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House Committee of the Legislative Council

**Minutes of the 21st meeting
held in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex
at 2:30 pm on Friday, 4 May 2012**

Members present:

Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye, GBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, SBS, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Hon Albert HO Chun-yan
Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, SBS, S.B.St.J., JP
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
Dr Hon Margaret NG
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong
Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP
Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, GBS, JP
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, GBS
Hon WONG Yung-kan, SBS, JP
Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, SBS, JP
Hon LI Fung-ying, SBS, JP
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, SBS, JP
Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, SBS, JP
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP
Hon Vincent FANG Kang, SBS, JP
Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH
Hon LEE Wing-tat
Dr Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long, SBS, JP
Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, GBS, JP
Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, GBS, JP
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS, JP

Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC
Hon CHIM Pui-chung
Prof Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS, JP
Hon KAM Nai-wai, MH
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan
Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, JP
Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai, BBS, JP
Hon CHAN Hak-kan
Hon Paul CHAN Mo-po, MH, JP
Hon CHAN Kin-por, JP
Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, JP
Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che
Hon WONG Sing-chi
Hon WONG Kwok-kin, BBS
Hon IP Wai-ming, MH
Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP
Dr Hon PAN Pey-chyou
Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP
Dr Hon Samson TAM Wai-ho, JP
Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
Hon Tanya CHAN
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
Hon WONG Yuk-man

Members absent:

Dr Hon David LI Kwok-po, GBM, GBS, JP
Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBM, GBS, JP
Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, GBS, JP
Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming, GBS, JP
Dr Hon LEUNG Ka-lau
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee, GBS, JP

Clerk in attendance :

Miss Odelia LEUNG Clerk to the House Committee

Staff in attendance :

Ms Pauline NG Secretary General
Mr Jimmy MA, JP Legal Adviser

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| Mr Andy LAU | Assistant Secretary General 1 |
| Mrs Justina LAM | Assistant Secretary General 3 |
| Mrs Percy MA | Assistant Secretary General 4 |
| Ms Connie FUNG | Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 1 |
| Mr Arthur CHEUNG | Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 2 |
| Mr KAU Kin-wah | Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 3 |
| Mr Stephen LAM | Acting Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 4 |
| Miss Erin TSANG | Acting Principal Council Secretary (Complaints) |
| Mr Simon WONG | Chief Public Information Officer |
| Ms Amy YU | Chief Council Secretary (2)6 |
| Mr Kelvin LEE | Assistant Legal Adviser 1 |
| Miss Winnie LO | Assistant Legal Adviser 7 |
| Mr YICK Wing-kin | Assistant Legal Adviser 8 |
| Miss Josephine SO | Senior Council Secretary (2)7 |
| Ms Judy TING | Council Secretary (2)6 |
| Ms Anna CHEUNG | Senior Legislative Assistant (2)3 |
| Mr Arthur KAN | Legislative Assistant (2)8 |

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**I. Confirmation of the minutes of the 20th meeting held on 27 April 2012
(LC Paper No. CB(2) 1860/11-12)**

The minutes were confirmed.

II. Matters arising

(a) Report by the Chairman on her meeting with the Chief Secretary for Administration

2. The Chairman said that there was nothing special to report.

(b) Statutes of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (Amendment) Statutes 2012

3. The Chairman said that at the House Committee meeting on 20 April 2012, Members agreed to defer the decision on whether to form a subcommittee on the Statutes of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (Amendment) Statutes 2012 (L.N. 53) to allow time for Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong to consult the relevant staff unions on the proposal. She referred Members to Mr CHEUNG's letter dated 4 May 2012, which was tabled at the meeting, informing Members of the outcome of the consultation.

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4. At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong said that he had consulted the relevant staff unions of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, which had raised no objection to the proposal. He had no further queries on the Amendment Statutes.

