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House Committee of the Legislative Council

Minutes of the 3rd meeting held in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex at 2:30 pm on Friday, 19 October 2012

Members present:

Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, GBS, JP (Chairman) Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC (Deputy Chairman) Hon Albert HO Chun-yan Hon LEE Cheuk-yan Hon James TO Kun-sun Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, SBS, JP Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, SBS, JP Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, SBS, JP Hon Vincent FANG Kang, SBS, JP Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH Dr Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long, SBS, JP Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, GBS, 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 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 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 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 Hon IP Kin-yuen 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

Member absent:

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

Clerk in attendance :

Staff in attendance :

Mr Kenneth CHEN, SBS	Secretary General
Mr Jimmy MA, JP	Legal Adviser
Mrs Justina LAM	Deputy Secretary General
Mr Andy LAU	Assistant Secretary General 1
Miss Odelia LEUNG	Assistant Secretary General 3
Mrs Percy MA	Assistant Secretary General 4
Ms Connie FUNG	Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 1
Mr Arthur CHEUNG	Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 2
Mr KAU Kin-wah	Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 3
Miss Erin TSANG	Acting Principal Council Secretary (Complaints)
Mr Simon WONG	Chief Public Information Officer
Ms Amy YU	Chief Council Secretary (2)6
Mr Arthur LEUNG	Chief Council Secretary (3)3
Ms Anita SIT	Chief Council Secretary (4)1
Miss Mary SO	Chief Council Secretary (4)2
Miss Carrie WONG	Assistant Legal Adviser 4
Miss Josephine SO	Senior Council Secretary (2)2
Mr Jove CHAN	Senior Council Secretary (2)6
Ms Judy TING	Council Secretary (2)6
Ms Theresa CHEUNG	Senior Legislative Assistant (2)2
Ms Anna CHEUNG	Senior Legislative Assistant (2)3
Mr Arthur KAN	Legislative Assistant (2)7

Action

I. Confirmation of minutes of meetings

- (a) <u>1st regular meeting held on 10 October 2012</u> (*LC Paper No. CB*(2) 29/12-13)
- (b) <u>2nd regular meeting held on 12 October 2012</u> (*LC Paper No. CB*(2) 30/12-13)

The above two sets of minutes were confirmed.

II. Matters arising

Report by the Chairman on his meeting with the Chief Secretary for Administration ("CS")

Address by the Chief Executive ("CE") at the Council meeting of 17 October 2012

2. <u>The Chairman</u> said that he had written to CE immediately after the last House Committee meeting to convey Members' request for CE to stay after his address to answer Members' questions put to him. He and the Deputy Chairman had reiterated Members' request to CS during their meeting on 15 October 2012. CS had indicated that CE understood Members' wish to exchange views with him on his governance philosophy and work priorities and had therefore proposed the holding of a Question and Answer ("Q & A") Session on 1 November 2012 to take questions from Members on his address. CE had no preference for Members to focus their questions on any topics at the Q & A Session and his introductory statement would be brief so as to allow more time for Members to ask questions.

3. <u>Ms Emily LAU</u> said that CE's decision not to stay to take any Member' questions after his address at the Council meeting of 17 October 2012 had left a very poor impression on Members and the public, and was not conducive to improving the relationship between the Executive Authorities and the Legislature. She requested the Chairman to relay to CS Members' views that this should not happen again and that in future CE should set aside time to answer Members' questions after he had addressed the Council. She added that the holding of an Q & A Session and CE's taking Members' questions after making an address in Council were two different matters.

4. <u>The Chairman</u> said that he and the Deputy Chairman had already relayed to CS Members' request for CE to take Members' questions after his address. He undertook to convey Members' views expressed at this meeting to CS at their next meeting.

5. <u>Mr NG Leung-sing</u> opined that should CE wish to make more addresses to the Council for the purpose of announcing important policies, such arrangements should be welcomed.

6. <u>Mr Albert CHAN</u> said that while CE's attendance at Council meetings was welcomed, it would not be meaningful if he came only to deliver an address and not take Members' questions. <u>Mr CHAN</u> further

said that he learned from media reports that after CE's address to the Council, he had met with the press on the same day, during which he had answered questions put to him. He considered it unacceptable for CE to decline to take Members' questions on the one hand, but met with the press to answer their questions on the other. In his view, this was an affront to the Legislative Council ("LegCo") and should be strongly condemned. He requested the Chairman to clarify with CS whether CE had indeed met with the press on 17 October 2012.

