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Finance Committee of the Legislative Council

Minutes of the 28th meeting held at Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex on Friday, 3 May 2013, at 3:30 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 James TO Kun-sun

Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP

Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung

Dr Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBM, GBS, JP

Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP

Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, SBS, JP

Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, SBS, JP

Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH

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, SBS, JP

Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC

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

Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, JP

Dr Hon LEUNG Ka-lau

Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che

Hon WONG Kwok-kin, BBS

Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP

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

Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP

Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC

Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung

Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip

Hon WONG Yuk-man

Hon Claudia MO

Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, 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

Hon CHAN Han-pan

Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok

Hon CHAN Yuen-han, SBS, JP

Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, BBS, MH, JP

Hon Kenneth LEUNG

Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, JP

Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki

Hon KWOK Wai-keung

Hon Dennis KWOK

Hon Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung, JP

Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung

Hon SIN Chung-kai, SBS, JP

Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan

Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, JP

Hon Martin LIAO Cheung-kong, JP

Hon POON Siu-ping, BBS, MH

Hon TANG Ka-piu

Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, JP

Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, BBS, MH, JP

Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan

Hon Christopher CHUNG Shu-kun, BBS, MH, JP

Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen

Members absent:

Hon LEE Cheuk-yan Hon Vincent FANG Kang, SBS, JP Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, GBS, JP Hon IP Kin-yuen

Public officers attending:

Ms Julia LEUNG Fung-yee, SBS, JP Under Secretary for Financial Services

and the Treasury

Ms Elizabeth TSE Man-yee, JP Permanent Secretary for Financial

Services and the Treasury (Treasury)

Ms Esther LEUNG, JP Deputy Secretary for Financial

Services and the Treasury (Treasury)1

Principal Executive Officer (General),

Financial Services and the Treasury

Bureau (The Treasury Branch)

Mrs Carrie LAM, GBS, JP Chief Secretary for Administration

Ms Kitty CHOI, JP Director of Administration

Miss Helen TANG, JP Deputy Director of Administration (1)

Clerk in attendance:

Ms Elsie YUEN

Mr Andy LAU Assistant Secretary General 1

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

Mr Frankie WOO Senior Legislative Assistant (1)3

Ms Christy YAU Legislative Assistant (1)7

Item No. 1 – FCR(2013-14)3 HEAD 184 – TRANSFERS TO FUNDS Subhead 990 Payment to the Disaster Relief Fund

The meeting continued the deliberation on the item FCR(2013-14)3 regarding the supplementary provision of \$100 million to enable an injection to be made to the Disaster Relief Fund for providing emergency relief to earthquake victims in Sichuan Province in the Mainland upon the advice of the Disaster Relief Fund Advisory Committee (DRFAC).

- 2. <u>The Chairman</u> said that as at 2 May 2013, the Secretariat had received a total of 416 submissions from the public on the funding proposal. He said that the submissions had been sent to members via electronic mail for their reference, and had been uploaded onto the Legislative Council website.
- 3. The Chairman reminded members that Mr Frederick FUNG, Dr Kenneth CHAN, Mr Gary FAN, Mr SIN Chung-kai and Mr Albert CHAN had submitted a total of 13 motions in accordance with paragraph 37A of the Finance Committee Procedure to express views on the item. The Chairman said that all of these motions were directly related to the item under discussion and that they would be dealt with after members had finished asking questions on the funding application.
- 4. At the invitation of the Chairman, the <u>Chief Secretary for Administration</u> (CS) gave an introduction. She appealed to members to approve the funding application to provide emergency disaster relief to victims in Sichuan.
- 5. CS explained that under the existing mechanism, provisions under the Disaster Relief Fund (DRF) could be made available to non-governmental organizations (NGOs) for small-scale distribution of relief supplies in disaster-stricken areas. Funds could also be channelled to local governments for carrying out various types of rescue and relief operations, such as emergency repair or purchase of medical supplies. CS said that the funding sought, if approved by the Finance Committee, would be used by the Sichuan Provincial Government, and the Administration was confident that the Sichuan Provincial Government would be able to handle the funds properly to benefit the victims of disaster. The Sichuan Provincial Government would be requested to submit a report on the use of Hong Kong's donations after completion of the relief operations. CS undertook to provide the report to members for reference when available. She also clarified the inaccuracies of certain media reports alleging that funding support from the Trust Fund in

Support of Reconstruction in the Sichuan Earthquake Stricken Areas previously provided for the Wenchuan earthquake reconstruction works had been misused.

