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Panel on Constitutional Affairs

Minutes of meeting
held on Tuesday, 14 October 2008, at 12:20 pm
in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building

Members present :

- Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP (Chairman)
- Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, SBS, S.B.St.J., JP (Deputy Chairman)
- Dr Hon Margaret NG
- Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong
- Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, GBS, JP
- Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, GBS
- Hon WONG Yung-kan, SBS, JP
- Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP
- Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBM, GBS, JP
- Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee, GBS, JP
- Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
- Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, GBS, JP
- Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, SBS, JP
- Hon LI Fung-ying, BBS, JP
- Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP
- Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH
- Hon LEE Wing-tat
- Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, SBS, JP
- Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
- Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming, SBS, JP
- Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS
- Hon CHIM Pui-chung
- Prof Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS, JP
- Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan
- Hon CHAN Kin-por, JP
- Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun
- Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che
- Hon WONG Sing-chi
- Hon WONG Kwok-kin, BBS
- Hon WONG Yuk-man
- Hon IP Wai-ming, MH
- Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP

Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-ye, GBS, JP
Dr Hon PAN Pey-chyou
Dr Hon Samson TAM Wai-ho, JP

Members absent : Hon Albert HO Chun-yan
Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC
Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai, BBS, JP

Clerk in attendance : Miss Flora TAI
Chief Council Secretary (2)3

Staff in attendance : Mrs Vivian KAM
Assistant Secretary General 2

Ms Amy YU
Senior Council Secretary (2)3

Mrs Eleanor CHOW
Senior Council Secretary (2)4

Miss Vivien POON
Council Secretary (2)1

Mr Ringo LEE
Senior Legislative Assistant (2)1

Mrs Fanny TSANG
Legislative Assistant (2)3

Action

I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

Election of Chairman

Ir Dr Raymond HO Chung-tai, member present who had the highest precedence presided over the election of the Chairman of the Panel. Ir Dr Raymond HO called for nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel. Mr TAM Yiu-chung was nominated by Dr Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun and the nomination was seconded by Mr IP Kwok-him. Mr TAM Yiu-chung accepted the nomination. Ir Dr Raymond HO called for other nominations.

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2. Ms Emily LAU Wai-hing was nominated by Mr LEE Wing-tat and the nomination was seconded by Mr WONG Yuk-man. Ms Emily LAU accepted the nomination. Ir Dr Raymond HO called for other nominations.

3. As there was no other nomination, Ir Dr Raymond HO announced a vote by secret ballot. After all members had cast their votes, Ir Dr Raymond HO invited Dr Priscilla LEUNG and Mr LEE Wing-tat who had nominated the two candidates to monitor the counting of votes.

4. Ir Dr Raymond HO announced that 22 and 10 members voted for Mr TAM Yiu-chung and Ms Emily LAU respectively, and one vote was invalid as the ballot paper was blank. Ir Dr Raymond HO declared Mr TAM Yiu-chung elected as the Chairman of the Panel for the 2008-2009 session. Mr TAM then took the chair.

Election of Deputy Chairman

5. The Chairman called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship of the Panel. Ir Dr Raymond HO was nominated by Mr Abraham SHEK Lai-him and the nomination was seconded by Mr IP Kwok-him. Ir Dr Raymond HO accepted the nomination.

6. Ms Emily LAU was nominated by Ms Cyd HO Sau-lan and the nomination was seconded by Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong. Ms Emily LAU accepted the nomination. The Chairman called for other nominations.

7. As there was no other nomination, the Chairman announced a vote by secret ballot. After all members had cast their votes, the Chairman invited Mr Abraham SHEK and Ms Cyd HO who had nominated the two candidates to monitor the counting of votes.

8. The Chairman announced that 22 and 12 members voted for Ir Dr Raymond HO and Ms Emily LAU respectively, and one vote was invalid as the ballot paper was blank. The Chairman declared Ir Dr Raymond HO elected as Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2008-2009 session.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2008-2009 session

9. Members agreed that future regular meetings of the Panel would be held on the third Monday of each month at 2:30 pm. Members also agreed that the duration of the regular meetings would be three hours.

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III. Items for discussion at the next meeting

(LC Paper Nos. CB(2)48/08-09(01) and (02))

10. Members agreed that the following items proposed by the Administration would be discussed at the regular meeting to be held on 17 November 2008 -

- (a) Draft code of practice on employment under the Race Discrimination Ordinance; and
- (b) Establishment of regional support service centres for ethnic minorities.

11. Members noted the "List of issues suggested to be considered" and the "List of follow-up actions" which were tabled at the meeting and issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)48/08-09. With reference to item 6 on the "List of issues suggested to be considered" relating to the universal periodic review on the People's Republic of China to be conducted by the United Nations (UN) Human Rights Council in February 2009, Ms Emily LAU suggested that the Panel should discuss no later than December 2008 the report of the Central People's Government to the UN which would include a section on the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR).

12. Members agreed that the Clerk should liaise with the Administration to ascertain the appropriate timing for the discussion of the report.

(Post-meeting note: According to the Administration, the HKSAR Government would publish the section on the HKSAR when the UN received the report.)

13. Ms Emily LAU also suggested that the Panel should discuss government subvention to the Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data at the regular meeting in December 2008.

IV. Any other business

14. The meeting ended at 12:50 pm.