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House Committee of the Legislative Council

**Minutes of the 20th meeting
held in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex
at 2:30 pm on Friday, 28 April 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
Prof Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long, SBS, 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 WONG Kwok-kin, SBS, JP
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee, GBS, JP
Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
Hon Claudia MO
Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP
Hon Steven HO Chun-yin, BBS
Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, JP
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 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 Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung
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 CHUNG Kwok-pan
Hon Andrew WAN Siu-kin
Hon CHU Hoi-dick
Hon Jimmy NG Wing-ka, JP
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 SHIU Ka-chun
Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing, MH
Hon YUNG Hoi-yan
Dr Hon Pierre CHAN
Hon CHAN Chun-ying
Hon Tanya CHAN
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 KWONG Chun-yu
Hon Jeremy TAM Man-ho
Hon Nathan LAW Kwun-chung
Dr Hon YIU Chung-yim
Dr Hon LAU Siu-lai

Members absent :

Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, BBS, MH, JP
Hon Alvin YEUNG
Hon HUI Chi-fung

Clerk in attendance :

Miss Flora TAI Clerk to the House Committee

Staff in attendance :

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| 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 |
| Mr Anthony CHU | Chief Council Secretary (4)1 |
| Miss Rachel DAI | Assistant Legal Adviser 2 |
| Mr Alvin CHUI | Assistant Legal Adviser 3 |
| Ms Wendy KAN | Assistant Legal Adviser 6 |
| Miss Winnie LO | Assistant Legal Adviser 7 |
| 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 19th meeting held on 7 April 2017
(LC Paper No. CB(2)1267/16-17)

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.

III. Business arising from previous Council meetings

(a) **Legal Service Division reports on bills referred to the House Committee in accordance with Rule 54(4)**

(i) **Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill 2017**
(LC Paper No. LS55/16-17)

3. At the invitation of the Chairman, Legal Adviser ("LA") briefed Members on the report prepared by the Legal Service Division ("LSD") on the Bill.

4. Mr HO Kai-ming considered it necessary to form a Bills Committee to study the Bill in detail. Members agreed. Mr HO Kai-ming and Mr LAU Kwok-fan agreed to join the proposed Bills Committee.

(ii) **Waterworks (Amendment) Bill 2017**
(LC Paper No. LS56/16-17)

5. At the invitation of the Chairman, LA briefed Members on the report prepared by LSD on the Bill.

6. Dr Helena WONG considered it necessary to form a Bills Committee to study the Bill in detail. Members agreed. The following Members agreed to join the Bills Committee: Ms Alice MAK, Dr Helena WONG, Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok and Dr YIU Chung-yim.

(b) **Legal Service Division report on subsidiary legislation gazetted on 21 April 2017 and tabled in Council on 26 April 2017**
(LC Paper No. LS58/16-17)

7. At the invitation of the Chairman, LA briefed Members on the report prepared by LSD on 18 items of subsidiary legislation (i.e. L.N. 56 to L.N. 73) which were gazetted on 21 April 2017 and tabled in Council on 26 April 2017.

8. Dr KWOK Ka-ki considered it necessary to form a subcommittee to study the six items of subsidiary legislation relating to the commissioning of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (L.N. 60 to L.N. 65) in detail. Members agreed. Dr KWOK Ka-ki, Ms Tanya CHAN and Mr Jeremy TAM agreed to join the subcommittee.

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9. Mr Tommy CHEUNG considered it necessary to form a subcommittee to study the Smoking (Public Health) (Notices) (Amendment) Order 2017 (L.N. 66) in detail. Members agreed. The following Members agreed to join the subcommittee: Mr Tommy CHEUNG, Ms Alice MAK, Dr KWOK Ka-ki, Mr Andrew WAN, Mr SHIU Ka-fai and Ms YUNG Hoi-yan.

10. Mr CHAN Hak-kan considered it necessary to form a subcommittee to study the Promotion of Recycling and Proper Disposal (Electrical Equipment and Electronic Equipment) (Amendment) Ordinance 2016 (Commencement) Notice 2017 (L.N. 73) in detail. Members agreed. The following Members agreed to join the subcommittee: Mr WONG Ting-kwong, Mr CHAN Hak-kan, Mr CHU Hoi-dick and Ms Tanya CHAN.

