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Panel on Constitutional Affairs

**Minutes of special meeting
held on Saturday, 19 May 2012, at 9:00 am
in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex**

- Members present** : Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, GBS, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Hon Albert HO Chun-yan
Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, SBS, S.B.St.J., JP
Dr Hon Margaret NG
Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong
Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, GBS
Hon WONG Yung-kan, SBS, JP
Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP
Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBM, GBS, JP
Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye, GBS, JP
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, SBS, JP
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP
Hon LEE Wing-tat
Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, GBS, JP
Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming, GBS, JP
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS, JP
Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai, BBS, JP
Hon CHAN Kin-por, JP
Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-ye, GBS, JP
Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP
Dr Hon Samson TAM Wai-ho, JP
Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
- Members absent** : Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH
Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, GBS, JP
Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC

Hon CHIM Pui-chung
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan
Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, JP
Hon WONG Kwok-kin, BBS
Hon WONG Yuk-man

**Public Officers : *Sessions One to Three*
attending**

Office of the Chief Executive-elect

Mrs Fanny LAW FAN Chiu-fun
Head of the Chief Executive-elect's Office

Ms Alice LAU Yim
Secretary-General of the
Chief Executive-elect's Office

Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Mr Raymond TAM Chi-yuen
Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Mr Joshua LAW Chi-kong
Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Mr Freely CHENG Kei
Principal Assistant Secretary
(Constitutional and Mainland Affairs)

Civil Service Bureau

Mr Frankie LUI Kin-fun
Principal Assistant Secretary for the Civil Service

Sessions Four to Six

Office of the Chief Executive-elect

Mrs Fanny LAW FAN Chiu-fun
Head of the Chief Executive-elect's Office

Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Miss Adeline WONG Ching-man
Under Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Mr Gordon LEUNG Chung-tai
Deputy Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Civil Service Bureau

Mrs Ingrid YEUNG HO Poi-yan
Deputy Secretary for the Civil Service

**Attendance by
invitation**

Session One

Mr CHAN Chung-yau

Mr SO Cheuk-hei

Designing Hong Kong Limited

Mr Paul Zimmerman
Chief Executive Officer

Civic Party

Mr Dennis KWOK
Chairman of Constitution and Governance Branch

Democratic Party

Mr Andrew WAN Siu-kin
Spokesman

The Professional Commons

Mr Charles MOK
Chairman

Mr CHOI Ngai-min

Mr TSE Tsz-kei
Member of Eastern District Council

Mr TAM Kwok-sun

Hong Kong Professionals and Senior Executives Association

Mr Samuel YUNG
Founding President & Politic & Public Administration
Committee Chairman

Factory Artists Concern Group

Mr WONG Chung-kok

Hong Kong Cultural Sector Joint Conference 2.0

Ms LEUNG Po-shan

Mr LAU Kwok-fan
Member of Federation of New Territories Youth

Hong Kong Starfire Network Association

Mr CHEUNG Yu-fan, Frankie
秘書長

Hong Kong Political, Economic and Cultural Society

Mr CHAN Kuen-hong
副理事長兼秘書長

Mr WONG Chi-wa

New Territories Association of Societies

Mr WAN Chung-ping
Deputy Chairman

Jin Jiang Clans Association (HK) Limited

Mr CHOI Sai-chuen

The Hong Kong Chinese Importers' & Exporters' Association

Mr CHONG Shing-hum
President

Miss LAW Nga-wing

Mr WONG For-yam

Mr HO Kai-ming
Member of Kwun Tong District Council

The Federation of Hong Kong Writers

Mr TANG Kei-sang
理事

Session Two

Mr HO Ngai-kam
Member of Eastern District Council

China Studies Alumni Association of HK Publishing Printing
and Records Industry

Ms TUNG Hoi-man
Vice-President

Hong Kong Young Generation

Mr MA Yik-yeung, William
Convenor

Professor CHAN Ching-kiu, Stephen
Academic Dean, Faculty of Arts, Lingnan University

Mr WONG Sin-hung

Michael Tien District Councillor Office

Mr Michael TIEN
Member of Tsuen Wan District Council

Savantas Policy Institute

Mr David WONG
Director of Community Development

Mr Legward WONG
Member of Yuen Long District Council

Mr Holden CHOW
Member of the Islands District Council

Mr O Yat-shan

Mr TSANG Wai-sing

Government Employees Association

Mr KWOK Wan-ling
Public Relations Officer

Government Logistics Employees Union

Ms CHOI Mei-sheung
Treasurer

Government Electrical & Mechanical Services Department
Technical Staff Union

Mr HO Kwok-leung
Chairman

Government Staff Union

Mr CHAN Wai-hong
Vice Chairman

Hong Kong Government Water Supplies Department Employees Union

Mr CHAN Yum-chuen
Vice Chairman

Business and Professionals Federation of HK

Ms Susan CHAN
Senior Manager

People Power

Mr LAU Gar-hung, Christopher
Chairman

Pandemocrats

Dr YIM Tat-ming
Chairman

Session Three

The Frontier

Mr CHAN Chi-chuen
幹事

Power Voters

Miss YUEN Mi-ming, Erica
執行委員

Earth Association of Societies

Mr CHIN Wai-lok

Teamwork Dynamic

Mr WONG Yan-cheung
Chairman

Lok Kwan Kwai Shing Ladies Association

Ms LAI Fan-fong
理事

Kwai Chung South Resident Association

Mr Peter CHEUNG
監事長

Hong Kong Federation of Overseas Chinese Associations

Mr LOK Hon-sang
常董社會事務委員會主任

Democratic Alliance for Betterment and Progress of Hong Kong

Mr YEUNG Hok-ming
Vice Spokesperson on Constitutional Affairs

Federation of HK Chiu Chow Community Organizations Ltd

Ms YU Kit-lung
Vice Chairman

Chai Wan Area Kai-fong Welfare Association Ltd

Mr TONG Wai-yuen
Chairman

Eastern District Arts Council

Mr Christopher CHUNG
Chairman

Mr LEE Kam-yin
Arts Development Council Member

Y Elites Association

Mr Frank PAK
Honorary Chairman

Fong Chung Social Service Centre

Mr YEUNG Ho-kei
統籌主任

Tai Hang Tung & Nan Shan Peoples Committee – Universal Pension Study Group

Ms Anita CHOW
Member

Voice of Tai Hang Tung (Universal Pension Concern Group)