7. Ms Cyd HO said that if CE wished to make an address, he could do so at any time in his own Office. She resented that CE had used the Council as a platform to make an address but refused to take questions raised by Members at the Council meeting. Referring to Rule 28 of the Rules of Procedure ("RoP") which stipulated that the President might allow short and succinct questions to be put to a designated public officer making a statement, she queried why CE did not take Members' questions while public officers designated by him to attend Council meetings had to do so. She considered that such act of CE was a disrespect to LegCo and contrary to what he said in his address about fostering mutual trust between the Executive and the Legislature. She further said that there was rumour that CE's meeting with the press was not a public press conference and CE had met only with senior management of some media organizations. She requested the Chairman to relay to CS Members' view that CE should respect LegCo and fulfill his constitutional responsibilities.

8. <u>Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung</u> said that should CE do the same again in the future, Members belonging to the pan-democratic camp should not stay in the Chamber to listen to his address. He sought clarification on whether under RoP 8(a), CE could take Members' questions at any time during his address. In his view, the President had misinterpreted the provisions under RoP 8 in making his ruling at the Council meeting.

9. <u>The Chairman</u> said that the President had already made a ruling and his decision was final.

10. <u>Mr WONG Ting-kwong</u> said that it was imperative for CE to address the Council to elaborate on his concept of governance. He did not subscribe to some Members' view that it was a waste of time, and those Members who did not want to listen to the address should not prevent other Members from doing so.

11. <u>Ms Claudia MO</u> said that media was considered as the "fourth estate" to monitor the Government. While there was no problem with CE meeting with the press, she was concerned whether CE had

selectively met with senior management of some media organizations to dole out information as this would hamper press freedom. She shared the view that there was no reason why CE should not clarify points raised by Members on his address if public officers designated by him to attend Council meetings had to do so. She further said that should CE intend not to take Members' questions, he could make public announcements through the radio at any time without the need to come to LegCo.

12. <u>Mr WONG Kwok-kin</u> said that the Chairman should make it clear to CS that the views expressed at the meeting were not the consensual views of the House Committee but views of individual Members. He considered it an appropriate arrangement for CE to find another time to hold an Q & A Session after his address at the Council meeting of 17 October 2012, as Members would have time to digest the relevant issues before putting questions to CE.

13. <u>Mr Ronny TONG</u> said that LegCo and CE enjoyed equal status and should exercise checks and balances over each other. Hence, CE's decision not to take any questions from Members after his address fell short both of his constitutional responsibilities as well as public expectation. In his view, there were ambiguities as to whether the word "and" in RoP 8(b) was used in a conjunctive or disjunctive sense. Given the ambiguities in the existing provisions under RoP 8 and Members' view that it was unfair for CE not to take Members' questions after his address, he considered it necessary for the Committee on Rules of Procedure ("CRoP") to review the relevant provisions.

14. <u>Dr KWOK Ka-ki</u> said that CE's addressing the Council without setting aside any time to take Members' questions had aroused public resentment. According to his interpretation of RoP 8, RoP 8(a) did not prohibit CE, with the President's permission, from taking Members' questions with a view to clarifying points made in his address. He sought confirmation as to whether his understanding was correct.

15. <u>The Chairman</u> reiterated that the President had already made his ruling. Should Members have any doubts about the provisions in RoP or consider it necessary to review the provisions, the matter should be followed up by CRoP.

16. <u>Mr Jeffrey LAM</u> said that as the Chairman was meeting with CS on behalf of the House Committee, he considered it inappropriate for the Chairman to convey the views of individual Members to CS.

17. <u>The Chairman</u> said that he would summarize the various views expressed by Members and convey them to CS, instead of relaying the views of individual Members.

18. <u>Mr CHAN Kam-lam</u> said that it was important for Members to observe RoP and if there were ambiguities in any provisions of RoP, the matter should be followed up by CRoP. He further said that it was for CE to decide whom he would meet after attending the Council meeting and Members had no right to interfere. In his view, the fact that CE had addressed the Council before speaking to the press showed that he respected LegCo.