5. Members agreed that it was not necessary to form a subcommittee to study the Amendment Statutes.

6. The Chairman reminded Members that the deadline for amending the Amendment Statutes was 16 May 2012.

III. Business arising from previous Council meetings

(a) **Legal Service Division report on bill referred to the House Committee in accordance with Rule 54(4)**

Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2012
(*LC Paper No. LS 57/11-12*)

7. The Chairman said that the Bill sought to make miscellaneous amendments to various Ordinances (including the abolition of the common law presumption that a boy under 14 was incapable of sexual intercourse) and to repeal subsidiary legislation that had ceased to be in force. The Administration had consulted the Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Service on the legislative proposals, and members were supportive of the proposed abolition of the common law presumption.

8. Miss Tanya CHAN considered it necessary to form a Bills Committee to study the Bill in detail. Members agreed. Dr Margaret NG, Mr James TO and Miss Tanya CHAN agreed to join the Bills Committee.

9. The Chairman said that as there were vacant slots, the Bills Committee could commence work immediately.

(b) **Legal Service Division report on subsidiary legislation gazetted on 27 April 2012**
(*LC Paper No. LS 56/11-12*)

10. The Chairman said that a total of 18 items of subsidiary legislation, including one Commencement Notice, were gazetted on 27 April 2012.

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11. Regarding the two Regulations made under the United Nations Sanctions Ordinance which were not required to be tabled in the Council and were not subject to amendment by the Legislative Council ("LegCo"), i.e. United Nations Sanctions (Liberia) Regulation 2012 (L.N. 71) and United Nations Sanctions (Liberia) Regulation 2011 (Repeal) Regulation (L.N. 72), the Chairman suggested that they be referred to the Subcommittee to Examine the Implementation in Hong Kong of Resolutions of the United Nations Security Council in relation to Sanctions as they came within its terms of reference. Members agreed.

12. Regarding the six items of subsidiary legislation made under the relevant disciplined services legislation, i.e. Fire Services Ordinance (Amendment of Second Schedule) Regulation 2012 (L.N. 58), Police (Discipline) (Amendment) Regulation 2012 (L.N. 59), Prison (Amendment) Rules 2012 (L.N. 60), Government Flying Service (Discipline) (Amendment) Regulation 2012 (L.N. 61), Traffic Wardens (Discipline) (Amendment) Regulation 2012 (L.N. 62) and Customs and Excise Service (Discipline) (Amendment) Rules 2012 (L.N. 63), the Chairman said that they sought to provide, among others, that an officer of the relevant disciplined service charged with a disciplinary offence might, on application, be allowed to have legal or other forms of representation at a disciplinary hearing.

13. Dr Margaret NG declared that she was engaged as a lawyer in legal proceedings which were instituted after disciplinary hearings involving some police officers. Given the importance of the amendments made by L.N. 58 to L.N. 63, she considered it necessary to form a subcommittee to study them in detail. Members agreed. The following Members agreed to join the subcommittee: Dr Margaret NG, Ms LI Fung-ying and Ms Cyd HO.

14. As regards the Genetically Modified Organisms (Control of Release) (Exemption) Notice (L.N. 69), the Chairman said that it was to exempt genetically modified papaya and any genetically modified organism ("GMO") that was contained in a veterinary vaccine from the application of section 5 of the Genetically Modified Organisms (Control of Release) Ordinance (Cap. 607) and genetically modified papaya of specific unique identifier code and transformation event code, and any GMO contained in a veterinary vaccine from section 7 of Cap. 607. It would come into operation on 23 June 2012. Given the concern expressed by some Members and organizations about the proposed exemption, the Chairman proposed that a subcommittee be formed to study the Notice in detail. Members agreed. The following Members agreed to join the subcommittee: Mr Frederick FUNG, Ms Audrey EU, Mr KAM Nai-wai and Ms Cyd HO.

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15. Members did not raise any queries on the other nine items of subsidiary legislation (L.N. 55 to L.N. 57, L.N. 64 to L.N. 68 and L.N. 70).

16. The Chairman reminded Members that the deadline for amending the subsidiary legislation (except the two items of subsidiary legislation not required to be tabled in the Council) was 30 May 2012.

