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House Committee of the Legislative Council

**Minutes of the 26th meeting
held in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex
at 2:30 pm on Friday, 30 May 2014**

Members present:

Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, GBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC (Deputy Chairman)
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, GBS, 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, BBS, MH
Prof Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long, SBS, JP, PhD, RN
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 LEUNG Ka-lau
Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che
Hon WONG Kwok-kin, BBS
Hon IP Kwok-him, 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 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 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
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 Albert HO Chun-yan
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
Dr Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBM, GBS, JP
Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee, GBS, JP
Hon Charles Peter MOK
Hon Kenneth LEUNG
Hon TANG Ka-piu

Clerk in attendance :

Miss Flora TAI

Clerk to the House Committee

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 Stephen LAM	Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 2
Mr KAU Kin-wah	Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 3
Ms Dora WAI	Principal Council Secretary 1
Ms Amy YU	Chief Council Secretary (2)6
Ms YUE Tin-po	Chief Council Secretary (4)3
Mr YICK Wing-kin	Assistant Legal Adviser 8
Miss Josephine SO	Senior Council Secretary (2)6
Miss Jasmine TAM	Senior Council Secretary (2)8
Mr Kelvin LI	Senior Public Information Officer 2
Miss Karen LAI	Council Secretary (2)6
Mr Ringo LEE	Senior Legislative Assistant (2)1
Ms Anna CHEUNG	Senior Legislative Assistant (2)3
Mr Arthur KAN	Legislative Assistant (2)7

Action

I. Confirmation of the minutes of the 25th meeting held on 23 May 2014

(LC Paper No. CB(2)1625/13-14)

The minutes were confirmed.

II. Matters arising

Report by the Chairman on his meeting with the Chief Secretary for Administration

2. The Chairman said that there was nothing special to report.

III. Business arising from previous Council meetings

Legal Service Division report on bill referred to the House Committee in accordance with Rule 54(4)

Kowloon Tong Church of the Chinese Christian and Missionary Alliance Incorporation (Amendment) Bill 2014 (LC Paper No. LS57/13-14)

3. The Chairman said that this was a Member's Bill introduced by Dr Priscilla LEUNG. As the Bill had yet to receive its first and second reading at the Council meeting of 28 May 2014, the House Committee ("HC") would decide on the need to form a Bills Committee after the Bill had been read the first and second times and was referred to HC in accordance with the Rules of Procedure. Members noted the arrangement.

IV. Business for the Council meeting of 11 June 2014

(a) **Questions**

(LC Paper No. CB(3)686/13-14)

4. The Chairman said that 22 questions (six oral and 16 written) had been scheduled for the meeting.

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

5. The Chairman said that no notice had been received yet.

(c) **Government motion**

6. The Chairman said that no notice had been received yet.

(d) **Members' motions**

- (i) **Motion on "Report of the delegation of the Subcommittee on Poverty to study the experience of poverty alleviation in Taiwan and Japan" to be moved by Hon Frederick FUNG**

(Wording of the motion issued vide LC Paper No. CB(3)560/13-14 dated 17 April 2014)

Action

- (ii) **Motion on "Ensuring the completion of public housing and infrastructure projects on schedule" to be moved by Hon James TIEN**

(Wording of the motion issued vide LC Paper No. CB(3)572/13-14 dated 23 April 2014)

7. The Chairman said that pursuant to the arrangement agreed at the last HC meeting, the above two Members' motions originally scheduled for the Council meeting of 7 May 2014 would be dealt with at the Council meeting of 11 June 2014.

V. Position on Bills Committees and subcommittees

(LC Paper No. CB(2)1626/13-14)

8. The Chairman said that as at 29 May 2014, there were 16 Bills Committees, six subcommittees under HC and nine subcommittees on policy issues under Panels in action. Two subcommittees on policy issues were on the waiting list.

VI. Proposed parliamentary visit to Northern Europe organized by the Parliamentary Liaison Subcommittee

(LC Paper No. CB(4)531/13-14)

9. At the invitation of the Chairman, Ms Emily LAU, Chairman of the Parliamentary Liaison Subcommittee ("the Subcommittee"), briefed Members on the following proposals of the Subcommittee -

- (a) to organize a visit by a Legislative Council ("LegCo") delegation to Finland, Norway and Denmark in Northern Europe in mid-September 2014, tentatively from 14 to 21 September 2014;
- (b) to increase the number of fully-sponsored Members on a parliamentary visit organized by the Subcommittee in the current term from eight to nine, taking into account the increase of the number of Members from 60 to 70 in the Fifth LegCo; and to maintain the number of self-financing Members participating in any visit at seven; and
- (c) to adopt the proposed mechanism, which was modelled on the one used for past visits, for selecting Members to join visits organized by the Subcommittee in the current term.