11. Members did not raise any question on the remaining 10 items of subsidiary legislation (i.e. L.N. 56 to L.N. 59 and L.N. 67 to L.N. 72).

12. Members noted that the deadline for amending the above 18 items of subsidiary legislation would be the Council meeting of 24 May 2017, or that of 14 June 2017 if extended by a resolution of the Council.

IV. Business for the Council meeting of 10 May 2017

(a) **Questions**
(*LC Paper No. CB(3)496/16-17*)

13. The Chairman said that as the meeting would continue with the proceedings on the Appropriation Bill 2017, there would be no arrangement for Members to put oral questions to the Government in accordance with rule 7(e) of the House Rules. As such, 22 written questions had been scheduled for the meeting.

(b) **Bill - First Reading and moving of Second Reading**

14. The Chairman said that no notice had been received yet.

(c) **Government motion**

15. The Chairman said that no notice had been received yet.

(d) **Members' motions**

Motion on "Promoting 'Hong Kong people using Hong Kong water' and protecting local resources" to be moved by Hon Claudia MO

(LC Paper No. CB(3)499/16-17)

16. The Chairman said that debates on two Members' motions without legislative effect had been scheduled for the meeting, i.e. Dr KWOK Ka-ki's motion on "Urging the next Chief Executive to reactivate constitutional reform" which had stood over from the previous Council meeting, and Ms Claudia MO's motion.

17. The Chairman reminded Members that the deadline for giving notice of amendments, if any, to Ms Claudia MO's motion would be Tuesday, 2 May 2017.

Report of House Committee on Consideration of Subsidiary Legislation

18. The Chairman invited Members to note the list tabled at the meeting (LC Paper No. CB(3) 502/16-17), which contained one item of subsidiary legislation the period for amendment of which would expire at the Council meeting of 10 May 2017. The Chairman further said that the relevant draft report had been issued to Members on 27 April 2017. She reminded Members to indicate their intention by 5:00 pm on the day of the House Committee ("HC") meeting, should they wish to speak on that subsidiary legislation.

V. Reports of Bills Committees and subcommittees

(a) **Report of the Subcommittee on Three Regulations to Effect Toll Payment through Electronic Payment Facility**

(LC Paper No. CB(4)916/16-17)

19. Mr CHAN Hak-kan, Chairman of the Subcommittee, briefed Members on the deliberations of the Subcommittee as detailed in its report. Members noted that the Subcommittee had no objection to the three Amendment Regulations (i.e. the Road Tunnels (Government) (Amendment) Regulation 2017, the Tsing Ma Control Area (Tolls, Fees and Charges) (Amendment) Regulation 2017, and the Tsing Sha Control Area (Tolls, Fees and Charges) (Amendment) Regulation 2017).

(b) **Report of the Subcommittee on Antiquities and Monuments
(Declaration of Proposed Monument) (Hung Lau) Notice**
(LC Paper No. CB(1)869/16-17)

20. Mr LAU Kwok-fan, Chairman of the Subcommittee, briefed Members on the deliberations of the Subcommittee as detailed in its report. Members noted that the Subcommittee supported the Notice.

VI. Position on Bills Committees and subcommittees
(LC Paper No. CB(2)1268/16-17)

21. The Chairman said that as at 27 April 2017, there were nine Bills Committees, 10 subcommittees under HC and five subcommittees on policy issues under Panels in action. Seven subcommittees on policy issues were on the waiting list.

VII. Proposal of Dr Hon CHENG Chung-tai to seek the Council's authorization for the appointment of a select committee to inquire into the incident of the Registration and Electoral Office losing the notebook computers containing personal data of all registered voters in Hong Kong
(LC Paper No. CB(2)1269/16-17(01))

22. At the invitation of the Chairman, Dr CHENG Chung-tai said that the incident of the Registration and Electoral Office ("REO") losing two notebook computers stored inside a room at the AsiaWorld-Expo, which was the fallback venue of the 2017 Chief Executive ("CE") Election held on 26 March 2017 ("the Incident"), was very serious indeed. Given that one of the notebook computers contained personal particulars of all registered electors in the 2016 Final Register of Geographical Constituencies, Dr CHENG considered that the Incident not only involved possible leakage of personal data of all registered electors, but also undermined the public's confidence in the credibility of elections in Hong Kong. He further said that the Administration had so far failed to provide satisfactory responses to the queries about the Incident, such as why a notebook computer containing personal particulars of all registered electors was brought to the fallback venue of the 2017 CE election and whether there was any political factor involved in the Incident. Dr CHENG therefore considered it incumbent upon the Legislative Council ("LegCo") to invoke the powers under the Legislative Council (Powers

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and Privileges) Ordinance (Cap. 382) ("the P&P Ordinance") to inquire into the Incident, and called on Members to support his proposal for the Chairman of HC to move the motion proposed by him in the Council to seek the Council's authorization for the appointment of the proposed select committee.

