

# 立法會

## *Legislative Council*

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### **Paper for the House Committee meeting on 9 October 2009**

### **Vacancy in the Public Accounts Committee**

#### **Purpose**

This paper invites the House Committee to endorse the recommendation that a Member be elected to fill a vacancy in the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) arising from a member's withdrawal from the Committee.

#### **Background**

2. Under Rule 72(3) of the Rules of Procedure, PAC shall consist of a chairman, deputy chairman and five members who shall be appointed by the President in accordance with an election procedure determined by the House Committee. Members of PAC serve on the Committee until the end of a legislative term. The current membership of PAC is as follows:

Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, GBS (Chairman)  
Hon Paul CHAN Mo-po, MH, JP (Deputy Chairman)  
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo  
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, SBS, JP  
Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC  
Hon Starry LEE Wai-king  
Hon WONG Yuk-man

3. Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo has notified the President that he would withdraw from PAC with effect from the 2009-2010 session, as he does not have enough time to participate in the work of PAC in view of present commitments. As a result, there is a need to elect a Member to fill the vacancy in PAC.

## **Recommendation**

4. It is recommended that the election be held at the House Committee meeting to be held on 16 October 2009. In accordance with the election procedure agreed by the House Committee on 10 October 2008, the election of members to PAC is by way of nominations made orally at the meeting of the House Committee. In making the nominations, Members should have regard for the need to ensure that PAC's membership is broadly balanced and representative of the membership of the Council. If there are more nominations than places available, an election by a show of hands will be conducted.

5. The House Committee's recommendation in regard to the member elected will then be submitted to the President for appointment.

## **Decision sought**

6. Members are invited to endorse the recommendation in paragraph 4 above.

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