IV. Further business for the Council meeting of 9 May 2012

Business originally scheduled for the Council meeting of 2 May 2012

17. The Chairman said that the unfinished business on the Agenda of the Council meeting of 2 May 2012 would be dealt with at the Council meeting of 9 May 2012.

18. Ms Audrey EU enquired about the order of business for the Council meeting of 9 May.

19. At the invitation of the Chairman, Secretary General ("SG") said that the arrangement of business for the Council meeting of 9 May would follow the order as set out in Rule 18 of the Rules of Procedure ("RoP"). As such, questions would be transacted first, followed by the First Reading of bills, resumption of Second Reading debates, Committee stage and Third Reading of Government bills, and then Government and Members' motions. Where the business of a previous Council meeting were to stand over to the next meeting, it was the established practice that unfinished business in the previous meeting would be placed before the business scheduled for the next meeting in the same segment. SG informed members that the Secretariat was advised shortly before the House Committee meeting that the Administration intended to place the Legislative Council (Amendment) Bill 2012 ("LC(A) Bill 2012") before the two bills already on the agenda of the Council meeting of 9 May 2012, namely the Fisheries Protection (Amendment) Bill 2011 and the Electoral Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2012. After dealing with the Government bills, the Government motion to be moved under the Legal Aid Ordinance originally scheduled for the Council meeting of 2 May 2012 would be dealt with first before the other Government motions.

20. Ms Audrey EU said that Members belonging to the pan democratic camp had indicated clearly their objection to the LC(A) Bill 2012 and their intention to stage a walk-out to protest against the Bill after voting against its Second Reading. Referring to the adjournment of the Council meeting of 2 May 2012 owing to a lack of quorum, she considered that

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the Administration should give serious consideration to withdrawing the Bill. She noted from media reports the Administration's indication that it could not withdraw the Bill under RoP 64 given that the Bill had already been read the second time. However, she noted that under RoP 40, the Administration or a Member could move without notice a motion for adjournment of proceedings of a committee of the whole Council. As such, the Administration could move a motion under RoP 40 for adjourning the proceedings on the LC(A) Bill 2012, so that more important bills involving people's livelihood could be dealt with. Should the motion for adjournment of the proceedings on the LC(A) Bill 2012 be agreed to, the public officer in charge of the Bill could resume the proceedings by giving not less than five clear days of notice even if the motion was moved by a Member. She sought confirmation on whether her understanding was correct.

21. At the invitation of the Chairman, SG confirmed that Ms Audrey EU's understanding of RoP 40 was correct. SG further said that according to RoP 64, a bill could only be drawn at the beginning of proceedings for its second reading, the resumption of its second reading debate or its third reading.

22. Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung noted that the Chief Executive-elect ("CE-elect") had expressed grave concern about the impact of the adjournment of the Council meeting of 2 May on the scrutiny of his proposal for the re-organization of policy bureaux. In his view, the CE-elect should raise his concern with the incumbent CE, and not LegCo Members, as the LC(A) Bill 2012 was introduced by the current term Government. He stressed that there was no urgency for the LC(A) Bill 2012 and urged CE to withdraw it so as not to delay other Council business and the transition arrangements with the next term Government. He further said that he was contemplating to seek the President's approval for moving a motion for debate on the withdrawal of the LC(A) Bill 2012 to enable Members to express their views.

23. Mr Albert CHAN said that when he and Mr WONG Yuk-man met with the President on the day before the House Committee meeting, they were under the impression that the President was willing to consider dealing with the other bills first before the LC(A) Bill 2012. He and Mr WONG had also clearly conveyed their view to the Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs that other more urgent bills should be dealt with first. As he and Mr WONG had made it clear their intention to speak on most of the Committee Stage amendments ("CSAs") to prolong the Council meeting to some 500 hours, the Administration decided nevertheless to proceed first with the LC(A) Bill 2012 which had no urgency was to save face only. This was a form of Executive

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hegemony and showed that the Administration had no regard for public interest. The Administration's decision would certainly affect the scrutiny of CE-elect's re-organization proposal. Mr CHAN opined that this might be the hidden agenda of the incumbent CE. He condemned the Administration's approach in handling the LC(A) Bill 2012 and stressed that he and Mr WONG would not step back from their protest against the LC(A) Bill 2012, despite the Administration's attempt to put pressure on them through public opinion.