Mr CHEUNG Siu-yiu
Member

Sham Shui Po Community Association

Mr LAU Cheuk-kei
Director

Kowloon Zhai Community Struggle for Universal Pension

Mr LEUNG Shek-lun
Member

Anti Politic Privilege Association

Mr FUNG Pui-yin
Chairman

Session Four

Kowloon Federation of Associations

Miss WONG Wai-ching
President

Miss LAM lam, Nixie
Member of Tsuen Wan District Council

The Guild of Graziers

Mr CHENG Ting-foo

Hong Kong Repertory Theatre

Mr WOO Wai-man
Chairman

Federation of HK Guangxi Community Organisations Ltd

Mr TANG Ching-ho
First Executive Vice President

Hong Kong Inbound Tour Operators Association

Mr HAU Suk-kei
Honorable Chairman / Former Chairman of Travel Industry
Council of Hong Kong

Hong Kong Travel Agent Owners Association

Mr YIP Hing-ning
Chairman

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Mr CHAN Chung-yi, Alan
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Mr LAM Man-kong
President

Mr LAI Tak-keung

Ms KAM Sau-fun

Mr TSE Shing-kong

Ms FUNG Kwai-lan

Community Cultural Concern

Dr Mirana SZETO
Member

Mr KWOK Kin-chung

HKZXQA

Mr Wilson SHEA
President

Session Five

Sky Action

Mr WONG Tze-hei, Cody
Convener

Mr Martin Oei

Mr YET Kam-hon

Ms Carol LIU

Mr KWOK Man-chun

The Mirror Post

Ms TSUI Siu-ying
Vice-President

Mr YAU Hoo-ron

Mr TSANG Wai-him

Mr LAU Wing-hong

Action Youth 21

Mr CHAN Kei-fung, Eric
Committee Member

The Association of Experts for Modernization Ltd

Ms Elizabeth WONG
Treasurer

Chartered Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors (Hong Kong Region)

Mr Michael WONG
Senior Vice Chairman

Hong Kong Strategy

Mr Augustine WONG
Vice-Chairman

Mr LAU Kin-shing

Hong Kong Youth Development Society

Mr MUK Ka-chun
Committee Member

HK Golden 50

Mr Franklin LAM
發起人

Mr WONG Yuk-ming

Session Six

Hong Kong Electronics & Technologies Association

Mr Victor NG
Chairman

Green Sense

Ms HO Ka-po

Centum Charitas Foundation

Mr SZE Wing-him
Chairman

Mr KAN Chi-chung, Julian

Hong Kong Volunteers Association

Mr YIP Chun-to, Adrian
Chairman

Engineering Forum

Dr TSANG Kin-wai
Executive Committee Member

Mr HO Man-kit, Raymond
Member of Sai Kung District Council

The Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong

Dr NG Wang-pun, Dennis, MH
Vice President

Association of China Trend Studies (HK)

Ms Shirley LEUNG
Executive Director

Ms Chan Lai-suen

Lingnan University Students' Union

Mr CHAN Shu-fai, Eddie
President

Mr CHENG Wing

Hong Kong Lam Chong Association

Mr SZE Man-yuen, Davies

Hong Kong Securities Professionals Association

Ms LEE Sai-yin, Jeanne
Chairman

Federation of Hong Kong Guangdong Community Organisation

Mr WONG Kwok-keung
Chairman

Guangdong Hong Kong Association for the Promotion of
Technology Enterprise

Dr LO Wai-kwok
Former President

Ir YIM Kin-ping
Member of Election Committee (Engineering Subsector)

Clerk in attendance : Miss Flora TAI
Chief Council Secretary (2)3

Staff in attendance : Mr Arthur CHEUNG
Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 2

Ms Wendy LO
Council Secretary (2)3

Mrs Fonny TSANG
Legislative Assistant (2)3

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I. Re-organisation of the Government Secretariat

[LC Paper Nos. IN25/11-12, CB(3)735/11-12 and CB(2)1908/11-12(01)]

Meeting with deputations

The Chairman welcomed the deputations to the meeting. He said that the purpose of this meeting was to receive views from the public on the proposed re-organisation of the Government Secretariat and related issues. He invited the deputations to give views.

Oral presentation by deputations/individuals

2. Mr CHAN Chung-yau queried how the proposed re-organisation of the Government could shorten the existing long waiting time for allocation of public housing units. He considered that there was no need to implement the re-organisation as the efficiency of the Government should be improved by reducing bureaucracy in government departments.

3. Mr SO Cheuk-hei expressed support for the re-organisation proposals. He, however, considered that the proposed administrative structure had not been well thought through having regard to the unclear delineation of responsibilities between the proposed Deputy Chief Secretary for Administration ("DCS") and the Chief Secretary for Administration ("CS") and between the Chief Executive ("CE") and CS. He pointed out that there would be overlapping functions between the proposed Culture Bureau ("CB") and the existing Home Affairs Bureau. He also considered that a limit should be set on the number of Political Assistants to be engaged by Directors of Bureaux ("DoBs") and it should not be made a convention for the CE-elect to re-organise the Government Secretariat before assuming office.

4. Mr Paul Zimmerman presented the views of Designing Hong Kong Limited as detailed in its submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2418/11-12(01)].

5. Mr Dennis KWOK of Civic Party considered that a public consultation exercise on the re-organisation proposal should be carried out to gauge public views on how the Political Appointment System ("PAS") could be improved, such as the role to be performed by Political Assistants, before seeking further expansion of the system.

