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Panel on Constitutional Affairs

Minutes of meeting
held on Thursday, 10 October 2013, at 12:20 pm
in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex

Members present : Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Hon Albert HO Chun-yan
Dr Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBM, GBS, JP
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, SBS, JP
Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, 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 Kin-por, BBS, JP
Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP
Hon WONG Kwok-kin, BBS
Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-ye, GBS, JP
Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
Hon WONG Yuk-man
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 YIU Si-wing
Hon Gary FAN Kwok-wai
Hon CHAN Chi-chuen
Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok
Hon CHAN Yuen-han, SBS, JP
Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, JP

Hon Dennis KWOK
Hon Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung, JP
Hon SIN Chung-kai, SBS, JP
Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan
Hon IP Kin-yuen
Hon Martin LIAO Cheung-kong, JP
Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, JP
Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan
Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen

Member attending : Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung

Members absent : Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP
Hon Charles Peter MOK

Clerk in attendance : Ms Joanne MAK
Chief Council Secretary (2) 3

Staff in attendance : Miss Flora TAI
Assistant Secretary General 2

Miss Cindy HO
Senior Council Secretary (2) 3

Ms Wendy LO
Council Secretary (2) 3

I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman
[Appendices V and VI to LC Paper No. CB(2)7/13-14]

Election of Chairman

Mr TAM Yiu-chung, the incumbent Chairman, called for nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel for the 2013-2014 session. Mr TAM Yiu-chung was nominated by Mr WONG Ting-kwong and the nomination was seconded by Mr WONG Kwok-kin, Mr Christopher CHEUNG and Mr Jeffrey LAM. Mr TAM Yiu-chung accepted the nomination.

Action

2. Mr Paul TSE, the incumbent Deputy Chairman, took over from Mr TAM Yiu-chung to preside over the election. As there was no other nomination, Mr Paul TSE declared Mr TAM Yiu-chung elected as the Chairman of the Panel for the 2013-2014 session.

Election of Deputy Chairman

3. The Chairman called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship of the Panel for the 2013-2014 session. Mr Paul TSE was nominated by Mr IP Kwok-him and the nomination was seconded by Dr Priscilla LEUNG and Dr LAU Wong-fat. Mr Paul TSE accepted the nomination. As there was no other nomination, the Chairman declared Mr Paul TSE elected as the Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2013-2014 session.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2013-2014 session

4. Members agreed that the Panel would continue to hold its regular meetings on the third Monday of each month from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm, and be extended by one hour as appropriate in case of a heavy agenda. Members agreed to adopt the proposed meeting schedule which was tabled at the meeting. As the third Monday of April 2014 was a public holiday, members agreed to reschedule the regular meeting of April to Wednesday, 23 April 2014 at 2:30 pm.

III. Items for discussion at the next meeting

[Appendices II and III to LC Paper No. CB(2)7/13-14]

5. The Panel agreed to discuss the following items proposed by the Administration at the next regular meeting on 21 October 2013 at 2:30 pm -

- (a) voter registration ("VR") statutory deadlines and offences related to VR; and
- (b) proposed creation of one supernumerary post of Principal Executive Officer in the Registration and Electoral Office.

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Issues raised by Panel members for future discussion

Second report of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region under the United Nations ("UN") Convention on the Rights of the Child

Clerk

6. Ms Emily LAU and Dr Fernando CHEUNG proposed that the Panel should discuss the concluding observations recently issued by the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child and deputations should be invited to give views on it. The Panel agreed to discuss the subject at its regular meeting on 18 November 2013. In this connection, the Clerk would post a notice on the website of the Legislative Council ("LegCo") to invite public views.

Constitutional development

7. Mr Frederick FUNG proposed to discuss the LegCo Election in 2016 and the Chief Executive Election in 2017. He suggested that the Administration should be requested to provide information on the way forward and that the Panel might invite the public to give views. Mr WONG Yuk-man considered that the Administration should provide information on the public consultation and the legislative timetable for the relevant electoral methods. The Chairman said that he would relay members' views to the Administration. He reminded members that as the government public consultation had yet to be launched, it was uncertain as to the scope of issues that would be covered. Dr CHIANG Lai-wan echoed the Chairman's view. The Chairman added that at the request of the Panel, the Research Office had conducted a research study on the nomination and voting procedures governing presidential elections in selected places. He said that the draft research report would be issued to members in due course.

(Post-meeting note: The draft research report [RP01/13-14] was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)98/13-14 on 21 October 2013.)

Political party law

8. Ms Emily LAU and Dr Helena WONG proposed that the Panel should discuss political party law and political party politics. The Chairman said that he would liaise with the Administration on the appropriate timing for discussion of the subject and request it to provide a paper.

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Gender mainstreaming

9. Dr Helena WONG proposed to discuss the implementation of gender mainstreaming by bureaux and departments in various policy areas. The Chairman advised that the proposed subject was not under the purview of the Panel.

(Post-meeting note: Dr Helena WONG was subsequently advised that the subject of gender mainstreaming was under the purview of the Panel on Welfare Services.)

Archives law

10. Dr Helena WONG proposed that the Panel should discuss the subject of archives law as early as possible. Members noted that the subject was on the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion.

IV. Any other business

11. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 12:38 pm.

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