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**House Committee of the Legislative Council**

**Minutes of the 12th meeting  
held in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex  
at 2:30 pm on Friday, 13 January 2017**

**Members present :**

Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, SBS, JP (Chairman)  
Hon Dennis KWOK Wing-hang (Deputy Chairman)  
Hon James TO Kun-sun  
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung  
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, GBS, JP  
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, GBS, JP  
Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, GBS, JP  
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, SBS, JP  
Hon CHAN Hak-kan, BBS, JP  
Hon CHAN Kin-por, BBS, JP  
Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP  
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee, GBS, JP  
Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP  
Hon Claudia MO  
Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP  
Hon Steven HO Chun-yin, BBS  
Hon WU Chi-wai, MH  
Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS  
Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP  
Hon Charles Peter MOK, JP  
Hon CHAN Chi-chuen  
Hon CHAN Han-pan, JP  
Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, BBS, MH, JP  
Hon Kenneth LEUNG  
Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, BBS, JP  
Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki  
Hon KWOK Wai-keung  
Hon Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung, SBS, JP  
Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan  
Hon IP Kin-yuen

Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, JP  
Hon Martin LIAO Cheung-kong, SBS, JP  
Hon POON Siu-ping, BBS, MH  
Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, JP  
Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, SBS, MH, JP  
Hon Andrew WAN Siu-kin  
Dr Hon Junius HO Kwan-yiu, JP  
Hon HO Kai-ming  
Hon LAM Cheuk-ting  
Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding  
Hon SHIU Ka-fai  
Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing, MH  
Hon YUNG Hoi-yan  
Dr Hon Pierre CHAN  
Hon CHAN Chun-ying  
Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan, JP  
Hon LUK Chung-hung  
Hon LAU Kwok-fan, MH  
Hon Kenneth LAU Ip-keung, MH, JP  
Dr Hon CHENG Chung-tai  
Hon Nathan LAW Kwun-chung  
Dr Hon YIU Chung-yim  
Dr Hon LAU Siu-lai

**Members absent :**

Prof Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long, SBS, JP  
Hon WONG Kwok-kin, SBS, JP  
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung  
Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, JP  
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung  
Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan  
Hon Alvin YEUNG  
Hon CHU Hoi-dick  
Hon Jimmy NG Wing-ka, JP  
Hon SHIU Ka-chun  
Hon Tanya CHAN  
Hon HUI Chi-fung  
Hon KWONG Chun-yu  
Hon Jeremy TAM Man-ho

**Clerk in attendance :**

Miss Flora TAI

Clerk to the House Committee

**Staff in attendance :**

Mr Kenneth CHEN, SBS	Secretary General
Ms Connie FUNG	Legal Adviser
Miss Odelia LEUNG	Deputy Secretary General
Ms Anita SIT	Assistant Secretary General 1
Ms Dora WAI	Assistant Secretary General 3
Mr Matthew LOO	Assistant Secretary General 4
Mr Timothy TSO	Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 1
Mr Stephen LAM	Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 2
Mr Kelvin LEE	Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 3
Ms Amy YU	Principal Council Secretary 1
Ms Hallie CHAN	Head (Public Information)
Ms Alice LEUNG	Chief Council Secretary (2)6
Miss Evelyn LEE	Assistant Legal Adviser 10
Mr Richard WONG	Senior Council Secretary (2)6
Ms Jasmine TAM	Senior Council Secretary (2)8
Miss Connie AU	Council Secretary (2)6
Ms Anna CHEUNG	Senior Legislative Assistant (2)3
Mr Arthur KAN	Legislative Assistant (2)7

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**I. Confirmation of minutes of meeting**

**Minutes of 11th meeting held on 6 January 2017**

*(LC Paper No. CB(2)570/16-17)*

The minutes were confirmed.

**II. Matters arising**

**Report by the Chairman on her meeting with the Chief Secretary for Administration**

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

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3. In response to Dr KWOK Ka-ki, the Chairman said that the subject of the development of the Hong Kong Palace Museum in the West Kowloon Cultural District was not raised at her meeting with the Chief Secretary for Administration ("CS"), and CS had not raised any matter which CS would like the Chairman to report to Members. The Chairman further said that when the subject in question was discussed at the special House Committee ("HC") meeting on 6 January 2017, she had advised Members that Members could, if they so wished, continue to follow up the subject in question at the Joint Subcommittee to Monitor the Implementation of the West Kowloon Cultural District Project formed under the Panel on Development and the Panel on Home Affairs.