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6. Mr Andrew WAN Siu-kin presented the views of Democratic Party as detailed in its submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2418/11-12(02)].
7. Mr Charles MOK presented the views of The Professional Commons as detailed in its submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2418/11-12(03)].
8. Mr CHOI Ngai-min presented the views as detailed in his submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2068/11-12(01)].
9. Mr TSE Tsz-kei expressed support for the establishment of the Technology and Communications Bureau ("TCB") which he considered should be headed by professionals in the field in order to devise a long term policy on information technology development.
10. Mr TAM Kwok-sun presented the views as detailed in his submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2068/11-12(02)].
11. Mr Samuel YUNG presented the views of Hong Kong Professionals and Senior Executives Association as detailed in its submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2068/11-12(03)].
12. Mr WONG Chung-kok of Factory Artists Concern Group said that while he considered that the proposed establishment of CB was vital to the promotion of culture development in Hong Kong, he did not support the re-organisation proposals in general. He cautioned that the Government should not promote culture and arts in a bureaucratic manner but in a flexible and innovative way.
13. Ms LEUNG Po-shan presented the views of Hong Kong Cultural Sector Joint Conference 2.0 as detailed in its submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2418/11-12(04)].
14. Mr LAU Kwok-fan expressed support for the implementation of the re-organisation on 1 July 2012 for the purpose of improving the Government structure in order to deal with the socio-economic issues of Hong Kong more effectively and to strengthen the co-ordination of policy formulation and implementation that cut across policy programmes.
15. Mr CHEUNG Yu-fan, Frankie presented the views of Hong Kong Starfire Network Association as detailed in its submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2068/11-12(04)].

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16. Mr CHAN Kuen-hong presented the views of Hong Kong Political, Economic and Cultural Society as detailed in its submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2068/11-12(05)].

17. Mr WONG Chi-wa presented the views as detailed in his submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2068/11-12(06)].

18. Mr WAN Chung-ping of New Territories Association of Societies expressed support for the implementation of the re-organisation on 1 July 2012 with a view to enhancing the governance of the Administration and the co-ordination of work among Government Bureaux. He considered that the re-organisation proposals should be scrutinised and approved by the Legislative Council ("LegCo") as soon as possible.

19. Mr CHOI Sai-chuen presented the views of Jin Jiang Clans Association (HK) Limited as detailed in its submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2068/11-12(07)].

20. Mr CHONG Shing-hum presented the views of The Hong Kong Chinese Importers' & Exporters' Association as detailed in its submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2068/11-12(08)].

21. Miss LAW Nga-wing presented the views as detailed in her submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2418/11-12(05)].

22. Mr WONG For-yam presented the views as detailed in his submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2418/11-12(06)].

23. Mr HO Kai-ming considered that Under Secretaries and Political Assistants had been instrumental in channelling public views to the Government to facilitate policy formulation. He was supportive of the re-organisation proposal in order to facilitate the CE-elect to implement his policies and the creation of the two new Deputy Secretaries of Department ("DSoD") posts to coordinate work of bureaux.

24. Mr TANG Kei-sang presented the views of The Federation of Hong Kong Writers as detailed in its submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2418/11-12(07)].

25. Mr HO Ngai-kam expressed support for the re-organisation proposals for the purposes of attracting political talents to join the Government, strengthening the co-ordination of policy formulation and implementation

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that cut across policy programmes, and to facilitating the CE-elect to implement his policies pledged during the CE election. He was of the view that LegCo should facilitate early passage of the Administration's proposal.

26. Ms TUNG Hoi-man presented the views of China Studies Alumni Association of HK Publishing Printing and Records Industry as detailed in its submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2418/11-12(08)].

27. Mr MA Yik-yeung, William presented the views of Hong Kong Young Generation as detailed in its submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2418/11-12(09)].

28. Professor CHAN Ching-kiu, Stephen presented the views as detailed in his submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2418/11-12(10)].

29. Mr WONG Sin-hung considered that a public consultation exercise should be conducted to gauge public views on their expectation about the work of Political Assistants before creating more posts of this rank. He expressed doubt whether the implementation of PAS would improve operational efficiency of the Government and queried the constitutional status of the two DSoD posts as the appointment of such posts was not stipulated in the Basic Law ("BL").

30. Mr Michael TIEN of Michael Tien District Councillor Office said that the New People's Party supported the re-organisation proposals which could enhance the Government structure to cope with the fast changing political environment and improve the livelihood concerns more effectively. However, the New People's Party was concerned that the creation of the DSoD posts would cause a delay in policy decision as the Policy Secretaries would need to route through an additional layer of administration and such arrangement might create the impression that the Policy Secretaries reporting to the DSoDs were of a lower status than their colleagues reporting to CS / Financial Secretary ("FS") direct.

31. Mr David WONG of Savantas Policy Institute urged the Administration to explain clearly to the public on the need to re-organise the Government on 1 July 2012 and stressed the need to solicit support of the community on the proposals before their implementation. He said that the New People's Party considered it more appropriate to create two posts of "Super DoBs" pitched at D9 rank reporting to the CE direct to share the heavy workload of CS and FS.

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32. Mr Legward WONG stressed the principle of procedural justice and shared the view that the Administration must allow thorough discussion within the community on the re-organisation proposals and solicit public support for the plan before its implementation.
33. Mr Holden CHOW presented the views as detailed in his submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2068/11-12(10)].
34. Mr O Yat-shan presented the views as detailed in his submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2418/11-12(11)].
35. Mr TSANG Wai-sing presented the views as detailed in his submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2418/11-12(12)].
36. Mr KWOK Wan-ling presented the views of Government Employees Association as detailed in its submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2418/11-12(13)].
37. Ms CHOI Mei-sheung presented the views of Government Logistics Employees Union as detailed in its submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2418/11-12(14)].
38. Mr HO Kwok-leung presented the views of Government Electrical & Mechanical Services Department Technical Staff Union as detailed in its submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2418/11-12(15)].
39. Mr CHAN Wai-hong presented the views of Government Staff Union as detailed in its submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2418/11-12(16)].
40. Mr CHAN Yum-chuen presented the views of Hong Kong Government Water Supplies Department Employees Union as detailed in its submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2418/11-12(17)].
41. Ms Susan CHAN presented the views of Business and Professionals Federation of HK as detailed in its submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2068/11-12(11)].
42. Mr LAU Gar-hung, Christopher of People Power objected to the proposed re-organisation and expressed dissatisfaction that the Administration did not conduct a wide public consultation exercise on the proposals. He also queried whether the creation of the DSoD posts was in compliance with BL.