23. The Deputy Chairman said that the Civic Party supported Dr CHENG Chung-tai's proposal. He considered that the Administration's responses to members' questions during the discussion of the Incident at the special meeting of the Panel on Constitutional Affairs ("the CA Panel") on 11 April 2017 had not only failed to clear the doubts surrounding the Incident but had instead led to more questions. While the Police would continue its criminal investigation into the Incident, it was necessary for LegCo to appoint a select committee to inquire into whether there were any institutional inadequacies that caused the Incident.

24. Echoing the views of the Deputy Chairman, Dr KWOK Ka-ki said that the proposed inquiry could also identify improvement measures to prevent recurrence of similar incidents in the future. He further said that it was important to protect personal data of the registered electors in order to uphold fair elections and the Incident, in his view, had undermined the public confidence in elections in Hong Kong. He therefore supported Dr CHENG Chung-tai's proposal.

25. Dr Elizabeth QUAT said that while Members of the Democratic Alliance for the Betterment and Progress of Hong Kong considered that the Incident was a serious fault of the Administration, they did not consider it appropriate to invoke the powers under the P&P Ordinance to set up a select committee to conduct an inquiry into the Incident at this stage. She pointed out that the proposed inquiry might affect the Police's criminal investigation and the compliance check by the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data ("PCPD") which were underway. Dr QUAT further said that after the ongoing investigations/reviews had been completed and the relevant reports became available, Members could follow up on the relevant policy issues in relation to the elector registration and personal data protection at the relevant Panel(s), or by way of a policy subcommittee to study the relevant issues if appropriate.

26. Mr Charles MOK said that the Incident was the most serious incident of personal data leakage in the history of Hong Kong. He remained unconvinced of the explanation given by the Administration at the said special meeting of the CA Panel, and queried whether the

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encryption algorithm used in the system storing the personal particulars of the registered electors was stringent enough to ensure no leakage of the information. Mr MOK expressed support for setting up the proposed select committee. He considered that the proposed inquiry would not affect the ongoing investigations/reviews conducted by the government departments/organizations concerned.

27. Dr Helena WONG said that the Democratic Party supported Dr CHENG Chung-tai's proposal. She criticized that the account given by the Administration at the said special meeting of the CA Panel had failed to address the various questions raised by Members or provide the public with sufficient details about the Incident. In view of the gravity of the Incident, Dr WONG stressed that it would be irresponsible on the part of LegCo not to invoke the powers under the P&P Ordinance to conduct a comprehensive inquiry into the Incident.

28. Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung said that he could not subscribe to the view expressed by some Members that there was no need for LegCo to conduct an inquiry into the Incident because it was already being investigated by the Police. He pointed out that there were precedents where LegCo and the government departments/organizations concerned conducted investigations separately and independently into the same incident without affecting one another's investigation work. In view of the wide public concern, he considered it incumbent upon LegCo to inquire into, among others, the causes of the Incident to find out the truth for the public.

29. Mr Tommy CHEUNG said that as several investigations/reviews were being conducted by the relevant government departments/organizations, he considered it more appropriate for LegCo to consider the need for invoking the powers under the P&P Ordinance to inquire into the Incident after the ongoing investigations/reviews had been completed and the relevant reports became available. He added that while the Liberal Party would not dismiss the possible need for conducting the proposed inquiry, it did not support doing so at the present stage.

30. Mr KWONG Chun-yu said that the Incident could lead to leakage of personal data of all registered electors in Hong Kong and it was absurd that the Administration was unable to explain clearly why the Incident had happened. Given that all registered electors were affected and the public were gravely concerned about the Incident, he considered it

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necessary and appropriate for LegCo to invoke the powers under the P&P Ordinance to initiate an inquiry to find out the truth about the Incident.