24. Ms Cyd HO said that the Administration could withdraw the LC(A) Bill 2012. It could also move a motion to adjourn the proceedings on the LC(A) Bill 2012 at the Council meeting of 9 May. Should the Administration refuse to do so, she would support the moving of such a motion by a Member so that the Council could proceed to deal with other bills and the committee meetings scheduled for 10 and 11 May would not be affected. She sought information on the voting arrangement for such a motion.

25. At the invitation of the Chairman, SG said that should the motion be moved by a Member, its passage would require a majority vote of each of the two groups of Members present: Members returned by functional constituencies and those returned by geographical constituencies through direct elections. Should the motion be moved by the Administration, its passage would require a majority vote of the Members present.

26. Dr PAN Pey-chyou said that he did not consider it useful to request the Administration to prioritize the bills under scrutiny by LegCo, when some Members were trying to prolong unnecessarily the Council proceedings by moving a large number of CSAs and the LC(A) Bill 2012 was not the only Bill in respect of which they had indicated intention to do so. In his view, Members should instead be requested to indicate which bills they intended to filibuster so that the Administration could deal with the other bills.

27. Ms Audrey EU said that the adjournment of the Council meeting of 2 May due to a lack of quorum indicated that some Members belonging to the pro-establishment camp also did not consider the LC(A) Bill 2012 urgent. She urged the Administration to take this into careful consideration and move a motion under RoP 40 to adjourn the proceedings on the Bill, which would have a higher chance of passage. She considered that the moving of an adjournment motion was the only way to resolve the problem. She indicated that she would move such a motion at the Council meeting of 9 May should the Administration refuse to do so. She appealed to Members to support her moving of the motion. She further sought clarification on whether the adjournment motion in

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respect of the LC(A) Bill 2012 should be moved under RoP 40(2) or RoP 40(4).

28. At the invitation of the Chairman, SG said that as the LC(A) Bill 2012 had already proceeded to the Committee stage when the Council meeting was adjourned on 3 May, Ms Audrey EU could move without notice an adjournment motion under RoP 40(4) when the Committee stage was resumed at the Council meeting of 9 May.

29. Ms Emily LAU said that she had made a request through the Secretariat to the President that should the business on the Agenda of the Council meeting of 9 May not be finished before the House Committee meeting and the Finance Committee ("FC") meeting scheduled for the afternoon of Friday, 11 May, the Council meeting be suspended at 2:30 pm on that day and resumed after the meetings of the House Committee and FC to deal with the unfinished business on the Agenda of the Council meeting. She sought confirmation as to whether the President was agreeable to such an arrangement.

30. At the invitation of the Chairman, SG replied in the affirmative.

31. Ms Emily LAU further said that FC would meet almost every Friday in the next two months until the end of the current session to consider the many financial proposals to be submitted by the Administration. She hoped that the same arrangement would be adopted should any upcoming Council meeting go beyond Friday afternoon where FC meetings had been scheduled.

32. Mr Paul TSE enquired whether the President had the absolute discretion to determine the order of business at a Council meeting, or whether he was obliged to observe any rules or consider the views of the Administration.

33. At the invitation of the Chairman, SG said that under Article 72(2) of the Basic Law, the President was vested with the power to decide on the Agenda of the Council. All items of business would be transacted in the order as set out in RoP 18. In deciding on the order of the business on the Agenda of the Council, the President would take into account and respect the Administration's views. It had been the established practice that the unfinished business on the Agenda of a Council meeting which had been adjourned would be dealt with at the following Council meeting. However, the Administration could propose with reasons changes to the order of the business for the consideration of the President.