- 6. Mr Martin LIAO supported the funding proposal. He said that the disaster victims in Ya'an, Sichuan were in dire need of material assistance. The public had, on their own initiative, donated \$170 million to victims; Macau and Taiwan had already made their contributions. Hong Kong should render humanitarian assistance as it had previously done so to other countries such as Thailand and Sri Lanka.
- 7. Mr Martin LIAO said that in the case of the earthquake in Qinghai, Hong Kong had made donations for carrying out disaster relief programmes by the Qinghai Provincial Government and that the local authorities had submitted reports to the Administration upon completion of programmes. There were no indications of embezzlement of donated funds. Mr LIAO said that most allegations of funding misuse at present were hearsay and that survivors of the Sichuan earthquake disaster should not be victimized because of such unfounded rumours.
- 8. On suggestions that donations should be provided to NGOs to undertake relief projects, Mr Martin LIAO said that those NGOs would still need the assistance of local authorities in implementing disaster relief programmes, and it would be more effective for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government, rather than NGOs, to deal with the Mainland authorities. Besides, Mr LIAO said that, the balance in DRF, after making the proposed donation, would still be sufficient to fund NGO-led projects in Sichuan.
- 9. <u>Mr Martin LIAO</u> added that it was appropriate for Hong Kong to provide assistance on disaster relief efforts in Sichuan to reciprocate the Mainland Government's support for Hong Kong during the times when Hong Kong was facing difficulties.
- 10. <u>Dr LAM Tai-fai</u> said that members might have been unnecessarily biased in believing that any donation to be given to the Sichuan Provincial Government would end up falling into the hands of corrupted officials. The swift response of all provinces and cities, including HKSAR, to the previous Wenchuan earthquake relief efforts had demonstrated the solidarity of the Chinese people, but it was regrettable that the goodwill was tainted by isolated scandals of abuses and corruption.
- 11. <u>Dr LAM Tai-fai</u> said that the recent earthquake in Ya'an was not as devastating as the Wenchuan disaster five years ago, but victims were no less

desperate. It was therefore pressing that every assistance should be tendered and the Administration should be given the benefit of the doubt to accomplish the mission properly this time. <u>Dr LAM</u> said that, rather than perpetuating the grudges on malpractices, it was prudent that members should seek a solution to prevent such recurrence, say by stepping up monitoring the use of funds or by requiring the recipient authorities to submit regular progress reports of the disaster relief programmes.

- 12. Mr Albert HO cited a few media reports of abuse and misuse of funds on disaster relief and reconstruction in Wenchuan following the earthquake five years ago. He said that corruption was so rampant that Mainland donors forwarded their donations through NGOs in Hong Kong rather than the provincial authorities. Mr HO criticized that the Administration's proposal was merely using the donation to show goodwill to the Sichuan Provincial Government instead of expressing a genuine care for disaster victims in Ya'an. Furthermore, Mr Albert HO queried the large amount of donation to be made by HKSAR as other provincial or municipal governments were only contributing between \$5 million to \$10 million in donation. Against the above considerations, Mr Albert HO said that he did not support the funding application.
- Mr Kenneth LEUNG said that the question under deliberation was whether the Administration's funding proposal to make donation to the Sichuan Provincial Government should be approved. The debate was not about whether Hong Kong should render assistance to Sichuan disaster victims. Mr LEUNG said that he had an overwhelming majority support from his constituents to vote against the funding proposal because his constituents found no assurance that the funding would be properly monitored, and that all of the donation would be used for the benefit of the disaster victims.
- 14. <u>Mr Kenneth LEUNG</u> said that he would support the application if the Administration were to implement its own reconstruction projects in Sichuan, as such projects would be properly audited after their completion.
- 15. <u>Dr Priscilla LEUNG</u> commented that members should not dismiss the value of disaster relief efforts just because of a few previous funding abuse cases. She said that requiring recipient organizations to safeguard donations against corruption and abuses before the funding was effected would hurt the feelings of the local authorities as well as the disaster victims, and would render the whole exercise meaningless.
- 16. As regards the comments that donation from Hong Kong was unnecessary as the Mainland Government was not short of resources,

<u>Dr Priscilla LEUNG</u> said that the donation from Hong Kong was a token of the community's care for the disaster victims in Sichuan; whether or not the respective government was resourceful did not matter. <u>Dr LEUNG</u> said that to allay members' concern, the Administration could provide regular reports on the use of donation and arrange on-site inspection visits by members to the disaster areas.