31. Mrs Regina IP considered that the Incident should be followed up in several respects. First, the Civil Service Bureau ("CSB") should ascertain whether the Incident involved negligence on the part of any civil servant and consider initiating a disciplinary inquiry as appropriate. Second, PCPD should examine whether REO had adopted adequate measures and procedures to protect the privacy of registered electors' personal data. Third, the Police should carry out a criminal investigation to find out who had stolen the notebook computers. Mrs IP held the view that the government departments/organizations concerned, and not LegCo, should carry out the necessary investigations/reviews in relation to the Incident and report the relevant findings to LegCo. She therefore did not support Dr CHENG Chung-tai's proposal.

32. Ms Claudia MO said that she disagreed with the view that LegCo should not invoke the powers under the P&P Ordinance to inquire into the Incident because it was already being investigated by the government departments/organizations concerned. She pointed out that the proposed inquiry would enable LegCo to look into whether the Incident involved any mistakes made by the civil servants or any wrong steps taken by them in handling electors' personal particulars, which, in her view, would be conducive to identifying ways to prevent recurrence of similar incidents in future. She expressed support for Dr CHENG Chung-tai's proposal.

33. Mr CHAN Chi-chuen said that the said special meeting of the CA Panel passed a motion moved by Mr WONG Ting-kwong to strongly condemn REO for losing two notebook computers containing personal data of all registered electors and request the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau ("CMAB") to, among others, expeditiously publicize REO's investigation report. While Members generally agreed that the Incident should be investigated, some Members were doubtful about the credibility of the investigation being conducted by REO itself. Mr CHAN further said that the inquiry proposed to be conducted by LegCo should examine whether there was maladministration on the part of REO and CMAB in the Incident. He added that he strongly disagreed with the view that LegCo should not intervene and should merely leave it to REO to investigate the Incident.

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34. Mr WONG Ting-kwong said that the passage of the above condemnation motion at the said special meeting of the CA Panel did not necessarily mean that the proposed invocation of the powers under the P&P Ordinance to inquire into the Incident was warranted. Mr WONG further said that as investigations/reviews conducted by the government departments/organizations concerned were still underway, ways to follow up the Incident (whether by invocation of the powers under the P&P Ordinance to inquire into the Incident or by way of discussion of the relevant policy issues by Panel(s)) should be considered after the ongoing investigations/reviews had been completed.

35. Dr YIU Chung-yim said that LegCo should exercise the powers and functions of monitoring the work of the executive authorities as prescribed in the Basic Law. In his view, the nature and purpose of the proposed inquiry were different from those of the investigations/reviews presently conducted. While the focus of the proposed inquiry was to examine whether there was any maladministration involved in the Incident, the investigation conducted by the Police was a theft investigation and the compliance check carried out by PCPD was to examine the Incident from the perspective of personal data protection. The disciplinary inquiry, if any, to be initiated by CSB was to examine whether there was any possible dereliction of duties on the part of civil servants.

36. Mr Holden CHOW said that the evidence collected during a criminal investigation was admissible in court whereas the evidence given before the select committee by a witness summoned under the P&P Ordinance would, subject to certain exceptions, be inadmissible against that witness in court. Therefore, if the Incident was a criminal case, the Police, and not LegCo, should conduct an investigation. He further said that he was worried that the evidence given in response to the questions raised in the proceedings of the proposed select committee might disclose detailed information about the case, and the suspect(s) might use such information to find ways to dodge criminal liabilities. He therefore did not support the appointment of the proposed select committee at this stage.

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37. Mr Kenneth LEUNG expressed support for Dr CHENG Chung-tai's proposal and said that LegCo should act as a watchdog in monitoring the Government. In his view, the focus of the proposed inquiry was to examine the internal control and governance of the government department(s) concerned and the recommendations to be made by the proposed select committee could be followed up by the Administration to improve the current internal control system.

38. Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung said that he doubted very much that the investigation being conducted by REO would disclose the whole truth of the Incident. He therefore considered it necessary to invoke the powers under the P&P Ordinance to inquire into the Incident as the proposed select committee could summon witnesses and order them to produce certain papers, records and documents in their possession. The proposed select committee could focus its inquiry on the causes that led to the suspected theft of the two notebook computers and whether there was a dereliction of duty on the part of REO.

