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Bills Committee on Stamp Duty (Amendment) Bill 2013

**Minutes of first meeting on
Friday, 3 May 2013, at 2:00 pm
in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex**

Members present : Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, JP (Chairman)
Hon James TO Kun-sun (Deputy Chairman)
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, SBS, JP
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, SBS, JP
Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, GBS, JP
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, SBS, JP
Hon Charles Peter MOK
Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, BBS, MH, JP
Hon Kenneth LEUNG
Hon Dennis KWOK
Hon SIN Chung-kai, SBS, JP
Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen

Members absent : Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai, SBS, JP
Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP
Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, GBS, JP

Clerk in attendance: Ms Annette LAM
Chief Council Secretary (1)3

Staff in attendance : Miss Kitty CHENG
Assistant Legal Adviser 5

Mr Ken WOO
Council Secretary (1)5

Ms May LEUNG
Legislative Assistant (1)3

Ms Yvonna HO
Clerical Assistant (1)3

Action

I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

Election of Chairman

Mr James TO, the member who had the highest precedence among members of the Bills Committee present at the meeting, presided at the election of the chairmanship of the Bills Committee. Mr James TO invited nominations for the chairmanship of the Bills Committee.

2. Ms Starry LEE was nominated by Mr WONG Ting-kwong and the nomination was seconded by Mr Abraham SHEK. Ms Starry LEE accepted the nomination.

3. Mr James TO asked if there were other nominations. Mr SIN Chung-kai was nominated by Mr Charles MOK and the nomination was seconded by Mr Dennis KWOK. Mr SIN Chung-kai accepted the nomination. There was no other nomination.

4. Mr Abraham SHEK, Mr WONG Ting-kwong, Mr Tommy CHEUNG, Ms Starry LEE and Mr Tony TSE made declaration of interests respectively.

5. Mr James TO announced that voting be conducted by secret ballot. After members present had cast their votes, Mr James TO invited Mr WONG Ting-kwong and Mr Charles MOK, who had nominated the two candidates, to monitor the counting of votes. Of the members present, six voted for Ms Starry LEE and five voted for Mr SIN Chung-kai. Mr James TO declared that Ms Starry LEE was elected Chairman of the Bills Committee. Ms Starry LEE then took the chair.

Election of Deputy Chairman

6. The Chairman called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship of the Bills Committee. Mr James TO was nominated by Mr SIN Chung-kai

and the nomination was seconded by Mr Kenneth LEUNG. Mr James TO accepted the nomination.

7. The Chairman asked if there were other nominations. Mr SIN Chung-kai was nominated by Mr Tommy CHEUNG. Mr SIN-Chung kai declined the nomination. There being no other nominations, Mr James TO was declared Deputy Chairman of the Bills Committee.

II. **Way forward**

(LC Paper No. CB(3)471/12-13 -- The Bill

File Ref: TsyB R 183/700-6/5/0 (C) -- Legislative Council Brief issued by the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau

LC Paper No. LS40/12-13 -- Legal Service Division Report

LC Paper No. CB(1)960/12-13(01) -- Submission from The Law Society of Hong Kong dated 30 April 2013
(*English version only*)

LC Paper No. CB(1)971/12-13(01) -- Submission from Cordells dated 2 May 2013
(*English version only*) (*tabled at the meeting and subsequently issued on 6 May 2013*)

8. The Bills Committee deliberated (Index of proceedings attached at **Appendix**).

Invitation of views

9. Members agreed to invite views on the Bill from interested parties and members of the public by placing an invitation on the website of the Legislative Council (LegCo) and issuing invitation letters to the 18 District Councils. The Chairman drew members' attention to the proposed list of organizations to be invited to give views which was tabled at the meeting, and invited members to inform the Secretariat any specific organizations they wished to invite.

(Post-meeting note: An invitation for public submissions on the Bill was uploaded onto the LegCo website on 8 May 2013. Letters inviting views of the District Councils and relevant organizations endorsed by the Bills Committee were also issued on the same day.)

10. The Chairman advised that the Bills Committee had received submissions from The Law Society of Hong Kong and Cordells.

(Post-meeting note: The submissions had been forwarded to the Administration on 2 May 2013 for a written response.)

Date of next meeting

11. The Chairman reminded members that the next meeting would be held on Friday, 31 May 2013 at 10:45 am.

III. Any other business

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

Council Business Division 1
Legislative Council Secretariat
23 May 2013

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the Bills Committee on Stamp Duty (Amendment) Bill 2013
on Friday, 3 May 2013, at 2:00 pm
in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex**

Time marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action required
000000 – 000626	Mr James TO Mr WONG Ting-kwong Ms Starry LEE Mr Abraham SHEK Mr Charles MOK Mr SIN Chung-kai Mr Dennis KWOK Mr Tommy CHEUNG Mr Tony TSE	<u>Election of Chairman</u> Ms Starry LEE was elected Chairman of the Bills Committee.	
000627 – 000740	Chairman	<u>Invitation of views</u>	
000741 – 000846	Chairman Mr SIN Chung-kai Mr James TO Mr Kenneth LEUNG Mr Tommy CHEUNG	<u>Election of Deputy Chairman</u> Mr James TO was declared Deputy Chairman of the Bills Committee.	
000847 – 000910	Chairman	The Chairman advised that the Bills Committee had received submissions from The Law Society of Hong Kong and Cordells.	
000911 – 001025	Chairman	<u>Meeting arrangements</u>	