- Mr YIU Si-wing said that the Central Government had helped Hong Kong during its most difficult times. Mr YIU said that the Mainland Government had ensured stable supply of foodstuff and Dongjiang fresh water to Hong Kong since the 1960s, and had launched the Individual Visit Scheme in 2003 to salvage the ailing economy at that time. Hong Kong should, therefore, respond readily to the needs of disaster victims in Sichuan as a quid pro quo for the support measures implemented by the Central Government. Mr YIU said that it would not do justice to victims and the frontline rescue and relief workers if Hong Kong were to refuse to give assistance just because of the reports of corruption cases.
- 18. Mr Albert CHAN said that Members belonging to the People's Power would not support the funding application. He said that supporting the Administration's proposal, and trusting that the Sichuan Provincial Government to apply the donation on intended relief projects would only encourage the construction of more substandard buildings and facilities, and would only enrich corrupt officials and Mainland NGO office bearers, as previous experience had demonstrated.
- 19. <u>Mr Albert CHAN</u> said that there were reports that the Red Cross Society of China had such a huge stock of material supplies that it had now stopped receiving any more material donation but demanded cash contribution from donors. However, not even Mainland people were enthusiastic in their response to appeal for pecuniary donation to disaster victims.
- 20. <u>Mr Albert CHAN</u> concluded that in the absence of a credible system which could ensure proper use of donation, he could not support the funding proposal.
- 21. <u>Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung</u> said that he did not support the funding proposal. He said that it was evident that the previous donations for disaster relief and reconstruction in Sichuan had been misused. The Mainland authorities were not able to bring the culprits to justice, and on the contrary, the authorities used their power to suppress complaints from victims.

- Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung argued that there was no urgency in making donations to the Sichuan Provincial Government as the Mainland Government was not short of funds. He said that members had demanded that donations should be used on designated purposes to facilitate proper monitoring, but the Administration had dismissed the demand as being impracticable. Mr LEUNG queried how the Administration would justify the funding application if it could not ensure the proper use of the donation.
- 23. <u>Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok</u> said that he was the Chairman of a trust fund set up under the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE), for the reconstruction of Sichuan. <u>Ir Dr LO</u> said that HKIE members had provided expert and technical advice to many infrastructure projects in Sichuan and they observed that progress had been made in the reconstruction of the disaster-stricken areas. In particular, a HKIE member who visited Ya'an had reflected to him that according to the local education authority, there were 39 schools in Lo Shan, but none of the school buildings that were constructed after the Wenchuan earthquake had suffered any structural damage in the Ya'an earthquake. <u>Ir Dr LO</u> said that members should not oppose the donation based on just a few isolated negative media reports. On that basis, <u>Ir Dr LO</u> said that he supported the funding proposal.
- Mr CHEUNG Kwok-che declared that he was the Legislative 24. Council's representative in DRFAC. Mr CHEUNG said that the public would not object in principle the proposal to make donation for relief and rescue works in Sichuan; the question was how the funds should be channelled to help victims of the earthquake. Mr CHEUNG Kwok-che commented that there was a well established system under which NGOs, that were funded to carry out relief projects, would be accountable for the use of the donation. However, it would be difficult to impose a similar mechanism on the provincial government in the application of donation in reconstruction or other relief projects. Mr CHEUNG said that, even so, it was important that the Administration make an effort to require provincial government to submit a more detailed report on the use of the donation, and he would suggest that Government officials should Mr CHEUNG said that he be sent to Sichuan to monitor the use of funds. would raise these views with DRFAC.
- 25. Mr TAM Yiu-chung said that Hong Kong people were least tolerant about corruption. He understood that the Mainland Government was making efforts to combat corruption and to improve the system to minimize the chance of corrupted practices. Mr TAM said that anti-corruption was a long-term and arduous task and should not be linked with the decision of whether or not to contribute donations for disaster relief work in the Mainland. Now that CS had clarified the use of the previous donation in respect of the reconstruction

works after the Wenchuan earthquake, and the Administration had indicated that it would continue to monitor the use of funds, members should not oppose to the donation. Mr TAM stressed that the donation represented Hong Kong people's care about the victims of Sichuan and should be made to the victims notwithstanding the wealth of the country.