### III. Business arising from previous Council meetings

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

##### **Arbitration and Mediation Legislation (Third Party Funding) (Amendment) Bill 2016** (*LC Paper No. LS23/16-17*)

4. At the invitation of the Chairman, Legal Adviser briefed Members on the report prepared by the Legal Service Division on the Bill.

5. The Deputy Chairman considered it necessary to form a Bills Committee to study the Bill in detail. Members agreed. Mr Dennis KWOK, Mr Holden CHOW and Dr YIU Chung-yim agreed to join the Bills Committee.

### IV. Further business for the Council meeting of 18 January 2017

#### (a) **Tabling of papers**

##### **Report No. 9/16-17 of the House Committee on Consideration of Subsidiary Legislation and Other Instruments** (*LC Paper No. CB(2)572/16-17*)

6. The Chairman said that the Report covered three items of subsidiary legislation and the period for amending these items would expire at the Council meeting of 18 January 2017. No Member had indicated intention to speak on the subsidiary legislation.

(b) **Members' motions**

- (i) **Proposed resolution to be moved by Hon Jeremy TAM under section 34(2) of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance (Cap. 1) in relation to the Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Animal Traders) (Amendment) Regulation 2016 (Commencement) Notice (LC Paper No. CB(3)276/16-17)**

7. The Chairman said that Mr Jeremy TAM would move a proposed resolution to amend the commencement date of the Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Animal Traders) (Amendment) Regulation 2016 from 20 March 2017 to 1 January 2018 at the meeting.

- (ii) **Proposed resolution to be moved by Hon Paul TSE under Article 75 of the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China (LC Paper No. CB(3)270/16-17)**

8. The Chairman said that Mr Paul TSE, Chairman of the Committee on Rules of Procedure ("CRoP"), would move a proposed resolution which sought to make minor amendments to the Rules of Procedure ("RoP") at the meeting. She added that the proposal of CRoP to make minor amendments to RoP was agreed by HC at its meeting on 16 December 2016.

**V. Position on Bills Committees and subcommittees**

*(LC Paper No. CB(2)571/16-17)*

9. The Chairman said that as at 12 January 2017, there were three Bills Committees, 12 subcommittees under HC and five subcommittees on policy issues under Panels in action. Five subcommittees on policy issues were on the waiting list.

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**VI. Proposed duty visit to the Dongjiang River Basin by the Panel on Development**

*(LC Paper No. CB(1)419/16-17)*

10. At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr Tommy CHEUNG, Chairman of the Panel on Development, informed Members that the Panel proposed to conduct a duty visit to the Dongjiang River Basin on 19 and 20 February 2017 to obtain first-hand information about the operation of the Dongjiang-Shenzhen Water Supply System and the measures taken by the Guangdong Provincial authorities to safeguard the quality of Dongjiang water supplied to Hong Kong, the details of which were set out in the paper. Mr CHEUNG further said that the proposed visit was arranged by the Administration at the request of the Panel and the Panel had agreed to invite non-Panel Members to join the visit. A total of 19 Members had indicated interest in taking part in the visit, and about 10 officials from the Development Bureau and the Water Supplies Department would accompany Members during the visit. The expenses incurred by these government officials participating in the visit would be borne by the Administration.

11. Members agreed that permission be given for the Panel on Development to conduct the proposed duty visit.

**VII. Arrangements for the debate on the 2017 Policy Address**

*(LC Paper No. CB(3)268/16-17)*

12. The Chairman invited Members to note the arrangements for the debate on the 2017 Policy Address as set out in paragraphs 3 to 5 of the paper. She said that the arrangements were largely the same as those for the debates on the Policy Addresses in the Fifth Legislative Council.

13. The Chairman further said that the debate on the 2017 Policy Address would be held on three consecutive days (i.e. 15, 16 and 17 February 2017) in five sessions. Each session would be dedicated to a group of policy areas to be agreed between the Administration and HC. The first day of the debate (i.e. 15 February 2017) would start at 11:00 am, and the second and third days (i.e. 16 and 17 February 2017) at 9:00 am. The ending time for each of the three days of the debate would be about 10:00 pm but might be extended for 30 minutes if necessary, provided that the total duration of the debate would not exceed three days. Each Member might speak once in each of the five debate sessions, subject to the total speaking time limit of 30 minutes. Members raised no question on the arrangements.

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14. The Chairman advised that she would write to CS after the meeting on the arrangements for the debate on the 2017 Policy Address. The Administration would be requested to provide the proposed grouping of policy areas for the debate, which would be considered by HC at its meeting on 3 February 2017.

**VIII. Any other business**

15. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 2:40 pm.

Council Business Division 2  
Legislative Council Secretariat  
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