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34. Mr Paul TSE enquired whether there would be any special arrangement for committee meetings other than the House Committee and FC should the Council meeting of 9 May last for a few days.

35. At the invitation of the Chairman, SG explained that the President had agreed to the arrangement of suspending the Council meeting of 9 May at 2:30 pm on 11 May to facilitate the holding of the House Committee meeting, as the House Committee made preparations for the following Council meetings and considered matters relating to the business of the Council. At the request of the Chairman of FC, the President had agreed that the Council meeting be resumed after the FC meeting to be held immediately after the House Committee meeting, having regard to the many financial proposals scheduled for consideration by FC.

36. Mr Paul TSE further enquired whether the President could suspend the Council meeting when his attention was drawn to the fact that a quorum was not present, so as to avoid the possibility of the adjournment of the Council meeting due to a lack of quorum.

37. At the invitation of the Chairman, Legal Adviser ("LA") replied in the negative. He drew Members' attention to RoP 17(2), which provided that if the attention of the President was drawn to the fact that a quorum was not present, he should direct the Members to be summoned. If after 15 minutes had expired a quorum was not present, he should adjourn the Council without question put.

38. SG added that the President had all along followed the practice stipulated in RoP 17(2) when his attention was drawn to a lack of quorum at a Council meeting.

39. Mr Albert CHAN said that when he met with the President on the day before the House Committee meeting, he was under the impression that the President also wished to deal with the other bills first, instead of the LC(A) Bill 2012, at the Council meeting of 9 May. He enquired whether the making of a recommendation by the House Committee on the order of business at the Council meeting of 9 May would facilitate the President's determination in this regard.

40. At the invitation of the Chairman, SG said that the President had all along followed the established practice in determining the order of unfinished business deferred to the following Council meeting. As Government bills were involved on the present occasion, the President would respect the Administration's views on the order of the Government

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bills to be dealt with. The established practice for determining the order of Council business would be followed unless there were strong justifications for departure.

41. Dr Margaret NG sought information on the progress of scrutiny of the Competition Bill and the Residential Properties (First-hand Sales) Bill.

42. Mr CHAN Kam-lam, Chairman of the Bills Committee on Residential Properties (First-hand Sales) Bill, said that the Bills Committee had scheduled many meetings to continue its scrutiny of the Bill. Where necessary the frequency of meetings could be increased.

43. At the invitation of the Chairman, SG informed Members that it was the tentative plan of the Bills Committee on Competition Bill to report to the House Committee on 18 May 2012, and the Administration had indicated its intention to resume the Second Reading debate on the Bill at the Council meeting of 30 May 2012. The Bills Committee on Mediation Bill, under the chairmanship of Dr Margaret NG, would also report to the House Committee soon.

44. Mr Andrew LEUNG, Chairman of the Bills Committee on Competition Bill, confirmed that the Bills Committee would hold its last meeting on Tuesday, 8 May 2012 and planned to report to the House Committee on 18 May. The Administration had indicated its intention to resume the Second Reading debate on the Bill at the Council meeting of 30 May.

45. Mr Ronny TONG said that the Bills Committee on Companies Bill was examining CSAs proposed to the Bill and would complete its scrutiny work soon.

46. Dr Margaret NG suggested that for Bills Committees the scrutiny work of which was expected to be completed soon, as in the case of the Bills Committee on Competition Bill, the President might consider suspending the Council meeting of 9 May at an appropriate juncture, so as to facilitate the Bills Committees concerned to hold their scheduled meeting to conclude their scrutiny work.

47. Ms Emily LAU said that members of the public were very concerned whether the Bills currently under scrutiny, such as the Competition Bill, the Companies Bill, the Immigration (Amendment) Bill 2011 and the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2011 ("MPFS(A) (No.2) Bill 2011"), could be passed before the prorogation of LegCo in mid July 2012. She hoped that the

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Administration would complement the work of LegCo to facilitate the passage of these Bills within the current legislative session. Members belonging to the Democratic Party would make their best effort to facilitate the passage of these Bills. Given that the business sector had many views on the Competition Bill and a large number of CSAs might be moved to the Bill, she enquired about the deadline for giving notice of CSAs to the Bill should its Second Reading debate be resumed at the Council meeting of 30 May 2012.