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43. Dr YIM Tat-ming of Pandemocrats expressed dissatisfaction at the re-organisation proposals. He considered that if the Government Secretariat was to be restructured as proposed by the CE-elect, a similar re-organisation exercise should also be carried out in all 18 District Councils.

44. Mr CHAN Chi-chuen of The Frontier expressed strong dissatisfaction that the CE-elect did not carry out a wide public consultation exercise on a re-organisation proposal of such an immense scale. He said that the proposed re-organisation would only end up with overlapping functions and less efficiency of the Government and the creation of DSoD posts would inevitably attenuate the role of CS in supervising the team of politically appointed officials ("PAOs").

45. Miss YUEN Mi-ming, Erica of Power Voters queried the rationale for the CE-elect's remark that if the proposed re-organisation could not be implemented on 1 July 2012, it would have an adverse impact on the housing development of Hong Kong and the delivery of public services. She considered that the implementation of PAS had not brought much improvement to the governance of the Administration and the unclear division of the role and responsibilities between principal officials and civil servants under PAS had to be addressed.

46. Mr CHIN Wai-lok of Earth Association of Societies expressed strong dissatisfaction at the re-organisation proposals.

47. Mr WONG Yan-cheung presented the views of Teamwork Dynamic as detailed in its submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2418/11-12(18)].

48. Ms LAI Fan-fong of Lok Kwan Kwai Shing Ladies Association expressed support for the re-organisation proposals. She urged the new-term Government to address the unemployment problem of the middle-aged women, tackle family violence cases, shorten the waiting time for public housing units and enhance child care services etc.

49. Mr Peter CHEUNG presented the views of Kwai Chung South Resident Association as detailed in its submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2418/11-12(19)].

50. Mr LOK Hon-sang presented the views of Hong Kong Federation of Overseas Chinese Associations as detailed in its submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2068/11-12(13)].

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51. Mr YEUNG Hok-ming presented the views of Democratic Alliance for Betterment and Progress of Hong Kong as detailed in its submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2068/11-12(14)].

52. Ms YU Kit-lung presented the views of Federation of HK Chiu Chow Community Organizations Ltd as detailed in its submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2068/11-12(15)].

53. Mr TONG Wai-yuen of Chai Wan Area Kai-fong Welfare Association Ltd indicated support for the re-organisation proposals and the CE-elect's policies in addressing the welfare and housing needs of the elderly and the grass-root families. He also expressed support for the establishment of CB for the purpose of preservation and promotion of local cultural heritage.

54. Mr Christopher CHUNG of Eastern District Arts Council was of the view that the re-organisation proposals should be supported and called for the early passage of the proposals by LegCo. He expressed support for the establishment of TCB and CB to promote innovative technology and communications in Hong Kong and to encourage public arts to enter the communities respectively.

55. Mr LEE Kam-yin expressed support for the re-organisation proposals and the early passage of the proposals by LegCo. He strongly supported the establishment of CB to promote culture and arts in Hong Kong and suggested that there should be a clear delineation of roles between the Hong Kong Arts Development Council, the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority and CB to avoid overlapping of functions.

56. Mr Frank PAK presented the views of Y Elites Association as detailed in its submissions [LC Paper Nos. CB(2)2068/11-12(17) and CB(2)2418/11-12(20)].

57. Mr YEUNG Ho-kei of Fong Chung Social Service Centre expressed strong support for the re-organisation proposals for the purposes of improving the government structure in order to further promote the economic development of Hong Kong, enhance its competitiveness and deal with its socio-economic issues more effectively. He considered that the creation of the DSoD posts could effectively share the heavy workload of CS and FS. The restructuring of the Bureaux and the establishment of CB could also promote the development in the industrial, commercial, housing and cultural sectors.

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58. Ms Anita CHOW of Tai Hang Tung & Nan Shan Peoples Committee – Universal Pension Study Group strongly opposed the re-organisation proposals. She criticised the proposed expansion of PAS and creation of posts as a waste of public money and the failure of CE-elect to heed the call for the implementation of a universal retirement protection scheme to protect the welfare of the grass-root people.

59. Mr CHEUNG Siu-yiu of Voice of Tai Hang Tung (Universal Pension Concern Group) urged the new-term Government to implement a universal retirement protection scheme to improve the livelihood of the grass-root people.

60. Mr LAU Cheuk-kei of Sham Shui Po Community Association queried the rationale for the CE-elect's remark that if the proposed re-organisation could not be implemented on 1 July 2012, it would have an adverse impact on the housing development of Hong Kong and the delivery of public services. He expressed a strong view that the CE-elect had not heeded the call of the grass-root people for implementing a universal retirement protection scheme.

61. Mr LEUNG Shek-lun of Kowloon Zhai Community Struggle for Universal Pension strongly opposed the re-organisation proposals and considered that the previous re-organisation proposals did not bring about material improvements to important livelihood and economic issues. In his view, the Government officials should heed the views of the public and enhance the co-ordination among bureaux to improve the governance of the Administration.

62. Mr FUNG Pui-yin of Anti Politic Privilege Association objected to the re-organisation proposals which, in his view, did not contain targeted measures to address the livelihood concerns of Hong Kong.

63. Miss WONG Wai-ching presented the views of Kowloon Federation of Associations as detailed in its submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2068/11-12(19)].

64. Miss LAM lam, Nixie considered that the CE-elect had devised short and long term policy initiatives for addressing livelihood and economic issues. She hoped that all parties could co-operate and monitor the work of the CE-elect to see whether he had truly lived up to his pledges.