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10. Regarding the proposed visit to Northern Europe in mid-September 2014, Ms Emily LAU said that the Subcommittee considered it worthwhile to organize a visit to the three Northern European countries to gain first-hand information on the operation of their unicameral legislatures and grand coalition governments formed by parliamentary alliances. The LegCo Secretariat was liaising with the relevant consulates on the visit arrangements. Subject to HC's endorsement of the Subcommittee's proposals, applications from Members to join the visit would be invited.

11. Mr Albert CHAN said that each Member was provided with an overseas duty visit ("ODV") account of \$55,000 in one term for the purpose of duty visits outside Hong Kong organized by committees of the Council. He sought clarification whether parliamentary visits organized by the Subcommittee were funded separately. In his view, for the sake of fairness, there should not be separate funding arrangements for parliamentary visits organized by the Subcommittee, which should be subject to the same funding cap applicable to overseas duty visits organized by other committees of the Council.

12. Referring Members to paragraph 8 of the paper, Ms Emily LAU said that according to the established arrangements approved by The Legislative Council Commission ("the Commission"), the financial provision for visits to other legislatures organized by the Subcommittee was separate from the ODV accounts provided to individual Members in each term for overseas duty visits organized by other committees of the Council. The approved budget for parliamentary visits organized by the Subcommittee for the 2012-2016 LegCo term was \$2 million. She added that Members had been consulted on the proposed mechanism for selecting Members to join visits organized by the Subcommittee. The outcome of the consultation had also been reported to Members.

13. In response to Mr Albert CHAN, the Chairman said that should Members have any views on the financial arrangements for parliamentary visits organized by the Subcommittee, they could convey their views to the Commission.

14. At the invitation of the Chairman, Assistant Secretary General 4 explained the proposed mechanism for deciding how the nine fully-sponsored places and seven self-financing places for such delegations should be allocated in the current term.

15. The Chairman put to vote the Subcommittee's proposals regarding overseas parliamentary visits organized by the Subcommittee. Mr Albert CHAN requested a division.

Action

The following Members voted in favour of the proposals:

Mr James TO, Mr CHAN Kam-lam, Ms Emily LAU, Mr TAM Yiu-chung, Mr Abraham SHEK, Mr Tommy CHEUNG, Mr Frederick FUNG, Mr Vincent FANG, Prof Joseph LEE, Mr Jeffrey LAM, Mr WONG Ting-kwong, Mr Ronny TONG, Ms Cyd HO, Ms Starry LEE, Dr LAM Tai-fai, Dr LEUNG Ka-lau, Mr CHEUNG Kwok-che, Mr WONG Kwok-kin, Mr IP Kwok-him, Mr Alan LEONG, Ms Claudia MO, Mr James TIEN, Mr Steven HO, Mr Frankie YICK, Mr WU Chi-wai, Mr YIU Si-wing, Mr MA Fung-kwok, Mr CHAN Han-pan, Miss CHAN Yuen-han, Mr LEUNG Che-cheung, Miss Alice MAK, Dr KWOK Ka-ki, Mr KWOK Wai-keung, Mr Dennis KWOK, Mr Christopher CHEUNG, Mr SIN Chung-kai, Dr Helena WONG, Mr IP Kin-yuen, Dr Elizabeth QUAT, Mr Martin LIAO, Mr POON Siu-ping, Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok, Mr CHUNG Kwok-pan, Mr Christopher CHUNG and Mr Tony TSE.
(45 Members)

The following Members voted against the proposals:

Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung, Mr Albert CHAN and Mr CHAN Chi-chuen.
(3 Members)

The following Members abstained from voting:

Mr Paul TSE, Mr WONG Yuk-man, Mr Michael TIEN, Mr Gary FAN and Dr Fernando CHEUNG.
(5 Members)

16. The Chairman declared that 45 Members voted for and three Members voted against the proposals, and five Members abstained from voting. The Chairman declared that the Subcommittee's proposals were supported. The Chairman further said that a recommendation would be made to the Commission that the number of fully-sponsored Members on a parliamentary visit in the current term be set at nine.

VII. Any other business

17. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 2:47 pm.