## 立法會 Legislative Council

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#### Panel on Manpower

### Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 9 October 2014, at 9:40 am in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex

**Members** : Hon WONG Kwok-kin, SBS (Chairman)

**present** Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, JP (Deputy Chairman)

Hon LEE Cheuk-yan

Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, SBS, JP

Hon CHAN Kin-por, BBS, JP

Dr Hon LEUNG Ka-lau Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP Hon CHAN Yuen-han, SBS, JP

Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, BBS, MH, JP

Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki Hon KWOK Wai-keung Hon SIN Chung-kai, SBS, JP Hon POON Siu-ping, BBS, MH

Hon TANG Ka-piu, JP Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan

Member attending

Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC

Members : Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung absent Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung

**Clerk in** : Miss Betty MA

**attendance** Chief Council Secretary (2) 1

**Staff in** : Miss Flora TAI

**attendance** Assistant Secretary General 2

Ms Rita LAI

Senior Council Secretary (2) 1

Mr Raymond LAM

Senior Council Secretary (2) 7

Ms Mina CHAN

Council Secretary (2) 1

Ms Kiwi NG

Legislative Assistant (2) 1

Miss Lulu YEUNG Clerical Assistant (2) 1

**Action** 

# I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman for the 2014-2015 session

(Appendices III and IV to LC Paper No. CB(2)6/14-15)

#### Election of Chairman

Mr LEE Cheuk-yan, the incumbent Chairman, called for nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel for the 2014-2015 session. Mr WONG Kwok-kin was nominated by Mr TANG Ka-piu and the nomination was seconded by Mr KWOK Wai-keung and Mr LEUNG Che-cheung. Mr WONG Kwok-kin accepted the nomination. Mr LEE Cheuk-yan called for other nominations.

2. Mr SIN Chung-kai was nominated by Mr CHEUNG Kwok-che and the nomination was seconded by Dr KWOK Ka-ki. Mr SIN Chung-kai accepted the nomination.

- 3. As there was no other nomination, Mr LEE Cheuk-yan announced a vote by secret ballot. After all members had cast their votes, Mr LEE Cheuk-yan invited Mr TANG Ka-piu and Mr CHEUNG Kwok-che who had nominated the two candidates to monitor the counting of votes.
- 4. Mr LEE Cheuk-yan announced that 12 and four members voted for Mr WONG Kwok-kin and Mr SIN Chung-kai respectively. Mr LEE Cheuk-yan declared Mr WONG Kwok-kin elected as the Chairman of the Panel for the 2014-2015 session. Mr WONG then took the chair.

#### Election of Deputy Chairman

- 5. <u>The Chairman</u> called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship of the Panel. Mr SIN Chung-kai was nominated by <u>Dr KWOK Ka-ki</u> and the nomination was seconded by <u>Mr LEE Cheuk-yan</u>. <u>Mr SIN Chung-kai</u> accepted the nomination. <u>The Chairman</u> called for other nominations.
- 6. Dr CHIANG Lai-wan was nominated by Mr LEUNG Che-cheung and the nomination was seconded by Mr KWOK Wai-keung. Dr CHIANG Lai-wan accepted the nomination.
- 7. As there was no other nomination, <u>the Chairman</u> announced a vote by secret ballot. After all members had cast their votes, <u>the Chairman</u> invited Dr KWOK Ka-ki and Mr LEUNG Che-cheung who had nominated the two candidates to monitor the counting of votes.
- 8. <u>The Chairman</u> announced that six and 10 members voted for Mr SIN Chung-kai and Dr CHIANG Lai-wan respectively. <u>The Chairman</u> declared Dr CHIANG Lai-wan elected as Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2014-2015 session.

#### II. Schedule of meetings for the 2014-2015 session

9. <u>Members</u> agreed that future regular meetings of the Panel would be held on the third Tuesday of each month at 4:30 pm. As the third Tuesday of February 2015 was the day preceding the Lunar New Year Eve, the Chairman enquired about members' availability for and the need to reschedule the regular meeting in February 2015. After discussion, the Chairman advised that members would be further consulted on the meeting date in February 2015 after the meeting.

#### III. Items for discussion at the next meeting

(Appendices V and VI to LC Paper No. CB(2)6/14-15)

#### <u>Items for discussion at the next meeting</u>

- 10. <u>Members</u> agreed that the following items proposed by the Administration be discussed at the next regular meeting to be held on 18 November 2014 at 4:30 pm -
  - (a) Hong Kong's occupational safety performance in the first half of 2014; and
  - (b) Review of the levels of compensation under the Employees' Compensation Ordinance, the Pneumoconiosis and Mesothelioma (Compensation) Ordinance and the Occupational Deafness (Compensation) Ordinance.
- 11. Mr LEE Cheuk-yan expressed concern about the review of the Statutory Minimum Wage ("SMW") rate by the Minimum Wage Commission ("MWC"). Given that MWC would submit a recommendation report on the review of the SMW rate to the Chief Executive in Council by end of October 2014, the Panel should discuss the subject as soon as practicable.
- 12. <u>Miss CHAN Yuen-han</u> was concerned about the work progress of the Standard Working Hours ("SWH") Committee, in particular the findings of the major views collected during the public consultation on working hours. The Administration should be requested to revert to the Panel on the subject at the next meeting.
- 13. Sharing similar views on the need to follow up the review of the SMW rate and SWH, the Chairman said that he would raise the matter with the Administration during the meeting of the Panel Chairman and Deputy Chairman to discuss the work plan of the Panel for the 2014-2015 session.

#### Item proposed for discussion at a future meeting

14. Mr TANG Ka-piu suggested that the Panel should follow up the progress of the legislative proposal to empower the Labour Tribunal to make a compulsory reinstatement and re-engagement order in cases of unreasonable and unlawful dismissal under the Employment Ordinance. The Chairman advised that the subject had been included in the Panel's "List of outstanding items for discussion".

15. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 9:59 am.

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