19. <u>The Chairman</u> said that he would convey to CS the various views expressed by Members.

2012-2013 Legislative Programme

20. <u>The Chairman</u> said that he and the Deputy Chairman had requested CS to provide to Members the Legislative Programme for the 2012-2013 session as early as possible. The Deputy Chairman had pointed out that the introduction of bills at the end of the last two terms of LegCo had resulted in insufficient time for Members to scrutinize the bills. <u>The Chairman</u> added that CS had undertaken to urge the policy bureaux, through the Administration's internal monitoring mechanism, to introduce bills strictly in accordance with the timetable in the Legislative Programme.

21. <u>The Chairman</u> further said that in the morning of the day of this House Committee meeting, the Administration had provided the Legislative Programme for the 2012-2013 session, which had been issued to Members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)65/12-13. The Legislative Programme contained 14 bills, of which six were scheduled for introduction in the first half of the session and the remaining eight in the second half of the session.

III. Business arising from previous Council meetings

Legal Service Division report on subsidiary legislation gazetted on <u>12 October 2012 and tabled in Council on 17 October 2012</u> (LC Paper No. LS 4/12-13)

22. At the invitation of the Chairman, <u>Legal Adviser</u> ("LA") said that a total of six items of subsidiary legislation were gazetted on 12 October 2012 and tabled in the Council on 17 October 2012.

Regarding the five items of subsidiary legislation made by the 23. Council of The Law Society of Hong Kong ("Law Society") under the Legal Practitioners Ordinance (Cap. 159) (L.N. 151 to L.N. 155) which related to the handling of client's money by a solicitor, LA advised that the issue on interest on client account relating to the amendments in the proposed Rule 6 of L.N. 151 had been discussed at a meeting of the Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services in 2005 and no The Legal Service Division ("LSD") had member had objected. written to the Law Society to seek clarification on a number of issues. LSD's letter of enquiry to the Law Society and its response were attached to the LSD report for Members' reference. LSD would further follow up with the Law Society on certain issues. Should there be a subcommittee appointed to study these items of subsidiary legislation, the issues could be considered by the subcommittee with LSD's assistance.

24. <u>Mr SIN Chung-kai</u> said that Mr Albert HO considered it necessary to form a subcommittee to study these five items of subsidiary legislation in detail. <u>Members</u> agreed. Mr Albert HO (as advised by Mr SIN Chung-kai) and Mr Dennis KWOK agreed to join the subcommittee.

25. <u>The Chairman</u> said that the Secretariat would issue a circular to invite Members to join the proposed subcommittee.

26. <u>Members</u> did not raise any queries on the remaining item of subsidiary legislation (L.N. 150).

27. <u>The Chairman</u> reminded Members that the deadline for amending the subsidiary legislation was 14 November 2012, or 5 December 2012 if extended by a resolution of the Council.

IV. Further business for the Council meeting of 24 October 2012

Questions

(LC Paper No. CB(3) 51/12-13)

28. <u>The Chairman</u> said that Mr Paul TSE and Dr CHIANG Lai-wan had replaced their oral questions.

V. Business for the Council meeting of 31 October 2012

(a) <u>Questions</u> (*LC Paper No. CB*(3) 50/12-13)

29. <u>The Chairman</u> said that 20 questions (six oral and 14 written) had been scheduled for the meeting.

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

30. <u>The Chairman</u> said that no notice had been received yet.

(c) <u>Government motion</u>

31. <u>The Chairman</u> said that no notice had been received yet.

(d) <u>Members' motions</u>

- (i) Motion on "Raising the minimum wage level to \$33 or above per hour" (Wording of the motion issued vide LC Paper No. CB(3) 55/12-13 dated 17 October 2012.)
- (ii) Motion on "Regulating beauty industry" (Wording of the motion issued vide LC Paper No. CB(3) 57/12-13 dated 18 October 2012.)

32. <u>The Chairman</u> said that the above two motions would be moved by Mr Frederick FUNG and Dr Helena WONG respectively, and the wording of the motions had been issued to Members.

33. <u>The Chairman</u> reminded Members that the deadline for giving notice of amendments, if any, to the motions was Wednesday, 24 October 2012.

VI. The Chief Executive's Question and Answer Session on 1 November 2012

34. <u>The Chairman</u> said that the CE's Q & A Session would be held from 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm. CE had indicated that he had no preference for Members to focus their questions on any topics.