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65. Mr CHENG Ting-foo of The Guild of Graziers expressed support for the re-organisation proposals which would bring about improvements to livelihood and economic issues and narrow the gap between the rich and the poor. He considered that the creation of the two DSoD posts would effectively share the workload of CS and FS with a view to formulating long term policies to enhance the competitiveness of Hong Kong.

66. Mr WOO Wai-man presented the views of Hong Kong Repertory Theatre as detailed in its submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2068/11-12(20)].

67. Mr TANG Ching-ho presented the views of Federation of HK Guangxi Community Organisations Ltd as detailed in its submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2418/11-12(21)].

68. Mr HAU Suk-kei of Hong Kong Inbound Tour Operators Association called for the early passage of the re-organisation proposals by LegCo. He hoped that the proposed Commerce and Industries Bureau ("CIB") could devise long term strategy to promote the tourism industry.

69. Mr YIP Hing-ning presented the views of Hong Kong Travel Agent Owners Association as detailed in its submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2068/11-12(21)].

70. Mr CHAN Chung-yi, Alan of Chinalink Travel Service Company Ltd expressed concern that Hong Kong would face keen competition from the Mainland cities such as Shanghai and Guangzhou if there was further deferment of implementation of new initiatives concerning financial and commercial industries. He considered that the funding required of the re-organisation proposals was not that substantial when compared with the results to be achieved. He hoped that LegCo could facilitate early passage of the Administration's proposal.

71. Dr TSE Kwing-chuen presented the views of China Universities Alumni (Hong Kong) Association as detailed in its submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2068/11-12(22)].

72. Mr CHIN Chi-yung presented the views of Sun Yat-sen University United Alumni Association (Hong Kong) as detailed in its submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2418/11-12(22)].

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73. Mr YEUNG Ke-cheong of Hopeless Hong Kong opposed to the proposed re-reorganisation and urged the next-term Government to re-consider the feasibility of its proposals.

74. Mr LAM Man-kong presented the views of Hong Kong Oil Painting Research Society as detailed in its submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2068/11-12(23)].

75. Mr LAI Tak-keung presented the views as detailed in his submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2068/11-12(24)].

76. Ms KAM Sau-fun presented the views as detailed in her submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2418/11-12(23)].

77. Mr TSE Shing-kong presented the views as detailed in his submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2418/11-12(24)].

78. Ms FUNG Kwai-lan presented the views as detailed in her submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2418/11-12(25)].

79. Dr Mirana SZETO of Community Cultural Concern said that while the culture sector recognised the need to establish CB, there were concerns about the selection criteria of the Secretary for Culture ("S for C"). She stressed the importance of the participation of the public in formulating strategies for cultural development and CB should uphold diversity in cultural development and make available additional resources to promote cultural activities and exchanges.

80. Mr KWOK Kin-chung considered DCS and Deputy Financial Secretary ("DFS") could not share the heavy workload of CS and FS but inevitably undermine the role of CS in supervising the team of PAOs. He queried whether the creation of the posts was in compliance with BL. He also cast doubt on the rationale that there would be an adverse impact on the housing development of Hong Kong if the proposed re-organisation could not be implemented on 1 July 2012 as statistics showed that the supply of housing units bore little or had no relation with the issue of whether the portfolios of land planning and housing were under the same bureau or two bureaux. He also considered that a wide public consultation exercise should be conducted to gauge the views of the public on the re-organisation proposals.

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81. Mr Wilson SHEA of HKZXQA expressed support for the establishment for CB and TCB to promote innovative technology and communications and to devise a holistic culture policy in Hong Kong respectively with a view to enhancing the overall competitiveness and economic activities of Hong Kong. He also suggested that a department dedicated to providing assistance to Hong Kong people who had investments in the Mainland should be established.

82. Mr WONG Tze-hei, Cody said that the proposed re-organisation would create an additional layer of management and lengthen the decision making process and the implementation of PAS had not improved the coordination of work among Bureaux. He queried the rationale that there would be an adverse impact on the housing development of Hong Kong if the proposed re-organisation could not be implemented on 1 July 2012 as statistics showed that the supply of housing units bore little or had no relation with the issue of whether the portfolios of land planning and housing were under the same bureau or two bureaux.

83. Mr Martin Oei expressed strong dissatisfaction that the Administration did not carry out a wide consultation exercise on the policy responsibilities of CB and the selection criteria of the S for C. He considered that it was inappropriate for LegCo to endorse the re-organisation proposals within a short time given the immense scale of the re-organisation.

84. Mr YET Kam-hon presented the views as detailed in his submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2418/11-12(26)].

85. Ms Carol LIU presented the views as detailed in her submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2418/11-12(27)].

86. Mr KWOK Man-chun presented the views as detailed in his submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2068/11-12(25)].

87. Ms TSUI Siu-ying presented the views of The Mirror Post as detailed in its submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2068/11-12(26)].

88. Mr YAU Hoo-ron presented the views as detailed in his submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2418/11-12(28)].

89. Mr TSANG Wai-him presented the views as detailed in his submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2418/11-12(29)].

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90. Mr LAU Wing-hong opposed the re-organisation proposals. He queried whether the re-organisation proposal would improve operational efficiency of the Government and considered that the inefficiency of the Administration was due to failure in policy decisions of the top management instead of the Government structure.

91. Mr CHAN Kei-fung, Eric presented the views of Action Youth 21 as detailed in its submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2418/11-12(30)].

92. Ms Elizabeth WONG presented the views of The Association of Experts for Modernization Ltd as detailed in its submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2068/11-12(27)].

93. Mr Michael WONG presented the views of Chartered Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors (Hong Kong Region) as detailed in its submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2068/11-12(28)].

94. Mr Augustine WONG presented the views of Hong Kong Strategy as detailed in its submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2068/11-12(29)].

(When Mr Augustine WONG was presenting his views, Mr Martin Oei interrupted Mr WONG by speaking aloud. The Chairman stated that if Mr Oei continued to behave in a disorderly manner, he would request him to leave the meeting room. Ignoring the Chairman's advice, Mr Oei continued to speak aloud. The Chairman then ordered Mr Oei to immediately withdraw from the meeting.)