48. At the invitation of the Chairman, SG said that the deadline for giving notice of CSAs was Monday, 21 May 2012.

49. Mr Fred LI, Chairman of the Bills Committee on Trade Descriptions (Unfair Trade Practices) (Amendment) Bill 2012, said that the Bills Committee was working hard as the Bill also needed to be passed within the current legislative session.

50. Mr Andrew LEUNG said that according to the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority, the implementation of the proposals in the MPFS(A) (No.2) Bill 2011 would be delayed for at least six months to April 2013, should the Bill not be passed within the current legislative session.

51. Given the large amount of work which had to be completed by mid July 2012, the Chairman appealed to Members for their concerted effort in enhancing the efficiency of the work of LegCo.

Further business for the Council meeting of 9 May 2012

(a) **Tabling of papers**

Report No. 18/11-12 of the House Committee on Consideration of Subsidiary Legislation and Other Instruments

(LC Paper No. CB(2) 1862/11-12 issued vide LC Paper No. CB(3) 708/11-12 dated 3 May 2012)

52. The Chairman said that the Report covered one item of subsidiary legislation, i.e. the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance (Amendment of Schedules 1 and 2) Order 2012 (L.N. 38), the period for amendment of which would expire on 9 May 2012. Upon the expiry of the deadline, two Members had indicated intention to speak on the Order at the Council meeting of 9 May 2012. As Mr James TO had given notice to move a motion to amend the Order, should approval be given by the President for the moving of the motion, Members would have the opportunity to speak

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on the Order, in which case she would not move a motion in her capacity as Chairman of the House Committee to take note of the Report in relation to the Order.

53. The Chairman further said that as the President had yet to rule on Mr James TO's motion, she would give notice to move a motion at the Council meeting to take note of the Report, so that Members could have the opportunity to speak on the Order should Mr TO's motion not be proceeded with.

54. Members noted the Report and the above arrangement.

(b) **Members' Bills - First Reading and moving of Second Reading**

Professional Accountants (Amendment) Bill 2012

55. The Chairman said that Mr Paul CHAN had given notice to present the above Bill to the Council on 9 May 2012. The House Committee would consider the Bill at the next meeting on 11 May 2012.

V. Business for the Council meeting of 16 May 2012

(a) **Questions**

(LC Paper No. CB(3) 699/11-12)

56. The Chairman said that 20 questions (six oral and 14 written) had been scheduled for the meeting.

(b) **Bills - First Reading and moving of Second Reading**

57. The Chairman said that no notice had been received yet.

(c) **Government motion**

58. The Chairman said that no notice had been received yet.

(d) **Members' motions**

(i) **Motion to be moved by Hon Paul CHAN**

59. The Chairman said that the subject of the motion to be moved by Mr Paul CHAN was "Enhancing the accountability of charities and complying with the best practices in corporate governance".

(ii) Motion to be moved by Hon Starry LEE

60. The Chairman said that the subject of the motion to be moved by Ms Starry LEE was "Promoting family harmony".

61. The Chairman reminded Members that the deadline for giving notice of amendments, if any, to the motions was Wednesday, 9 May 2012.

Report on study of subsidiary legislation

62. The Chairman invited Members to note the list containing four items of subsidiary legislation tabled at the meeting, the scrutiny period of which would expire on 16 May 2012. Members who wished to speak on the subsidiary legislation should indicate their intention by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, 8 May 2012.

VI. Position on Bills Committees and subcommittees

(LC Paper No. CB(2) 1861/11-12)

63. The Chairman said that there were 13 Bills Committees, eight subcommittees under House Committee (i.e. three subcommittees on subsidiary legislation, two subcommittees on policy issues and three subcommittees on other Council business) and eight subcommittees under Panels in action.

64. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 3:24 pm.