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Bills Committee on Residential Properties (First-hand Sales) Bill

Minutes of eighteenth meeting held on Tuesday, 12 June 2012, at 8:30 am in Conference Room 2A of the Legislative Council Complex

Members present: Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP (Chairman)

Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, SBS, S.B.St.J., JP

Hon James TO Kun-sun

Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, SBS, JP Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP

Prof Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS, JP

Hon WONG Kwok-kin, BBS Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC

Hon Tanya CHAN

Members absent : Hon LEE Cheuk-yan

:

Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee, GBS, JP Hon Vincent FANG Kang, SBS, JP

Hon LEE Wing-tat

Dr Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long, SBS, JP

Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, JP Hon Paul CHAN Mo-po, MH, JP

Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee, GBS, JP

Public officers attending

For item I

Transport and Housing Bureau

Mr Eugene FUNG

Deputy Secretary for Transport and Housing (Special

Duties)

Mrs Hedy CHU

Principal Assistant Secretary for Transport and Housing (Special Duties)

Miss Sharon KO

Senior Administrative Officer (Special Duties) 1

Department of Justice

Mr Lawrence PENG Senior Assistant Law Draftsman

Miss Grace LAM

Senior Government Counsel

Ms Mandy NG Government Counsel

Lands Department

Mr Armstrong CHU

Chief Land Conveyancing Officer/Port and Railway Development (Legal Advisory and Conveyancing Office)

Mr Ronald MA

Senior Solicitor/Special Duty(2) (Legal Advisory and Conveyancing Office)

Clerk in attendance: Miss Becky YU

Chief Council Secretary (1)1

Staff in attendance: Miss Kitty CHENG

Assistant Legal Adviser 5

Mrs Mary TANG

Senior Council Secretary (1)1

I. **Meeting with the Administration**

- (LC Paper No. CB(1) 2070/11-12(01) (English version issued for the *meeting on 31 May 2012)* (Chinese version issued for the meeting on 5 June 2012)
- Marked-up copy of the Bill showing the Committee Stage amendments proposed by Administration (as at May 2012)
- the meeting (issued for on 7 June 2012)
- LC Paper No. CB(1) 2110/11-12(01) List of follow-up actions arising the discussion from at the meetings on 5 June 2012
- LC Paper No. CB(1) 2143/11-12(01) Administration's response to CB(1) 2110/11-12(01)
- LC Paper No. CB(1) 2143/11-12(02) List of follow-up actions arising discussion from the at the meetings on 7 June 2012)

Relevant papers

LC Paper No. CB(3) 570/11-12 — The Bill

The Legislative Council Brief (issued by the Transport and Housing Bureau on 13 March 2012)

LC Paper No. LS47/11-12 (issued on 21 March 2012)

- Legal Service Division Report
- LC Paper No. CB(1) 1598/11-12(03) (issued for the meeting 18 April 2012)
- Assistant Legal Adviser's letters dated 12 April 2012 to the Administration
- LC Paper No. CB(1) 1598/11-12(04) Administration's (issued the meeting for 18 April 2012)
 - response to CB(1) 1598/11-12(03)
- LC Paper No. CB(1) 2066/11-12(04) (issued for the meeting on31 May 2012)
- Assistant Legal Adviser's letters dated 29 May 2012 to the Administration
- LC Paper No. CB(1) 2086/11-12(01) (issued for the meeting on5 June 2012)
- Administration's response to CB(1) 2066/11-12(04)
- LC Paper No. CB(1) 2031/11-12(01) (issued for the meeting on 28 May 2012)
- Letter from Hon Abraham SHEK dated 28 May 2012 (English version only)

LC Paper No. CB(1) 2109/11-12(02) (issued for the meeting on 5 June 2012)

— Administration's response to the annex of CB(1) 2031/11-12(01)

LC Paper No. CB(1) 2086/11-12(04) (issued for the meeting on 5 June 2012)

— Letter from Hon Abraham SHEK dated 31 May 2012 responding to the Administration's response to the issues raised in the joint legal opinion submitted by the Real Estate Developers Association of Hong Kong (Annex to LC Paper No. CB(1) 2066/11-12(02)) (English version only)

LC Paper No. CB(1) 2120/11-12(03) (issued for the meeting on 7 June 2012)

— Administration's response to CB(1) 2086/11-12(04)

The Bills Committee deliberated (Index of Proceedings attached in **Annex**).

- 2. <u>The Administration</u> was requested to identify ways to better reflect changes to the price of a specified residential property in a new price list.
- 3. <u>Members</u> agreed to continue discussion on the Bill at the next meeting scheduled for the same day at 10:45 am.

II. Any other business

4. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 10:30 am.