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VII. Position on Bills Committees and subcommittees

(LC Paper No. CB(2) 31/12-13)

35. <u>The Chairman</u> invited Members to note the current position on Bills Committees and subcommittees as set out in the paper.

VIII. Nomination and election of Members for appointment to the Public Accounts Committee, Committee on Members' Interests and Committee on Rules of Procedure

(LC Paper No. CB(4) 12/12-13 issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2) 9/12-13 dated 11 October 2012)

36. At the invitation of the Chairman, <u>the Clerk</u> said that at the last House Committee meeting, Members had agreed to the procedure for the nomination and election of Members for appointment by the President to the Public Accounts Committee ("PAC"), the Committee on Members' Interests ("CMI") and CRoP, as set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of as well as Appendix IV to LC Paper No. CB(4)12/12-13. The salient features of the agreed procedure were as follows -

- (a) a valid nomination should be made orally by a Member, seconded by at least one other Member who should not be the Member being nominated, and accepted by the Member being nominated;
- (b) if the number of nominations exceeded that required for appointment, a poll should be taken; and Members should cast their votes by using the Electronic Voting System ("EVS"). A Member might vote for as many nominees as, but not more than, the number required for appointment. If a Member had voted for the number of nominees which exceeded the number required for appointment, the vote(s) which the Member had cast in excess of the required number would not be counted. The nominees who got the highest numbers of votes would be declared elected;
- (c) in cases where a nominee would have been elected but for there being one or more other nominees having been given the same number of votes, a separate poll should be taken in respect of that nominee and such other nominee(s);

- (d) if, after a separate poll was held under paragraph (c) above, there was still a nominee who would have been elected but for there being one or more other nominees having been given the same number of votes, lots should be drawn by the Chairman of the House Committee among such nominees to determine which of them would take up the remaining place/places;
- (e) after the election of members to these committees, the House Committee meeting would be suspended for 10 to 15 minutes to enable the members to elect their respective chairmen and deputy chairmen from amongst themselves; and
- (f) the House Committee's recommendations in regard to the membership of the three committees would be submitted to the President for appointment.

(a) <u>Election of seven Members to PAC</u>

37. <u>The Chairman</u> invited Members to make nominations. A total of eight valid nominations were made in the following order and the nominees were as follows -

Mr CHAN Hak-kan Mr Abraham SHEK Mr Paul TSE Ms Cyd HO Mr Kenneth LEUNG Mr WONG Yuk-man Mr Alan LEONG Mr NG Leung-sing

38. As the number of valid nominations exceeded that required for appointment to PAC, <u>the Chairman</u> said that a poll should be taken by using EVS.

39. <u>Mr LEE Cheuk-yan</u> suggested suspending the meeting for five minutes to allow Members to discuss among themselves before the poll was taken. <u>Members</u> agreed.

(The meeting was suspended at 3:03 pm and resumed at 3:08 pm.)

40. <u>The Clerk</u> reminded Members that they could not vote for more than seven nominees, i.e. the number required for appointment to PAC, and the vote(s) which a Member had cast in excess of the required number would not be counted.

41. In response to Dr LAM Tai-fai's enquiry on the consequence if a Member had voted for more than seven nominees, <u>the Chairman</u> said that where a Member had voted for, say, eight times, the last vote (i.e. the eighth vote) which the Member had cast would not be counted.

42. <u>Dr LAM Tai-fai</u> was concerned whether such counting arrangement would adversely affect the chance of Mr NG Leung-sing who was in the eighth position on the list of nominees getting elected.

43. <u>Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung</u> said that it was his understanding that if the number of nominees a voter had voted for exceeded the number required for appointment, the normal arrangement was to disregard all the votes he had cast, as the voter's choices could not be ascertained. <u>Mr LEUNG</u> added that the same arrangement was adopted in the LegCo elections.

44. At the invitation of the Chairman, <u>the Clerk</u> explained that according to the procedure agreed to by Members at the last House Committee meeting, only the vote(s) which a Member had cast in excess of the required number would not be counted. She further said that EVS had records on Members' choices in respect of each nominee.

45. <u>Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung</u> remained of the view that if the number of nominees a Member had voted for exceeded the number required for appointment, all the votes he/she had cast should not be counted.