95. Mr LAU Kin-shing supported the re-organisation proposals which, in his view, could address various livelihood concerns. He considered that the establishment of TCB, CB and the restructuring of the existing Development Bureau ("DEVB") and the Transport and Housing Bureau ("THB") into the Housing, Planning and Lands Bureau ("HPLB") could help promote innovative technology and cultural activities in Hong Kong and address the housing problem effectively. He also indicated support for the creation of the two DSoD posts to share the workload of CS and FS.

96. Mr MUK Ka-chun presented the views of Hong Kong Youth Development Society as detailed in its submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2068/11-12(30)].

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97. Mr Franklin LAM of HK Golden 50 expressed support for the proposed re-organisation. He considered that the CE-elect should be given the power and flexibility to re-organise the Government Secretariat in order to implement his policies to address the livelihood concerns in a timely manner. He hoped that LegCo could approve the proposals as soon as possible.

98. Mr WONG Yuk-ming presented the views as detailed in his submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2418/11-12(31)].

99. Mr Victor NG presented the views of Hong Kong Electronics & Technologies Association as detailed in its submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2068/11-12(31)].

100. Ms HO Ka-po of Green Sense expressed reservation whether the proposed re-organisation of bureaux and the creation of DSoD posts could strengthen the co-ordination of policy formulation and implementation that cut across policy programmes. She also considered that the Hong Kong Observatory should be put under the purview of the Environment Bureau.

101. Mr SZE Wing-him presented the views of Centum Charitas Foundation as detailed in its submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2418/11-12(32)].

102. Mr KAN Chi-chung, Julian presented the views as detailed in its submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2418/11-12(33)].

103. Mr YIP Chun-to, Adrian presented the views as detailed in its submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2068/11-12(32)].

104. Dr TSANG Kin-wai presented the views of Engineering Forum as detailed in its submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2068/11-12(33)].

105. Mr HO Man-kit, Raymond considered that the proposed re-organisation would cause overlapping functions within the administrative structure and waste public money. He cast doubt whether the re-organisation would improve the co-ordination among bureaux and urged the Government to review PAS and the remuneration of PAOs.

106. Dr NG Wang-pun, Dennis, MH presented the views of The Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong as detailed in its submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2418/11-12(34)].

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107. Ms Shirley LEUNG presented the views of Association of China Trend Studies (HK) as detailed in its submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2068/11-12(34)].

108. Ms CHAN Lai-suen expressed support for the re-organisation proposals which she considered could bring about material improvements to important livelihood and economic issues. She also considered that the funding required of the re-organisation proposals was not that substantial when compared with the results to be achieved so there should not be any further deferment of its implementation.

109. Mr CHAN Shu-fai, Eddie of Lingnan University Students' Union did not subscribe to the Administration's view that if the proposed re-organisation could not be implemented, it would have an adverse impact on the implementation of welfare policies. He expressed dissatisfaction at the inadequate public consultation on the proposed re-organisation. In his view, the Government should review PAS to identify its shortfalls with a view to improving the governance of the Administration and it was not justified to create DSoD posts and improve the remuneration package of PAOs.

110. Mr CHENG Wing expressed support for the re-organisation proposals to facilitate the implementation of the CE-elect's policies to address the livelihood and economic issues in a timely and effective manner. He was concerned that a deferment of its implementation would hinder the operational efficiency of the Government. He hoped that PAOs would continue to reach out and listen to the views and expectations of the public.

111. Mr SZE Man-yuen, Davies presented the views of Hong Kong Lam Chong Association as detailed in its submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2418/11-12(35)].

112. Ms LEE Sai-yin, Jeanne of Hong Kong Securities Professionals Association said that the Association recognised the need for a comprehensive government structure as envisioned by the CE-elect to facilitate implementing his policies to address various livelihood and economic issues. She called for the early passage of the proposals by LegCo. She said that the Association was in particular supportive of the creation of the post of DFS to further promote the economic development of Hong Kong and implement policies as set out in the National Five-Year Plan.

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113. Mr WONG Kwok-keung of Federation of Hong Kong Guangdong Community Organisation expressed support for the re-organisation proposals which had received support from the public and civil servants. He considered that the proposals would not bring about fundamental changes to PAS and Government structure and could effectively enhance the governance of the Administration. He considered that the funding required of the re-organisation proposals was not that substantial when compared with the results to be achieved and was concerned that a deferment of its implementation would hinder the operational efficiency of the Government.

114. Dr LO Wai-kwok of Guangdong Hong Kong Association for the Promotion of Technology Enterprise expressed support for the proposed re-organisation for the purposes of further promoting the economic development of Hong Kong, enhancing its competitiveness, addressing its socio-economic issues more effectively and improving the co-ordination among bureaux to enhance the operational efficiency of the Government. He opined that the CE-elect had consolidated the views of the public in formulating his policies and the proposed establishment of CIB, CB and HPLB was worth supporting.

115. Ir YIM Kin-ping said that the CE-elect had heeded the views of the public in formulating his policies which was considered effective in addressing the socio-economic issues of Hong Kong. He was supportive of the proposed delineation of role and responsibilities among CS, FS and the two DSoDs in order to enhance the coordination in the formulation and implementation of government policies. He called for early passage of the re-organisation proposals to facilitate the early delivery of new initiatives and public services.

Discussion

Public consultation

116. In response to the enquiry of Mrs Regina IP about the public opinions collected on the re-organisation proposals, H/CEEEO responded that the CE-elect had listened widely to the views and expectations of the public and various sectors of the community in the course of campaigning and the CE-elect's manifesto, which covered the re-organisation proposals, had been drawn up to address the concerns of the public. For instance, initiatives were proposed to deal with the housing problems, TCB and CB were

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proposed to be established to promote development on the innovative technology and the culture fronts, and two DSoD posts were proposed to share the heavy workload of CS and FS. She added that the CE-elect had also listened to the views of the community and various stakeholders in refining the proposed structure of the Government Secretariat over the past few months.

