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**Bills Committee on Eastern Harbour Crossing Legislation
(Amendment) Bill 2015**

**Minutes of the first meeting held on
Tuesday, 12 January 2016, at 2:15 pm
in Conference Room 2A of the Legislative Council Complex**

- Members present** : Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC
Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, JP
Hon KWOK Wai-keung
Hon POON Siu-ping, BBS, MH
Hon Christopher CHUNG Shu-kun, BBS, MH, JP
- Members absent** : Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP
Hon WONG Yuk-man
Hon WU Chi-wai, MH
Hon CHAN Han-pan, JP
Hon TANG Ka-piu, JP
- Clerk in attendance** : Ms Sophie LAU
Chief Council Secretary (4)6
- Staff in attendance** : Miss Evelyn LEE
Assistant Legal Adviser 10

Ms Macy NG
Senior Council Secretary (4)6

Miss Katherine CHAN
Council Secretary (4)6

Ms Emily LIU
Legislative Assistant (4)6

Miss Ariel SHUM
Clerical Assistant (4)5

Action

I Election of Chairman

Mr LEE Cheuk-yan, the member who had the highest precedence among those present at the meeting, presided at the election of Chairman of the Bills Committee. He invited nominations for the chairmanship of the Bills Committee.

2. Mr KWOK Wai-keung nominated Mr CHAN Kam-lam, and the nomination was seconded by Mr POON Siu-ping. Mr CHAN Kam-lam accepted the nomination.

3. There being no other nominations, Mr CHAN Kam-lam was declared Chairman of the Bills Committee.

4. Members agreed that there was no need to elect a deputy chairman of the Bills Committee.

5. The Bills Committee deliberated (index of proceedings attached in **Annex**).

6. It was noted that the Eastern Harbour Crossing Legislation (Amendment) Bill 2015 ("the Bill") proposed, among other things, to incorporate the existing tolls chargeable under the Eastern Harbour Crossing Ordinance (Cap 215) into the Road Tunnels (Government) Regulations Cap. 368A. After discussion, the Bills Committee advised that the Administration should be requested to provide a preliminary view and the relevant considerations in respect of any amendments proposing to adjust the said tolls under the Bill in the light of Rule 57(4) and (6) of the Rules of Procedure of the Legislative Council.

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Date of next meeting

7. Members noted that the next meeting would be held on 16 February 2016 at 8:30 am.

II Any other business

8. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 2:25 pm.

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**Proceedings of the first meeting of
the Bills Committee on Eastern Harbour Crossing Legislation (Amendment) Bill 2015
on Tuesday, 12 January 2016, at 2:15 pm
in Conference Room 2A of the Legislative Council Complex**

Time marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action required
Agenda item I – Election of Chairman			
000129 – 000238	Mr LEE Cheuk-yan Mr KWOK Wai-keung Mr CHAN Kam-lam Mr POON Siu-ping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Election of Chairman - Mr CHAN Kam-lam was elected as the Chairman of the Bills Committee ("BC") - Members' agreement that there was no need to elect a deputy chairman of the BC 	
000239 – 000338	Chairman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Date and arrangements of the next meeting 	
000339 – 001102	Chairman Mr Frankie YICK Assistant Legal Adviser 10 ("ALA10") Mr Christopher CHUNG Mr KWOK Wai-keung	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion on the necessity to invite the public to give views on the Eastern Harbour Crossing Legislation (Amendment) Bill 2015 ("Bill") - Given that the Bill proposed, among other things, to incorporate the existing tolls chargeable under the Eastern Harbour Crossing ("EHC") Ordinance (Cap 215) into the Road Tunnels (Government) Regulations Cap. 368A, members discussed whether the EHC tolls were subject to amendments or not. ALA10 elaborated on the principles in respect of the admissibility of a proposed amendment to a Bill. - Discussion on whether the Legislative Council ("LegCo") had opportunities in the future to discuss or amend the EHC tolls or not. - BC's decision that the Administration should be requested to provide a preliminary view and the relevant considerations in respect of any amendments proposing to adjust the said tolls under the Bill in the light of Rule 57(4) and (6) of the Rules of Procedure of the LegCo. 	Admin
Agenda item II – Any other business			
001103 – 001109	Chairman	Closing remarks	