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<u>Legislative Council Secretariat</u>
18 September 2012

Bills Committee on Residential Properties (First-hand Sales) Bill

Proceedings of the eighteenth meeting on Tuesday, 12 June 2012, at 8:30 am in Conference Room 2A of the Legislative Council Complex

Time marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action required			
Agenda Item I - Meeting with the Administration						
000600 - 001206	Chairman Ms Audrey EU Clerk Mr James TO	Discussion on the legislative timetable of the Bill. As the Administration had given notice to resume Second Reading debate on the Bill at the Council meeting on 27 June 2012, the Chairman reminded members that the deadline for giving notice of Committee Stage amendments (CSAs) to the Bill would be 16 June 2012.				
		Ms Audrey EU's concern whether it was consistent with the usual practice for the Chairman to deliver a verbal report on the deliberations of the Bills Committee at the House Committee on 8 June 2012 when members had yet to complete scrutiny of the Bill. There might not be sufficient time for members to prepare CSAs to the Bill before the deadline on 16 June 2012 unless approval from the President to waive the notice requirement could be obtained.				
001207 - 002202	Chairman Administration	Administration's explanation on its response to issues raised by members at the meeting on 5 June 2012 (LC Paper No. CB(1) 2143/11-12(01)).				
002203 - 002524	Mr James TO Administration Chairman	Discussion on the requirement for the vendor to reflect any change to the price of a specified residential property in the price list where the original price of the property was stated.				
002525 - 003546	Mr James TO Chairman Administration	Discussion on creative ideas presented in television commercial on a specified first-hand residential property.				
003547 - 010447	Ms Audrey EU Chairman Administration Mr Abraham SHEK Mr Alan LEONG	Discussion on the definitions of "working day" and "business day", as well as the need to identify ways to better reflect changes to the price of a specified residential property.	The Administration was requested to identify ways to better reflect changes to the price of a specified			

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			residential property.
010448 - 011631	Chairman Administration Mr Abraham SHEK	Administration's explanation on its response to issues raised by members at the meeting on 7 June 2012 (LC Paper No. CB(1) 2149/11-12(01)).	
011632 - 012028	Chairman Mr Abraham SHEK	Mr Abraham SHEK's views - (a) the Administration should respond to his letter dated 11 June 2012 regarding the provision of a minimum number of properties in a price list, and the provision of information on gross floor area for a property (LC Paper No. CB(1) 2150/11-12(01)); and (b) it was unusual for the Chairman to report the deliberations of the Bills Committee to the House Committee when members had yet to complete scrutiny of the Bill. Administration's explanation that the reply to Mr Abraham SHEK was being prepared.	
012029 - 012141	Ms Audrey EU	Ms Audrey EU's request to put on record the dissatisfaction of Members belonging to the Civic Party that the Chairman delivered a verbal report on the deliberations of the Bills Committee to the House Committee recommending resumption of Second Reading debate on the Bill on 27 June 2012 when the Bills Committee had yet to complete scrutiny of the Bill.	
012142 - 013546	Chairman Mr Abraham SHEK	Chairman's clarification - (a) the decision to make a verbal report on the deliberations of the Bills Committee to the House Committee at its meeting on 8 June 2012 was made with the agreement of Bills Committee at a quorated meeting; and (b) there were precedents where verbal reports on the deliberations of the Bills Committees were made before completion of scrutiny of the bills. Mr Abraham SHEK's requests - (a) to hold a meeting before 16 June 2012 to	

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		publish a price list covering a minimum number of residential properties as this might constitute an unjustifiable restriction on the vendor's right to use or dispose of his property, and might breach Articles 6 and 105 of the Basic Law; and	
		(b) to invite the Hong Kong Bar Association and the Law Society of Hong Kong to attend the meeting.	
013547 - 013638	Chairman Administration	Continuation of examination of CSAs proposed by the Administration (LC Paper No. CB(1) 2070/11-12(01))	
		Schedule 1 Section 33 - Application of this Schedule in case of specified NT development	
013639 - 013656	Administration	Schedule 3 - Entities Specified for Purposes of Sections 16A(3), 23(4)(a) and 29(4)(a)	
013657 - 014013	Administration Chairman	Schedule 4 - Provisions Required to be Contained in Preliminary Agreement for Sale and Purchase	
014014 - 014621	Administration	Schedule 5 - Provisions Required to be Contained in Agreement for Sale and Purchase (Uncompleted Development)	
014622 - 014750	Administration	Schedule 6 - Provisions Required to be Contained in Agreement for Sale and Purchase (Completed Development Pending Compliance)	
014751 - 014929	Administration Chairman	Schedule 7 - Provisions Required to be Contained in Agreement for Sale and Purchase (Completed Development that is not Completed Development Pending Compliance)	
014930 - 015150	Administration Chairman	Schedule 8 - Vendor's Information Form	
015151 - 020222	Chairman Administration Mr Abraham SHEK	Examination of the latest version of CSAs proposed by the Administration (LC Paper No. CB(1) 2147/11-12(01)) to clauses 7,10(2),11,16A,18(5), 22(7), 23A, 28, 29A, 31, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, and 39.	
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