46. <u>Mr WONG Yuk-man</u> concurred with Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung. He also echoed the concern that the present arrangement for disregarding a Member's vote(s) cast in excess of the required number of votes would work to the disadvantage of the nominee(s) who was/were at the end of the list of nominees.

47. <u>Mr Ronny TONG</u> suggested putting to vote the question of whether only the vote(s) which a Member had cast in excess of the required number should be disregarded or whether all the votes cast by the Member should be disregarded. 48. At the invitation of the Chairman, <u>Secretary General</u> ("SG") said that EVS allowed Members to verify their voting decision in respect of each nominee before the voting result for the nominee was announced, and there were records in EVS on how each Member had voted in respect of each nominee. Furthermore, EVS would immediately send out an alert message if a Member had cast more than the required number of votes. He assured Members that the election arrangements as agreed by Members at the last House Committee meeting could be operated reliably through EVS.

49. <u>The Chairman</u> said that Members should be very familiar with using EVS to cast votes. Members should not further debate on how a situation which might not happen should be handled.

50. <u>Dr Kenneth CHAN</u> sought information from SG on when the nomination and election procedure had been endorsed by the House Committee and whether EVS had been tested for conducting the elections under discussion.

51. At the invitation of the Chairman, <u>SG</u> said that the nomination and election procedure as set out in the relevant paper was endorsed by the House Committee at its last meeting and the decision was recorded in the minutes of the meeting. <u>SG</u> further said that the LegCo Secretariat had conducted various trial runs of using EVS to conduct the elections to ensure its efficacy. Further, EVS had all along been used for voting in Council and committee meetings. As records of Members' choices in respect of each nominee could be generated from EVS, all voting irregularities could be traced.

52. <u>Mr WU Chi-wai</u> said that the arrangement for disregarding certain votes involved a matter of principle. He shared the view that the matter should be resolved by putting it to vote.

53. <u>The Chairman</u> stressed that Members had endorsed the relevant nomination and election procedure at the last House Committee meeting and the minutes of the meeting had earlier been confirmed by Members. The Secretariat had assured Members that EVS had been tested for conducting the elections. He cautioned that Members should not lightly overturn a decision made at a previous meeting.

54. <u>Mr Michael TIEN</u> said that it appeared to him that it was more appropriate to disregard all the votes cast by a Member if the number of nominees he had voted for exceeded the number required for appointment.

55. The <u>Chairman</u> responded that at the last House Committee meeting, Members were invited to consider the procedure for the nomination and election of Members for appointment to PAC, CMI and CRoP as proposed in paragraphs 3 and 4 of as well as Appendix IV to LC Paper No. CB(4)12/12-13, and Members had not indicated any objection to the proposed procedure.

56. <u>Mr Ronny TONG</u> recalled that there was no discussion on the paper when the relevant agenda item was considered at the last House Committee meeting. As Members had made no objection to the proposed procedure, it was deemed to have been endorsed by the House Committee and the decision had been recorded in the minutes of the meeting. That said, it was his view that any decision made could be overturned.

57. <u>Mr CHAN Kam-lam</u> said that since the House Committee had already made a decision on the nomination and election procedure, Members should not change the decision lightly. As only eight nominations were received and the Clerk would read out the name of each nominee when the vote was taken, Members should be able to exercise due care in casting their votes to ensure that they did not vote in excess of the required number. Members should stop wasting time to debate on the matter.

58. <u>Mr WONG Kwok-hing</u> considered that SG had already addressed Members' concerns about the election arrangements. He requested the Chairman to proceed with the voting in accordance with the election procedure endorsed by Members at the last House Committee meeting.

59. <u>Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung</u> opined that it was possible for a Member to cheat in casting his votes under the present arrangement for disregarding votes cast in excess of the required number. Although the nomination and election procedure had been endorsed by the House Committee at the last meeting, he considered it necessary for Members to plug the loophole before proceeding to vote on the nominees.

60. <u>The Chairman</u> said that should any irregularity be identified during the voting process, it would be reviewed and addressed in the future. He suggested that Members should proceed to the voting.

61. <u>Mr CHAN Chi-chuen</u> sought clarification on whether the present arrangement would be vulnerable to strategic voting by a Member, which might adversely affect the election results.

