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Finance Committee of the Legislative Council

Minutes of the 17th meeting
held at Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex
on Friday, 30 November 2012, at 7:40 pm

Members present:

Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, SBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Hon Albert HO Chun-yan
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP
Dr Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBM, GBS, JP
Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP
Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH
Dr Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long, SBS, JP
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, SBS, JP
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan
Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, JP
Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai, SBS, JP
Hon CHAN Hak-kan, JP
Hon CHAN Kin-por, BBS, JP
Hon WONG Kwok-kin, BBS
Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
Hon Claudia MO
Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, GBS, JP
Hon NG Leung-sing, SBS, JP
Hon Steven HO Chun-yin
Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming

Hon WU Chi-wai, MH
Hon YIU Si-wing
Hon Gary FAN Kwok-wai
Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP
Hon Charles Peter MOK
Hon CHAN Chi-chuen
Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok
Hon CHAN Yuen-han, SBS, JP
Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, BBS, MH, JP
Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, JP
Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki
Hon Dennis KWOK
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung
Hon SIN Chung-kai, SBS, JP
Hon POON Siu-ping, BBS, MH
Hon TANG Ka-piu
Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, JP
Hon Christopher CHUNG Shu-kun, BBS, MH, JP
Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen

Members absent:

Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, SBS, JP
Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, SBS, JP
Hon Vincent FANG Kang, SBS, JP
Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, GBS, JP
Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, GBS, JP
Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC
Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, JP
Dr Hon LEUNG Ka-lau
Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che
Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-ye, GBS, JP
Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
Hon WONG Yuk-man
Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP
Hon CHAN Han-pan
Hon Kenneth LEUNG

Hon KWOK Wai-keung
Hon Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung, JP
Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan
Hon IP Kin-yuen
Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, JP
Hon Martin LIAO Cheung-kong, JP
Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, BBS, MH, JP
Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan

Public officers attending:

Ms Elizabeth TSE Man-ye, JP	Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury)
Ms Esther LEUNG, JP	Deputy Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury)1
Ms Elsie YUEN	Principal Executive Officer (General), Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau (The Treasury Branch)
Mr Matthew CHEUNG Kin-chung, GBS, JP	Secretary for Labour and Welfare
Ms Irene YOUNG, JP	Deputy Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Welfare)2
Mr Patrick NIP Tak-kuen, JP	Director of Social Welfare
Mr FUNG Pak-yan, JP	Deputy Director of Social Welfare (Administration)

Clerk in attendance:

Mr Andy LAU	Assistant Secretary General 1
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Staff in attendance:

Mr Derek LO	Chief Council Secretary (1)5
Mr Daniel SIN	Senior Council Secretary (1)7
Mr Ken WOO	Council Secretary (1)5
Miss Queenie LAM	Senior Legislative Assistant (1)2
Mr Frankie WOO	Senior Legislative Assistant (1)3
Ms Christy YAU	Legislative Assistant (1)7

Item No. 2 – FCR(2012-13)54
HEAD 170 – SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT
Subhead 000 Operational expenses
Subhead 180 Social security allowance scheme

The meeting continued the deliberation on item FCR(2012-13)54 relating to the funding and establishment proposals on the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA).

2. Mr WONG Kwok-hing raised a point of order. He said that although members had spent six meetings of some 26 hours in discussing the OALA proposal, a final decision on the agenda item was still nowhere in sight. Mr WONG requested the Chairman to consult members with a view to holding a meeting, on a suitable date in December, with no end time, in order to conclude deliberation on the item. If his suggestion was not acceded to, Mr WONG Kwok-hing asked the Chairman to work out a viable alternative with members to resolve the matter, so that eligible elderly people could receive OALA as early as possible.

3. The Chairman commented that Mr WONG Kwok-hing's suggestion did not involve a point of order. He said that he would deal with Mr WONG's request outside the meeting.

(Post meeting note: members' views was sought on Mr WONG Kwok-hing's suggestion of whether a meeting with no end time should be held to discuss the OALA proposal vide LC Paper No. FC66/12-13 dated 6 December 2012.)

4. The Chairman took turns to put to vote the questions that motions numbered 0422 to 0504 be proceeded forthwith. As requested by members, the division bell was rung for one minute before members voted on individual questions. All questions were voted down by a majority of members.

5. At 9:40 pm, the Chairman ordered that the meeting be adjourned.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.