- 26. Mr Michael TIEN said that he hoped the Committee could approve the funding application. He said that people of Hong Kong would not object to helping victims of natural disasters, but many were concerned about how much of the donation would eventually reach the victims. Mr TIEN criticized members who objected to the funding proposal just because the donation was to be contributed to the Mainland. He pointed out that members had not questioned the corrupted practices in recipient countries when approving donation after the tsunami in South Asia. Likewise, members did not resist making donation to Japan following the tsunami near Fukushima in 2011. Mr Michael TIEN also argued that if the Sichuan Provincial Government was not to be trusted in handling donations from Hong Kong, providing funds for NGOs to carry out disaster relief projects would be as risky because NGOs had to work through local administration as well. Besides, there were sufficient funds under DRF to finance NGO projects. The \$100 million being sought under the funding proposal should be used for larger scale operations that could only be undertaken or co-ordinated at government level. Mr Michael TIEN said that if the Finance Committee would still not approve the donation, the should repackage the application to seek funds Administration implementation of specific projects.
- 27. <u>Ms Starry LEE</u> declared that she was a member of DRFAC. She said that there was a need to contribute donation to carry out relief projects in Sichuan as early as possible. She said that members were prejudiced in concluding that any donation from Hong Kong would, in the end, benefit corrupt officials. <u>Ms Starry LEE</u> considered that such attitude brushed aside the achievements made over the years in helping the reconstruction of Sichuan. <u>Ms LEE</u> said that rejecting the funding application was tantamount to punishing the victims.
- Ms Starry LEE said that there were resources and established mechanism whereby NGOs could seek funds to carry out disaster relief projects. However, there were items that could only be carried out at government level. Although there were cases of mishandling and embezzlement of funds in the past, they should not be taken as reasons to reject the current funding application. Ms Starry LEE said that donations had also been made to overseas countries following major natural disasters. The requirements of accountability from their recipient governments were the same as those put to

the Sichuan Provincial Government. <u>Ms LEE</u> said that if members approved the funding application, as a member of DRFAC, she would ask the Administration to convey to the Sichuan Provincial Government the concerns of Hong Kong people. <u>Ms LEE</u> appealed to members to support the funding application.

- Mr Frankie YICK said that Members belonging to the Liberal Party supported the funding proposal. He commented that members objected to the funding proposal mostly because they doubted the effectiveness of the Administration in monitoring the use of donation. On the other hand, it was indisputable that victims of Sichuan earthquake were in dire need of assistance. Mr YICK said that the proposed donation did not involve substantial resources but it was also a token of Hong Kong community's care about the victims in need. Mr Frankie YICK said that it was difficult to demand the Sichuan Provincial Government to pledge how precisely the donation was to be used, as provincial officials were already preoccupied with disaster relief operations. Mr YICK appealed to members to support the funding application.
- 30. <u>The Chairman</u> instructed that the speaking time, including the Administration's response, for the second round of questions would be two minutes.
- 31. <u>Dr Helena WONG</u> reiterated that she did not oppose to helping Sichuan earthquake victims. She clarified that she did not support any funding proposal that channelled the donation to the Sichuan Provincial Government without a proper monitoring mechanism.
- 32. <u>Dr Helena WONG</u> noted that the Administration had told members that it would present a proposal to DRFAC upon funding approval by the Finance Committee. She asked whether the Administration had already formulated a proposal on how the donation should be passed to the Sichuan Provincial Government, and asked why the Administration had not revealed the proposal to the Finance Committee. <u>CS</u> explained that the Administration would formally seek the approval of DRFAC for the release of HK\$100 million to the Sichuan Provincial Government.
- 33. <u>CS</u> said that the Administration would take into consideration members' views about disaster relief donation to governments outside Hong Kong in future.
- 34. <u>Dr Fernando CHEUNG</u> asked if the Administration had the responsibility to ensure the proper use of public money and to ensure that it would not fall into the hands of corrupt officials. <u>CS</u> responded that the

Administration had that responsibility, and for that reason, the Administration had strictly abide by the established criteria and mechanism in the use of resources under DRF and would, in due course, submit the evaluation report on the use of the donation for members' reference.