62. At the invitation of the Chairman, <u>SG</u> explained that a vote would be taken on each of the eight nominees one by one. After Members had voted for a nominee and had confirmed their voting decision, they could not change their voting decision once the voting had been completed and the validity of the votes verified. Hence, it was not possible for a Member to deploy strategic voting.

63. In response to Mr Albert CHAN, <u>the Chairman</u> said that the number of votes obtained by each nominee would be announced immediately after the voting procedure in respect of the nominee concerned had been completed.

64. <u>Mr Albert CHAN</u> considered it more appropriate to announce the voting results of all nominees in one go after the voting procedure in respect of all nominees had been completed.

65. At the invitation of the Chairman, <u>SG</u> said that in the past, voting for these elections was conducted by a show of hand. The votes obtained by each nominee would be announced immediately after the voting for the nominee concerned had been conducted. By the same token, the voting result for each nominee would be made known immediately after voting for the nominee was conducted by EVS.

66. <u>Mr IP Kwok-him</u> said that it had all along been the arrangement to announce the votes received by a nominee immediately after a vote had been taken. He could not understand why Members had raised so many queries about such a long-standing arrangement. He suggested moving on to the voting immediately.

67. <u>Mr Kenneth LEUNG</u> said that he could not see the logic why the voting result of each nominee was to be announced immediately after voting in respect of the nominee was conducted. In his view, the voting result of each nominee should be announced only after the voting in respect of all nominees had been completed.

68. <u>The Chairman</u> reiterated that the same arrangement was adopted in the past when voting was conducted by a show of hands.

69. <u>The Chairman</u> then ordered a vote. The outcome of the vote was as follows -

Mr CHAN Hak-kan	44 votes
Mr Abraham SHEK	45 votes
Mr Paul TSE	43 votes

Ms Cyd HO	25 votes
Mr Kenneth LEUNG	52 votes
Mr WONG Yuk-man	34 votes
Mr Alan LEONG	40 votes
Mr NG Leung-sing	43 votes

70. <u>The Chairman</u> declared that the following seven Members were elected for appointment to PAC -

Mr CHAN Hak-kan Mr Abraham SHEK Mr Paul TSE Mr Kenneth LEUNG Mr WONG Yuk-man Mr Alan LEONG Mr NG Leung-sing

(b) <u>Election of seven Members to CMI</u>

71. The following Members were nominated. As there was no other nomination, <u>the Chairman</u> declared them elected for appointment to CMI

Mr Frankie YICK Mr IP Kwok-him Mr Gary FAN Mr Dennis KWOK Miss CHAN Yuen-han Mr Jeffrey LAM Ms Emily LAU

(c) Election of 12 Members to CRoP

72. The following Members were nominated. As there was no other nomination, <u>the Chairman</u> declared them elected for appointment to CRoP -

Mr TAM Yiu-chung Dr Priscilla LEUNG Mr Tommy CHEUNG Mr WONG Yuk-man Mr Alan LEONG Mr IP Kwok-him Mr Dennis KWOK Mr LEE Cheuk-yan Mrs Regina IP Mr Paul TSE Mr Albert HO Mr WONG Kwok-kin

73. <u>The Chairman</u> suspended the meeting for 15 minutes to allow the Members of the three committees to elect among themselves their Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen.

(The meeting was suspended at 3:45 pm and resumed at 4:00 pm.)

- 74. The Chairman informed Members that -
 - (a) Mr Abraham SHEK and Mr Paul TSE were elected Chairman and Deputy Chairman of PAC respectively;
 - (b) Mr IP Kwok-him and Ms Emily LAU were elected Chairman and Deputy Chairman of CMI respectively; and
 - (c) Mr TAM Yiu-chung and Mr Alan LEONG were elected Chairman and Deputy Chairman of CRoP respectively.

75. <u>The Chairman</u> said that the membership of the three committees would be submitted to the President for appointment.

IX. Nomination and election of Members of the Legislative Council to advisory/governing bodies

(LC Paper No. CB(2) 7/12-13 issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2) 9/12-13 dated 11 October 2012) (LC Paper No. CB(2) 46/12-13(01))

76. <u>The Chairman</u> said that according to a resolution passed by the Council of the University of Hong Kong ("HKU Council") in June 2011, the five Members elected to serve on the HKU Court would make a nomination from among themselves for consideration by the HKU Council for appointment as its members on a personal basis. After the five Members concerned had come up with the nomination, the Secretariat would forward the name of the nominee to the HKU Council for consideration.

