Legislative Council

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Panel on Manpower

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday, 15 October 2009, at 9:30 am in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building

Members Hon LI Fung-ying, BBS, JP (Chairman) present

Hon IP Wai-ming, MH (Deputy Chairman)

Hon LEE Cheuk-yan

Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai, BBS, JP

Hon CHAN Kin-por, JP Hon WONG Sing-chi

Hon WONG Kwok-kin, BBS Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP Dr Hon PAN Pey-chyou

Members Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung

absent Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, SBS, JP

Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung

Clerk in Mr Raymond LAM

attendance Chief Council Secretary (2) 1

Staff in Mrs Eleanor CHOW

attendance Senior Council Secretary (2) 4

Miss Josephine SO

Senior Council Secretary (2) 1

Ms Camy YOONG Clerical Assistant (2) 1

I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman for the 2009-2010 session

Election of Chairman

Ms LI Fung-ying, the incumbent Chairman, called for nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel. Ms LI Fung-ying was nominated by Mr IP Kwok-him and the nomination was seconded by Mr IP Wai-ming. Ms LI Fung-ying accepted the nomination.

2. <u>Mr WONG Kwok-kin</u>, the incumbent Deputy Chairman, took over from Ms LI Fung-ying to preside over the election. As there was no other nomination, <u>Mr WONG Kwok-kin</u> declared Ms LI Fung-ying elected as the Chairman of the Panel for the 2009-2010 session. Ms LI then took the chair.

Election of Deputy Chairman

- 3. <u>The Chairman</u> called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship of the Panel. Mr IP Wai-ming was nominated by Mr WONG Kwok-hing and the nomination was seconded by Dr PAN Pey-chyou. <u>Mr IP Wai-ming</u> accepted the nomination.
- 4. As there was no other nomination, the Chairman declared Mr IP Waiming elected as the Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2009-2010 session.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2009-2010 session

5. <u>Members</u> agreed that future regular meetings of the Panel would be held on the third Thursday of each month at 2:30 pm. Noting that the third Thursday of February 2010 was very close to the Chinese New Year, <u>members</u> agreed that the regular meeting should be rescheduled from 18 February to 23 February 2010 at 4:30 pm. <u>Members</u> also agreed that the regular meeting in April 2010 would be rescheduled from 15 April to 22 April 2010 at 2:30 pm to avoid a clash with the Budget meeting.

III. Items for discussion at future meetings

Items for discussion at the next meeting

6. <u>The Chairman</u> reminded members that a special meeting would be held on 22 October 2009 at 2:30 pm to receive briefings by the Secretary for Labour and Welfare and the Secretary for Education on the Chief Executive's 2009-2010 Policy Address. <u>Members</u> agreed that the special meeting would be extended to end at 4:30 pm and the item "Work-at-height safety of the

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construction industry" proposed by Mr WONG Sing-chi would be discussed at the special meeting.

<u>Items for discussion at the November meeting</u>

- 7. <u>Members</u> agreed that the following items would be discussed at the regular meeting to be held on 19 November 2009 -
 - (a) Measures taken by the Labour Department to promote youth employment; and
 - (b) "Employees" vis-à-vis "Self-employed persons".
- 8. Referring to item (b) in paragraph 7 above, Mr LEE Cheuk-yan suggested that the prevention of fake self-employment should be included in the discussion. Members agreed.
- 9. <u>Mr WONG Kwok-hing</u> suggested and <u>members</u> agreed that the Transport Support Scheme be included in the agenda of the regular meeting in November 2009.
- 10. Mr WONG Kwok-hing further suggested that the Administration should be requested to revert to the Legislative Council about the measures to protect workers against unreasonable or unlawful dismissal by the end of 2009.
- 11. The meeting ended at 9:40 am.

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