- 35. <u>Dr Fernando CHEUNG</u> queried if the Administration was capable of monitoring the use of Hong Kong's donations and ensuring that public funds would not fall into the hands of Mainland corrupted officials. <u>CS</u> responded that the Sichuan Provincial Government should be provided with flexibility to use the donation in the most needed areas. She supplemented that this approach was consistent with the on-going practice of DRF which had the endorsement of the Legislative Council in the past. <u>CS</u> added that over the years, the HKSAR Government had established a working relationship with the Sichuan Provincial Government in respect of the implementation of disaster relief and reconstruction projects using funds from Hong Kong, and the Administration would continue to work with the local authorities to ensure disaster victims received the much needed assistance.
- 36. <u>Dr Fernando CHEUNG</u> criticized that there had been evidence that the previous donation by Hong Kong for relief and reconstruction works in Sichuan had been embezzled, resulting in substandard construction works. He said that he did not see any improvement having been made in the standard of control and monitoring over the years. <u>CS</u> clarified that there were strict monitoring of the \$9 billion from Hong Kong on the reconstruction works.
- 37. <u>Dr Priscilla LEUNG</u> declared that she was a member of DRFAC. She appealed to members to consider the funding proposal from the perspective of disaster relief and reconstruction and should not try to politicize the issue by imputing the intention of those members who supported the item.
- 38. Referring to the Administration's claim that the proposed \$100 million donation would be used for post-disaster reconstruction projects such as construction of bridges and roads and that such projects could only be carried out at government level but not NGOs, Ms Claudia MO argued that if the donations were to be applied on post-disaster reconstruction projects, then there should be no pressing need for the Finance Committee to approve the funding application as the Administration claimed. Ms MO also queried how the Administration came up with the amount of \$100 million to be donated to the Sichuan Provincial Government.
- 39. <u>CS</u> said that the donation could be used for the purchase of medical and other relief material supplies, as well as emergency repairs for the safety of disaster victims. There was urgency in making the donation in these

operations. <u>CS</u> added that the amount of \$100 million was proposed having taken into consideration the scale of the current disaster in Ya'an and the amount of donations made to other governments on disaster relief in the past. For example, \$300 million was donated for relief works after the Wenchuan earthquakes, and \$100 million was donated in the case of the disaster in Qinghai.

- 40. Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung said that the Administration had claimed that there was an urgent need for donation to be made for helping victims in Sichuan. He said that the Sichuan Provincial Government was not short of funds. As the earthquake had happened a few weeks ago, any donation from Hong Kong would only be relevant for post-disaster works. That being the case, there should be time for the Administration to consider imposing contribution on the Sichuan Provincial Government to apply the donation on designated projects so that tailor-made monitoring and supervision procedure on the use of the donation could be instituted. Mr LEUNG also queried the urgency of the Administration's funding proposal.
- 41. <u>CS</u> said that the Administration proposed that injection be made to DRF so that contribution could be made for relief operations at the earliest opportunity.
- 42. <u>Mr WONG Yuk-man</u> said that the public opinion towards the funding proposal was clear in that most people were not supportive of the proposed donation to the Sichuan Provincial Government. He would not support the funding proposal.
- 43. <u>Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok</u> said that he understood from a HKIE member who was at the disaster area in Sichuan that victims were most in need of temporary accommodation pending reconstruction of residential buildings. Provision of temporary lodging could only be achieved at government level. For this reason, <u>Ir Dr LO</u> supported the government-to-government approach in making the donation.
- 44. <u>The Chairman</u> instructed that the speaking time for the third round of questions should be one minute. He reminded members to avoid repeating previous comments or questions.
- 45. <u>Dr Helena WONG</u> asked how the Administration intended to improve the funding and monitoring mechanism under DRF. <u>CS</u> said that the current DRF monitoring mechanism would be applied to the proposed donation to the Sichuan Provincial Government. This mechanism had all along been adopted not only for the Mainland Government, but also overseas governments

receiving grants from DRF. <u>CS</u> added that the Administration was prepared to explore how the monitoring mechanism of DRF could be further improved.

- 46. <u>Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung</u> said that the donation could only be monitored effectively if it was used on designated project. As there was no urgency in making the donation to the Sichuan Provincial Government at this stage, the Administration should reconsider his suggestion. <u>Mr LEUNG</u> considered it unreasonable that the Administration asked the Committee to rush to approve the funding.
- 47. <u>The Chairman</u> instructed that the speaking time for the fourth round of question remained to be one minute.
- 48. <u>Dr Helena WONG</u> criticized that the Administration had refused to admit that the community was against the proposal to make donation to the Sichuan Provincial Government without a transparent monitoring mechanism, and there was no urgency in making the donation. She also commented that there was still more than \$40 million balance in DRF which could be used on other relief works in Sichuan.