77. <u>The Chairman</u> further said that a letter dated 16 October 2012 from the HKU Students' Union regarding the election of LegCo Members to HKU Court was issued to Members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)46/12-13(01).

(a) Two Members to serve on the Disaster Relief Fund Advisory Committee

78. Dr Priscilla LEUNG and Mr CHEUNG Kwok-che were nominated. As there was no other nomination, <u>the Chairman</u> declared them elected to serve on the Disaster Relief Fund Advisory Committee.

(b) One Member to serve on the Po Leung Kuk Advisory Board

79. Mr WONG Ting-kwong and Dr Helena WONG were nominated.

80. As the number of valid nominations exceeded that required for appointment, <u>the Chairman</u> ordered a vote by using EVS. <u>The Chairman</u> reminded Members that they could only vote once. The outcome of the vote was as follows -

Mr WONG Ting-kwong	31 votes
Dr Helena WONG	11 votes

81. <u>The Chairman</u> declared Mr WONG Ting-kwong elected to serve on the Po Leung Kuk Advisory Board.

(c) One Member to serve on the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Advisory Board

82. Mr Albert CHAN was nominated. As there was no other valid nomination, <u>the Chairman</u> declared Mr Albert CHAN elected to serve on the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Advisory Board.

(d) Three Members to serve on the Council of The Chinese <u>University of Hong Kong</u>

83. A total of four valid nominations were made with the following Members being nominated -

Dr Elizabeth QUAT Mr CHAN Chi-chuen Mr Tommy CHEUNG Mr Gary FAN

84. As the number of valid nominations exceeded that required for appointment, <u>the Chairman</u> ordered a vote by using EVS. The <u>Chairman</u> reminded Members that they could only vote thrice at the most. The outcome of the vote was as follows -

Dr Elizabeth QUAT	38 votes
Mr CHAN Chi-chuen	10 votes
Mr Tommy CHEUNG	37 votes
Mr Gary FAN	27 votes

85. <u>The Chairman</u> declared Dr Elizabeth QUAT, Mr Tommy CHEUNG and Mr Gary FAN elected to serve on the Council of The Chinese University of Hong Kong.

(e) Five Members to serve on the HKU Court

86. Mr Christopher CHUNG, Mr Abraham SHEK, Mr James TO, Mr IP Kin-yuen and Mr Paul TSE were nominated. As there was no other nomination, <u>the Chairman</u> declared them elected to serve on the HKU Court.

X. Arrangements for meeting-cum-luncheons between Legislative Council Members and District Council members

(LC Paper No. CB(4) 28/12-13)

87. <u>The Chairman</u> sought Members' views on the proposed arrangements for holding regular meeting-cum-luncheons with members of District Councils ("DCs"), and annual luncheons with the Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of DCs as set out in paragraphs 6 to 8 of the paper.

88. <u>The Chairman</u> said that in the last term of LegCo, some DC members had expressed concern about the low attendance of LegCo Members at the meetings with DC members. He appealed to Members to attend more meetings with DCs to exchange views with DC members on matters of mutual interest.

89. <u>Mr Abraham SHEK</u> said that it was often the case that the same issues were brought up for discussion by DCs time and again each year, owing to the Administration's failure to address the issues; hence the responsibility should lie with the Administration.

90. <u>The Chairman</u> said that he would relay Mr Abraham SHEK's views to the Administration.

91. <u>Members</u> agreed to the proposed arrangements as set out in the paper.

XI. Arrangements for meeting-cum-luncheons between Legislative Council Members and Heung Yee Kuk Councillors (LC Paper No. CB(4) 29/12-13)

92. <u>The Chairman</u> sought Members' views on the proposed arrangements for holding regular meetings between Members and Heung Yee Kuk Councillors as set out in paragraphs 3 to 4 of the paper.

93. <u>The Chairman</u> appealed to Members to attend the meetings with Heung Yee Kuk Councillors to facilitate exchange of views.

- 94. <u>Members</u> agreed to the proposed arrangements.
- 95. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 4:15 pm.

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