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Panel on Manpower

Minutes of meeting
held on Thursday, 14 October 2010, at 9:30 am
in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building

- Members present** :
- Hon LEE Cheuk-yan (Chairman)
 - Hon LI Fung-ying, SBS, JP (Deputy Chairman)
 - Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong
 - Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
 - Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, SBS, JP
 - Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH
 - Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, GBS, JP
 - Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai, BBS, JP
 - Hon CHAN Kin-por, JP
 - Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che
 - Hon WONG Sing-chi
 - Hon IP Wai-ming, MH
 - Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP
 - Dr Hon PAN Pey-chyou
 - Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC
- Members absent** :
- Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
 - Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, SBS, JP
 - Hon WONG Kwok-kin, BBS
 - Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
- Clerk in attendance** :
- Mr Raymond LAM
Chief Council Secretary (2) 1
- Staff in attendance** :
- Miss Josephine SO
Senior Council Secretary (2) 1
 - Mrs Eleanor CHOW
Senior Council Secretary (2) 4

Mr Ian CHOW
Council Secretary (2) 1

Ms Camy YOONG
Clerical Assistant (2) 1

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I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman for the 2010-2011 session

Election of Chairman

Ms LI Fung-ying, Chairman of the Panel for the 2009-2010 session, called for nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel. Mr LEE Cheuk-yan was nominated by Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong and the nomination was seconded by Mr CHAN Kin-por and Dr LAM Tai-fai. Mr LEE Cheuk-yan accepted the nomination.

2. As there was no other nomination, Ms LI Fung-ying declared Mr LEE Cheuk-yan elected as Chairman of the Panel for the 2010-2011 session. Mr LEE Cheuk-yan then took the chair.

Election of Deputy Chairman

3. The Chairman called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship of the Panel. Ms LI Fung-ying was nominated by Mr Tommy CHEUNG and the nomination was seconded by Dr PAN Pey-chyou, Mr Andrew LEUNG and Mr IP Kwok-him. Ms LI Fung-ying accepted the nomination.

4. As there was no other nomination, the Chairman declared Ms LI Fung-ying elected as Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2010-2011 session.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2010-2011 session

5. Members 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 April 2011 was very close to the Easter holidays, members agreed that the regular meeting in April 2011 be held on Tuesday, 19 April 2011 at 4:30 pm. Members also agreed that the meeting in July 2011 be held on Tuesday, 12 July 2011 at 4:30 pm.

III. Items for discussion at future meetings

Policy briefings at the meeting on 21 October 2010

6. The Chairman reminded members that the Panel would hold a meeting on 21 October 2010 at 2:30 pm to receive briefings by the Secretary for Labour

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and Welfare and the Secretary for Education on relevant policy initiatives in the Chief Executive's 2010-2011 Policy Address.

Regular meeting in November 2010

7. Members noted that the Administration had proposed the following items for discussion at the regular meeting scheduled for 18 November 2010 -

- (a) Creation of a Chief Labour Officer post for the implementation of statutory minimum wage;
- (b) Progress of the setting up of a pioneer one-stop employment and training centre in Tin Shui Wai; and
- (c) Hong Kong's occupational safety performance in the first half of 2010.

8. Noting that the Chief Executive had announced in his 2010-2011 Policy Address to launch a territory-wide Work Incentive Transport Subsidy Scheme to subsidize employed members of low-income families in meeting their travelling expenses commuting to and from work, the Deputy Chairman suggested and members agreed that the provision of employment-related transport subsidy be included in the agenda of the regular meeting in November 2010. In view of the number of items proposed for the regular meeting in November 2010, members agreed that discussion of the item "Hong Kong's occupational safety performance in the first half of 2010" as referred to in paragraph 7(c) above be deferred to a future meeting.

Issues for discussion at future meetings

9. Mr WONG Kwok-hing expressed concern about the slow progress of the Administration in taking forward the legislative proposal on compulsory reinstatement and re-engagement in respect of cases of unreasonable and unlawful dismissal. He suggested that the Administration should be requested to revert to the Panel within the current legislative session.

10. Mr WONG Kwok-hing further said that the Chief Executive had, in delivering the Policy Address on 13 October 2010, promised to commence an in-depth study on the imposition of standard working hours. He hoped that the Administration could provide this Panel with a timetable for introducing a bill on standard working hours, with a view to enacting legislation within the tenure of the third term of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

11. The Chairman said that he would follow up with the Administration on the timing for discussion of the two issues raised by Mr WONG Kwok-hing.

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12. There being no other business, meeting ended at 9:39 am.

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