Handling of members' motions to express a view

- 49. There being no further questions from members, the Chairman instructed that the 13 motions proposed by members under paragraph 37A of the FC Procedure be now dealt with. As Hon Frederick FUNG who proposed motion numbered 0001 was not present when the Committee started to deal with the motions, the Chairman suggested and members agreed that dealing of motion numbered 0001 be deferred. The Chairman then put to vote the question that the motion numbered 0002 proposed by Dr Kenneth CHAN in accordance with paragraph 37A of the Finance Committee Procedure be proceeded forthwith. As requested by members, the division bell was rung for five minutes before members voted on the question. The question was voted down by a majority of members.
- 50. Mr TAM Yiu-chung moved the motion under paragraph 47 of the Finance Committee Procedure to shorten the duration of the division bell to one minute in the event of further divisions being claimed in respect of any motion under the same agenda item. The Chairman put the question to vote. The Chairman declared that the motion was passed by the Committee and instructed that the duration of the division bell be henceforth shortened to one minute.

- 51. <u>The Chairman</u> put to vote the question that motions numbered 0003 and 0004 proposed by Mr Gary FAN be proceeded forthwith. The two questions were voted down by a majority of members.
- At this juncture, <u>Dr LAM Tai-fai</u> raised a point of order and asked if members could ask questions or comment on the motions from members. <u>The Chairman</u> said that members were being asked to vote on whether the motion from a member to express a view on the agenda item be proceeded forthwith. If the majority of members agreed that the motion be proceeded forthwith, then the meeting would proceed to discuss the motion. Members could then raise questions or respond to the motion before taking a vote on it.
- The Chairman then took turns to put to vote the questions that motions numbered 0005 proposed by Mr SIN Chung-kai, 0006 to 0013 by Mr Albert CHAN and 0014 by Ms Cyd HO be proceeded forthwith. The Chairman said that motion numbered 0001 proposed by Mr Frederick FUNG had not been dealt with at an earlier time due to Mr FUNG's absence. As Mr FUNG was then present in the conference room, the Chairman put to vote that motion numbered 0001 proposed by Mr FUNG be proceeded forthwith. All these questions were voted down one by one by a majority of members.

Voting of the funding application

54. The Chairman put the item FCR(2013-14)3 to vote. At the request of members, the Chairman ordered a division and instructed that the voting bell be rung for one minute. The Chairman announced that, of the 60 members who were present and voted, 37 voted for and 23 voted against the item. One member abstained from voting. The voting results of individual members were as follows –

For:

Mr CHAN Kam-lam Dr LAU Wong-fat

Mr TAM Yiu-chung Mr Abraham SHEK Lai-him

Mr WONG Kwok-hing Mr Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung

Mr Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen Mr WONG Ting-kwong

Ms Starry LEE Wai-king Dr LAM Tai-fai

Mr CHAN Hak-kan Dr Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun

Mr WONG Kwok-kin Mr IP Kwok-him

Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee Mr Paul TSE Wai-chun

Mr Michael TIEN Puk-sun Mr NG Leung-sing

Mr Steven HO Chun-yin Mr Frankie YICK Chi-ming

Mr YIU Si-wing Mr MA Fung-kwok

Mr CHAN Han-pan Ms CHAN Yuen-han

Mr LEUNG Che-cheung Ms Alice MAK Mei-kuen

Mr KWOK Wai-keung Mr Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung

Dr Elizabeth QUAT Mr Martin LIAO Cheung-kong

Mr POON Siu-ping Mr TANG Ka-piu

Dr CHIANG Lai-wan Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok

Mr CHUNG Kwok-pan Mr Christopher CHUNG Shu-kun

Mr Tony TSE Wai-chuen

(37 members)

Against:

Mr Albert HO Chun-yan Mr James TO Kun-sun

Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung Ms Emily LAU Wai-hing

Mr Frederick FUNG Kin-kee Ms Cyd HO Sau-lan

Mr CHEUNG Kwok-che Mr Alan LEONG Kah-kit

Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung Mr Albert CHAN Wai-yip

Mr WONG Yuk-man Ms Claudia MO

Mr WU Chi-wai Mr Gary FAN Kwok-wai

Mr Charles Peter MOK Mr CHAN Chi-chuen

Dr Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok Mr Kenneth LEUNG

Dr KWOK Ka-ki Mr Dennis KWOK

Dr Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung Mr SIN Chung-kai

Dr Helena WONG Pik-wan

(23 members)

Abstained:

Dr Joseph LEE

(one member)

- 55. <u>The Chairman</u> declared that the Committee approved the funding application.
- 56. The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 pm.

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