39. Mr WONG Kwok-kin said that he concurred with the view of Mrs Regina IP that there might be a dereliction of duty on the part of civil servants. While not objecting to conduct an inquiry into the Incident, he considered that at the present stage, it was not necessary to invoke the powers under the P&P Ordinance for that purpose, and Members might, if so wished, request the referral of the Incident to a select committee under Rule 20(6) of the Rules of Procedure ("RoP") pursuant to the presentation of a petition. Mr WONG added that Members might further consider whether it was necessary to invoke the powers under the P&P Ordinance to conduct the proposed inquiry after the publication of REO's investigation report.

40. The Chairman said that at the said special meeting of the CA Panel, the Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs informed Members of his decision to set up a Task Force, which would be headed by a Deputy Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs, comprising representatives from relevant departments as members (including the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer, REO and the Security Bureau). The Task Force would conduct a comprehensive review of the causes and circumstances of the Incident and would propose improvement measures on operational matters in its report, including the handling of personal data, information technology security measures, overall venue security management, as well as REO's internal supervisory structure and procedures, etc.

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41. Mr Paul TSE said that the Incident was not due to serious policy blunders of the Government and was in fact a suspected theft case. In his view, the powers under the P&P Ordinance should only be invoked as a last resort to inquire into matters involving great public interest such as the problems surrounding the commencement of operation of the New Hong Kong International Airport in 1998, the handling of outbreak of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome by the Government and the Hospital Authority and issues arising from Lehman Brothers-related Minibonds and Structured Financial Products. Given that the government departments/organizations concerned were carrying out the investigations/reviews, Mr TSE did not consider it necessary for LegCo to conduct the proposed inquiry.

42. Dr CHENG Chung-tai said that he was concerned that the Incident might not be an ordinary case of theft. He reiterated his view that it was necessary for LegCo to invoke the powers under the P&P Ordinance to conduct the proposed inquiry as the Incident involved possible personal data leakage of all registered electors in Hong Kong and undermined the public's confidence in the credibility of elections in Hong Kong.

43. The Chairman put to vote the proposal for the Chairman of the House Committee to move the motion proposed by Dr Hon CHENG Chung-tai at the Council meeting of 17 May 2017 to seek the Council's authorization for the appointment of a select committee to inquire into the incident of the Registration and Electoral Office losing the notebook computers containing personal data of all registered voters in Hong Kong. Dr CHENG Chung-tai requested a division.

The following Members voted in favour of the proposal:

Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung, Prof Joseph LEE, Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung, Ms Claudia MO, Mr WU Chi-wai, Mr Charles MOK, Mr CHAN Chi-chuen, Mr Kenneth LEUNG, Dr KWOK Ka-ki, Mr Dennis KWOK, Dr Fernando CHEUNG, Dr Helena WONG, Mr IP Kin-yuen, Mr Andrew WAN, Mr CHU Hoi-dick, Mr LAM Cheuk-ting, Mr SHIU Ka-chun, Dr Pierre CHAN, Ms Tanya CHAN, Dr CHENG Chung-tai, Mr KWONG Chun-yu, Mr Jeremy TAM, Mr Nathan LAW, Dr YIU Chung-yim and Dr LAU Siu-lai.

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The following Members voted against the proposal:

Mr Tommy CHEUNG, Mr WONG Ting-kwong, Mr CHAN Hak-kan, Mr CHAN Kin-por, Dr Priscilla LEUNG, Mr WONG Kwok-kin, Mrs Regina IP, Mr Paul TSE, Mr Steven HO, Mr Frankie YICK, Mr YIU Si-wing, Mr MA Fung-kwok, Mr CHAN Han-pan, Dr Elizabeth QUAT, Mr Martin LIAO, Mr POON Siu-ping, Mr CHUNG Kwok-pan, Mr Jimmy NG, Dr Junius HO, Mr Holden CHOW, Mr SHIU Ka-fai, Mr Wilson OR, Ms YUNG Hoi-yan, Mr CHAN Chun-ying and Mr LAU Kwok-fan.

(25 Members)

44. The Chairman declared that 25 Members voted for and 25 Members voted against the proposal and no Member abstained from voting. The Chairman said that under RoP, where there was a tied vote, she, as the Chairman, should give a casting vote. In accordance with RoP 79A(1), in exercising her casting vote, she should not exercise the vote in such a way as to produce a majority vote in favour of the question put. As such, she would exercise her casting vote to negative the motion. The Chairman declared that the proposal was negated.

VIII. Any other business

45. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 3:28 pm.