117. Noting the view of Mr Andrew WAN Siu-kin that the proposed re-organisation would create an additional layer of administration and affect the efficiency of the Government as a result, Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong invited his view on the remark of the CE-elect that the proposed re-organisation would facilitate implementation of policies to address livelihood concerns. Mr Andrew WAN Siu-kin stressed the principle of procedural justice and the need for the CE-elect to conduct a comprehensive public consultation exercise on the re-organisation proposals which represented an increase of staff cost up to \$72 million per year. He considered that the hurried implementation of initiatives without detailed planning would not be beneficial to the community.

118. Ms Miriam LAU Kin-yee sought clarification from the representatives of the New People's Party on whether it supported the re-organisation proposals or it considered the need to conduct a comprehensive public consultation exercise on the proposed re-organisation before its implementation. She also sought the view of the New People's Party on the concern that the lack of a comprehensive government structure on 1 July 2012 would hinder the implementation of policies pledged by the CE-elect. Mr Michael TIEN responded that while the New People's Party did not oppose the re-organisation proposals, it did raise some issues of public concern for the consideration of the CE-elect's Office and hoped that the CE-elect's Office could clearly explain its rationale for the proposed re-organisation to the public and address the issues raised.

119. Noting the dissatisfaction of Mr LAU Cheuk-kei that the CE-elect refused to meet the Sham Shui Po Community Association to discuss the universal retirement protection scheme, Ms Audrey EU sought further details from Mr LAU on the meeting arrangement and invited his view on the creation of DCS to co-ordinate policy formulation pertaining to welfare planning and retirement protection. Mr LAU Cheuk-kei expressed dissatisfaction that the CE-elect did not set up a dedicated committee to handle the retirement protection and only spent very short time in meeting the Sham Shui Po residents. He urged the CE-elect's Office to arrange a

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meeting with them to discuss the retirement protection issue in details. Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong considered that the CE-elect's Office should accede to the request of the Sham Shui Po residents. H/CEEO undertook to follow up the request.

Review of PAS and justification for the proposed re-organisation

120. Mr LAU Kong-wah was of the view that while canvassing the support of members of the Legislature was important, the Under Secretaries and Political Assistants should also devote more time in explaining policies to the community and channeling their views to the Government to facilitate policy formulation. He enquired whether the Administration would set out assessment criteria on measuring the work of Under Secretaries and Political Assistants in reaching out to the public and whether an internal assessment mechanism had been established to measure their overall performance. H/CEEO replied that the CE-elect had made it clear during his campaigning that he would lead his team of PAOs in reaching out to the community and stakeholders in different professional fields to align policies with public aspirations. She appreciated the concerns of some deputations about the shortfalls of PAS and assured them that the CE-elect would step up liaison with the community.

121. Noting that there were views that Under Secretaries and Political Assistants did not discharge their duties well in explaining Government policies and canvassing support from the Legislature and the public, Mr Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung enquired about the selection criteria of Under Secretaries and Political Assistants and how the expertise of Under Secretaries in related professional field would be assessed. H/CEEO advised that commitment, ability and political capability were the basic selection criteria which the CE-elect would apply in selecting PAOs and the appointment would be made on the basis of merit. It was believed that candidates applying for the posts of Under Secretaries should preferably be equipped with some relevant experiences and expertise in related fields.

122. Responding to the view of the New People's Party that CS, FS, DCS and DFS should report to the CE direct, H/CEEO said that the present proposed arrangement enabled CS and FS to maintain an overall supervisory role of all policy bureaux and could ensure the smooth co-ordination among bureaux when cross-cutting programmes were involved.

123. Mr Albert HO invited the views of Mr Augustine WONG on the proposed creation of DSoD posts. Mr Augustine WONG considered that

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there were clear roles and responsibilities of the two DSoDs and the CE-elect should be given the power to allocate manpower resources.

124. Regarding the reservations of some deputations about the proposed creation of the two DSoD posts, Mrs Sophie LEUNG stressed that the new-term government should be given the freedom to put in place a Government Secretariat structure which could better fulfill the policy objectives and priorities pledged by the CE-elect. Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung considered that the CE-elect should devise concrete measures to realise the initiatives as pledged in his manifesto.

125. Ms Emily LAU said that there were differences in views within the community towards the re-organisation proposals. The Democratic Party considered that a review of PAS should be conducted to identify the shortfalls of the scheme in order to improve the governance of the Administration. She sought elaborations of the deputations on the view that the proposed re-organisation would improve the decision-making process of the Administration.

126. Ir YIM Kin-ping considered that the creation of the post of DFS could facilitate the coordination of the formulation and implementation of policies to promote Hong Kong's trade and key service industries. Mr WONG Kwok-keung, Mr SZE Wing-him and Dr LO Wai-kwok considered that the CE-elect should be given the freedom to put in place a structure of the Government Secretariat to facilitate implementing his policies to address the livelihood concerns in a timely and efficient manner. Mr WONG stressed that the funding required of the re-organisation proposals was not that substantial when compared with the results to be achieved.

127. Mr Albert HO said that the CE-elect lacked public mandate and there was not enough discussion in the community on his re-organisation proposals. He agreed with the views of Ms KAM Sau-fun and Mr Kwok Kin-chung that PAS should be reviewed before its further expansion and that the inefficiency of the Administration was due to failure in policy decisions of the top management rather than the deferment of the implementation of the re-organisation proposals. Mr Alan LEONG pointed out that the outcome of the last two exercises of the re-organisation of the Government Secretariat in 2002 and 2008 had both fallen short of public expectations.

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128. Responding to the concerns of deputations about the constitutional status of the two DSoD posts, Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs ("SCMA") advised that BL 48(5) and BL 101 stipulated that DSoDs were amongst the principal officials who should be nominated and reported to the Central People's Government by CE of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region for appointment. According to BL 60, there were three main levels of administration in Hong Kong, namely the Secretaries of Departments, DoBs and Heads of Department. Regarding their delineation of the role and responsibilities, SCMA added that related documents of BL had pointed out that the Secretaries of Departments, DoBs and Heads of Department were responsible for overall co-ordination of policy areas, formulation and implementation of policies respectively. Therefore, the creation of DSoDs was reasonable and justified. The suggestion of creation of "super DoBs" posts, on the other hand, might not be in compliance with the design of the three levels of administration. In response to Mr KWOK Kin-chung, Under Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs reiterated that the post of DSoD was mentioned in BL 48(5).

