction of CRS, and the current staffing proposal would not have any impact on the manpower resources for the task. The Principal Financial Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Financial Services)4 (PAS(FS)4) supplemented that the Administration was actively reviewing the issue of CRS, making reference to overseas practices, with a view to drawing up a proposal for public consultation as soon as possible. PAS(FS)4 advised that she was unable to provide an exact timeframe for introduction of CRS at the present stage, as the time required for preparation of the legislative amendments would hinge on the study of relevant overseas practices, as well as the views and/or suggestions received during the consultation. The Administration would arrange to brief the relevant Legislative Council Panel on the legislative proposal at an appropriate time.

7.      The item was voted on and endorsed.

8.      The Subcommittee was adjourned at 9:40 am.