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Panel on Transport and Panel on Financial Affairs

**Minutes of joint meeting on
Friday, 18 March 2011, at 2:00 pm
in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building**

Members present : Members of the Panel on Transport

Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo (Chairman)
Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming, GBS, JP (Deputy Chairman)
* Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, SBS, S.B.St.J., JP
Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP
Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee, GBS, JP
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, SBS, JP
Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH
* Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, SBS, JP
* Hon KAM Nai-wai, MH
Hon CHAN Hak-kan
Hon IP Wai-ming, MH
Hon Tanya CHAN
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip

Members of the Panel on Financial Affairs

Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon CHAN Kin-por, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, GBS
Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, GBS, JP
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS, JP
Hon CHIM Pui-chung
Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai, BBS, JP
Hon Paul CHAN Mo-po, MH, JP

Member absent : Members of the Panel on Transport

- * Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, SBS, JP
Hon LI Fung-ying, SBS, JP
- * Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC
Hon WONG Sing-chi
- * Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-ye, GBS, JP
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung

Members of the Panel on Financial Affairs

Hon Albert HO Chun-yan
Dr Hon David LI Kwok-po, GBM, GBS, JP
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
Hon Vincent FANG Kang, SBS, JP
Hon LEE Wing-tat
Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, JP

- * Also members of the Panel on Financial Affairs

Clerk in attendance : Ms Anita SIT
Chief Council Secretary (1)5

Staff in attendance : Mr Hugo CHIU
Council Secretary (1)5

Ms Clara LO
Legislative Assistant (1)10

Action

I Election of Chairman

Mr CHAN Kam-lam remarked that he would chair this joint meeting, as Mr Andrew CHENG Kar-foo, Chairman of the Panel on Transport, had informed the Secretariat that he could not attend this meeting.

II Way forward for following up the issues relating to difficulties encountered by the transport sector in obtaining insurance coverage

(LC Paper No. CB(1)1614/10-11(01) — Proposal to appoint a subcommittee to study issues related to the difficulties encountered by the transport sector in obtaining insurance coverage prepared by the Legislative Council Secretariat)

2. The Chairman referred to the paper prepared by the Secretariat for the meeting (LC Paper No. CB(1)1614/10-11(01)), and invited members to give views on the following matters -

- (a) whether a subcommittee should be appointed to study the issues relating to the difficulties encountered by the transport sector in obtaining insurance coverage, and if so, under which Panel(s) should such a subcommittee be formed; and
- (b) the terms of reference, work plan and time frame for the subcommittee, if it is decided that a subcommittee should be appointed.

3. Ms Miriam LAU said that if a subcommittee was appointed to study the insurance matters concerning the transport sector, the subcommittee would be placed as the fifth one on the waiting list of subcommittees on policy issues. As such, the subcommittee might not be able to commence work within the current legislative session. She suggested that members could consider the following three options:

- (a) to appoint a subcommittee and wait for it to commence work;
- (b) to adopt a two-pronged approach by appointing the subcommittee and in the meantime to continue to follow up the subject through the Panels; or
- (c) to follow up the issue through the Panels only.

4. Mr James TO Kun-sun and Mr CHAN Kin-por opined that a subcommittee should be appointed. Mr CHAN Kin-por added that it was important to keep the momentum of the work to follow up the subject through

the Panels, pending the approval of the House Committee for the activation of the subcommittee.

5. The Chairman then put the question to members and members agreed that a joint subcommittee should be formed under the Panel on Financial Affairs and the Panel on Transport to follow up the subject.

6. The Chairman then invited members' views on the terms of reference (TOR) of the joint subcommittee. Ms Miriam LAU said that she agreed with the proposed TOR set out in Appendix II to LC Paper No. CB(1)1614/10-11(01), as follows-

"To study the issues relating to the difficulties encountered by the transport sector in obtaining insurance coverage, and where appropriate, to make recommendations on measures to tackle the problem."

7. Mr CHAN Kin-por expressed concern that the proposed TOR might cause members to focus only on the problems raised by the transport sector such as the lack of insurance companies engaging in the business and ignore the factors that caused losses to the insurance sector. The Chairman remarked that the proposed TOR was broad enough to cover the relevant factors, including the operational difficulties of the insurance sector. Mr James TO Kun-sun referred to the proposed work plan in Appendix II to LC Paper No. CB(1)1614/10-11(01) and remarked that the Subcommittee would identify and examine the factors contributing to the difficulties encountered by the transport sector in obtaining insurance. As such, the Subcommittee would also look into the concerns raised by the insurance sector.

8. Members agreed to adopt the above proposed TOR.

9. The Chairman said that the Panels would report to the House Committee on the appointment of the joint subcommittee in accordance with the relevant procedures.

III Any other business

10. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 2:10 pm.