Culture portfolio

129. Ms Audrey EU and Dr Margaret NG invited views of the deputations on the expectations on the establishment of CB and the choice of appointment of the post of S for C. Ms LEUNG Po-shan said that the cultural sector was concerned about the detailed policy responsibilities of CB and considered that the strategic planning on culture should require a leader with sufficient background, expertise and respect from the cultural sector. She said that the Government should conduct a comprehensive consultation exercise to gauge the views of the cultural sector on the role of CB and the selection criteria of S for C. Miss LAW Nga-wing shared a similar view with Ms LEUNG and stressed the importance to conduct a wide public consultation exercise on the portfolio and policy responsibilities of CB.

130. Professor CHAN Ching-kiu, Stephen and Mr YAU Hoo-ron agreed that it was the broad consensus of the cultural sector that the post of S for C should be taken up by a person having the relevant background and expertise in the cultural sector. Professor CHAN also stressed the importance of public participation in the formulation of policy on cultural development. Mr Victor NG expressed support for the establishment of CB to develop both the hardware and software for Hong Kong as a cultural hub and to create job opportunities for the young generation.

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131. Dr Mirana SZETO was of the view that enough time should be allowed for the cultural sector to discuss the key issues concerning the cultural policy and the choice of S for C before the announcement of the appointment. Mr Albert HO expressed support for the establishment of CB but considered that the policy responsibilities of CB and its cultural policy should be clearly worked out as suggested by Dr Mirana SZETO.

132. In response to the enquiry of Dr Margaret NG on the views of the cultural sector on the structure of CB and the cultural policy of the CE-elect, Dr Mirana SZETO further said that initiatives to promote the local culture were only briefly mentioned in the manifesto of CE-elect. She hoped that the key aspects of the cultural policy of the next-term Government should be provided for discussion of the cultural sector and the co-ordination between CB and other bureaux in promoting cultural activities should also be worked out.

133. Mrs Sophie LEUNG considered it important to establish CB as an initial step to provide a focal point within the Government to devise a comprehensive culture policy. She encouraged the cultural sector to put forward proposals to the Government to facilitate strategic planning on culture development.

134. Mr LAU Kong-wah said that there was a general consensus in LegCo that the establishment of CB was worth supporting. He invited views of Mr Christopher CHUNG on how to build an audience for cultural development at the community level. He also sought the view of Mr Frank PAK on the promotion of integration of the western and eastern culture. Mr Christopher CHUNG stressed the need to develop both the hardware and software for Hong Kong as a cultural hub. Mr Frank PAK considered that the promotion of local arts, heritage preservation and the traditional food culture should be further explored.

135. Responding to Mr IP Kwok-him on the views on the major task of CB, Mr LAM Man-kong said that large museums should be built to house various kinds of visual arts to introduce the local history of Hong Kong to the tourists. Mr YAU Hoo-ron considered that promotion of arts education should be an important task of CB.

136. In response to the views of members and deputations, H/CEEO clarified that CB would accord due respect to the freedom of expression in

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culture and arts, uphold diversity in cultural development and develop both the hardware and software for Hong Kong as a cultural hub. She assured members and deputations that CB would not become a propaganda tool. She said that the CE-elect had collected the views of the cultural sector in drawing up the initiatives to promote culture development in his manifesto. She considered it appropriate to establish CB as a first step as the champion within the Government to provide a platform to devise a holistic culture policy. It was expected that S for C would work closely with the cultural sector in future to promote cultural activities and exchange with the international cultural groups and to facilitate strategic planning on culture development.

Commerce and Industries portfolio

137. Dr LAM Tai-fai said that he was in general supportive of the re-organisation proposals. Noting that under the proposed re-organisation, the existing Commerce and Economic Development Bureau ("CEDB") would be restructured into CIB and TCB and the two new Bureaux would fall under the purview of DFS while the FS would continue to supervise the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau ("FSTB"), Dr LAM expressed concern that the proposed arrangement would affect the co-ordination within the Government as the policy areas of commerce and industries were highly interrelated to the treasury and financial services and should better be supervised by the same official. To enhance the co-ordination, he suggested that these two policy areas should be either put under the purview of FS or DFS. Mr CHONG Shing-hum agreed with the view of Dr LAM and considered that the CE-elect should consider this suggestion.

138. Mr Paul TSE welcomed the Administration's proposals to put the policy areas of maritime, air, logistics and tourism under the purview of the new CIB. He sought elaboration from Mr CHAN Chung-yi on the challenges to be faced by Hong Kong in the coming years. Mr CHAN Chung-yi cautioned that long term policies to retain Hong Kong's status as an international financial center must be developed to enhance the competitiveness of Hong Kong in view of the keen competition of Shanghai.

139. Mr Victor NG expressed support for the restructuring of CEDB into CIB and TCB in order to develop Hong Kong's trade and key service under the dedicated leadership of DFS. He hoped that the competitiveness of Hong Kong could be enhanced with more job opportunities created under the arrangement.

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Land planning and housing portfolio

140. Noting the concern of some deputations that the pace of development of Hong Kong had become stagnant, Mr LAU Kong-wah invited the views of Mr CHOI Ngai-min on how the re-organisation proposals could address the existing housing problems. Mr CHOI Ngai-min said that as indicated by the high supply of housing in both public and private sectors during 1998 to 2003, the arrangement of having the portfolios of land planning and housing put under the same bureau could improve the efficiency of the Government in addressing housing problems whereas the separation of land planning and housing functions in DEVB and THB would affect the coordination in the timing of land supply.

(The Chairman proposed and members agreed to extend the meeting for 15 minutes to allow more time for discussion.)

II. Any other business

141. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 6:15 pm.

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