

<u>LC Paper No. CB(2)120/13-14</u> (These minutes have been cleared with the Chairman)

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Panel on Security

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 10 October 2013, at 9:00 am in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex

Members present	:	Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP (Chairman) Hon James TO Kun-sun (Deputy Chairman) Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
		Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai, SBS, JP
		Hon CHAN Kin-por, BBS, JP
		Hon WONG Kwok-kin, BBS
		Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP
		Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC
		Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP
		Hon NG Leung-sing, SBS, JP
		Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming
		Hon YIU Si-wing
		Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP
		Hon Charles Peter MOK
		Hon CHAN Chi-chuen
		Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok
		Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, BBS, MH, JP
		Hon Kenneth LEUNG
		Hon KWOK Wai-keung
		Hon Dennis KWOK
		Hon Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung, JP
		Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, JP
		Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan
		Hon Christopher CHUNG Shu-kun, BBS, MH, JP

Member attending	:	Hon Albert HO Chun-yan
Members absent	:	Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung Hon WONG Yuk-man Hon Claudia MO
Clerk in attendance	:	Miss Betty MA Chief Council Secretary (2) 1
Staff in attendance	:	Miss Flora TAI Assistant Secretary General 2
		Ms Rita LAI Senior Council Secretary (2) 1
		Mr Raymond LAM Senior Council Secretary (2) 7
		Ms Kiwi NG Legislative Assistant (2) 1
		Ms CHAU Kwan-bing Legislative Assistant (2) 8
		Miss Lulu YEUNG Clerical Assistant (2) 1

Action

I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman for the 2013-2014 session

(Appendices III and IV to LC Paper No. CB(2)5/13-14)

Election of Chairman

<u>Mr IP Kwok-him</u>, Chairman of the Panel for the 2012-2013 session, called for nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel. Mr IP Kwok-him was nominated by <u>Mr CHAN Kam-lam</u> and the nomination was seconded by <u>Mr WONG Kwok-kin</u>. <u>Mr IP Kwok-him</u> accepted the nomination.

2. Mr James TO, Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2012-2013 session, took over from Mr IP Kwok-him to preside over the election. As there was no other nomination, <u>Mr James TO</u> declared Mr IP Kwok-him elected as the Chairman of the Panel for the 2013-2014 session. Mr IP then took the chair.

Election of Deputy Chairman

3. <u>The Chairman</u> called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship of the Panel. Mr James TO was nominated by <u>Ms Cyd HO</u> and the nomination was seconded by <u>Mr Kenneth LEUNG</u>. <u>Mr James TO</u> accepted the nomination.

4. As there was no other nomination, <u>the Chairman</u> declared Mr James TO elected as Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2013-2014 session.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2013-2014 session

5. <u>Members</u> agreed that future regular meetings of the Panel would be held on the first Tuesday of each month at 2:30 pm.

6. <u>Members</u> also agreed that the regular meetings in February, May and July 2014 would be rescheduled to 7 February 2014 at 10:45 am, 13 May 2014 at 4:30 pm and 8 July 2014 at 4:30 pm respectively to avoid a clash with public holidays.

7. <u>Members</u> further agreed that the regular meeting in April 2014 would be rescheduled to 8 April 2014 at 4:30 pm to avoid a clash with special meetings of the Finance Committee to be held from 31 March to 4 April 2014. <u>The Chairman</u> suggested and <u>members</u> agreed that the regular meeting in March 2014 would be rescheduled to 18 March 2014 at 10:45 am.

8. <u>Members</u> noted that a special meeting would be held on 28 January 2014 at 2:30 pm to receive a briefing by the Commissioner of Police on the crime situation in 2013.

(*Post-meeting note*: The meeting schedule was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)30/13-14 on 10 October 2013.)

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III. Items for discussion at the next meeting

(Appendices V and VI to LC Paper No. CB(2)5/13-14)

Items for discussion at the next meeting

9. <u>Members</u> agreed that the following items proposed by the Administration would be discussed at the next regular meeting to be held on 5 November 2013 at 2:30 pm -

- (a) "R.E.S.C.U.E." Drug Testing Scheme: Public Consultation; and
- (b) Recent enhancement initiatives in penal institutions.

Items proposed for discussion at future meetings

10. <u>The Chairman</u> invited members' views on any other items for discussion.

11. Mr Dennis KWOK said that the Panel should, as suggested in his joint letter with Dr Kenneth CHAN to the Chairmen of the Panel and Panel on Home Affairs, hold a joint meeting with the Panel on Home Affairs to discuss the removal of some persons from the Golden Bauhinia Square in Wan Chai on 1 October 2013 during the National Day Flag Raising Ceremony. The Deputy Chairman and Ms Cyd HO shared the view that there was a need to discuss the subject, although they had no strong views on whether the matter should be discussed at a joint meeting or a meeting of one of the two Panels. Mr WONG Kwok-kin said that as the event organizer was the Home Affairs Department, it was more appropriate for the subject to be followed up by the Panel on Home Affairs. Mr CHAN Kam-lam considered that there was not a need to discuss the subject, as he did not see any problem with the security arrangements for the ceremony concerned. The Chairman said that as the removal of persons in the ceremony concerned did not involve enforcement by police officers or issues relating to public security, he considered it more appropriate for the subject to be followed up by the Panel on Home Affairs. He would discuss the suggestion with the Chairman of the Panel on Home Affairs.

12. <u>Dr Kenneth CHAN</u> suggested that the following issues be discussed at a future meeting -

- (a) Follow-up on the incident in the Philippines on 23 August 2010 involving a tour group from Hong Kong; and
- (b) Contingency plan for nuclear incidents near Hong Kong.

13. <u>Dr Kenneth CHAN</u> further suggested that the use of military sites and implementation of the Garrison Law in Hong Kong should be discussed by the Panel. <u>Mr CHAN Kam-lam</u> pointed out that the use of military sites had already been discussed in the context of an oral question raised by a Member at the Council meeting of 9 October 2013.

14. <u>Mr CHAN Chi-chuen</u> suggested that the Panel should discuss the Administration's progress of work to follow up the ruling of the Court of Final Appeal on W v Registrar of Marriages in relation to the introduction of legislative amendments to the Marriage Ordinance (Cap. 181).

15. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 9:20 am.

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