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Voting arrangements for conducting elections of Members for appointment to the Public Accounts Committee, Committee on Members' Interests and Committee on Rules of Procedure of the Legislative Council and to advisory/governing bodies

Purpose

This paper invites the House Committee ("HC") to consider the proposal for Members to continue to use the Electronic Voting System ("EVS") for casting votes in the elections of Members for appointment to the Public Accounts Committee ("PAC"), Committee on Members' Interests ("CMI") and Committee on Rules of Procedures ("CRoP") of the Legislative Council ("LegCo") and to the following advisory/governing bodies:

- (i) Disaster Relief Fund Advisory Committee;
- (ii) Po Leung Kuk Advisory Board;
- (iii) Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Advisory Board;
- (iv) Council of The Chinese University of Hong Kong; and
- (v) Court of the University of Hong Kong.

For the functions and composition of the above committees and advisory/governing bodies ("the said committees and advisory/governing bodies") and the proposed procedure for the nomination and election of LegCo Members for appointment to these committees and advisory/governing bodies in the Sixth LegCo, please refer to the HC papers for agenda items VIII and IX of the meeting (i.e. LC Paper Nos. CB(4)3/16-17 and CB(2)2/16-17).

Voting arrangements for the relevant elections held in the Fifth LegCo

According to the relevant procedures for the nomination and 2. election of Members for appointment to the said committees and advisory/governing bodies endorsed by Members of the Fifth LegCo, if the number of valid nominations exceeded that required for appointment, a poll should be taken at the HC meeting at which the election was conducted and Members should cast their votes by using EVS. Member might vote for as many nominees as, but not more than, the number required for appointment. If the number of nominees voted for by a Member exceeded the number required for appointment to the respective committees and advisory/governing bodies, all the vote(s) which the Member had cast in respect of the committee or advisory/governing body concerned would not be counted. used EVS to cast their votes on the nominees one by one in the relevant elections held in the Fifth LegCo. The votes were taken according to the order in which the nominations had been made at the HC meeting. nominees who got the highest numbers of votes were declared elected. Under such open ballot arrangements, Members' choices in respect of each nominee were recorded in EVS and the relevant voting records had been uploaded onto the LegCo website in accordance with the established practice of uploading EVS voting results onto the LegCo website.

Proposal to continue to use EVS for casting votes in the relevant elections to be conducted in the Sixth LegCo

It is recommended that Members continue to use EVS to cast their votes if a poll needs to be taken, but Members are invited to note that EVS has been revamped with a new polling feature to facilitate Members' voting in these elections at the meeting. Instead of having to vote on the nominees one by one as in the last term of LegCo, Members will be able to view the names of all nominees and the number required for appointment to the respective committees and advisory/governing bodies on their tablets and select the nominees they intend to vote for in one go (Appendix I). Should a Member intend to select a number of nominees in excess of the number required for appointment, an alert message will appear on the Member's tablet, with further selections disallowed by the system until one or more previous selections have been dropped Furthermore, during the conduct of elections, each (Appendix II). Member will be able to view on his/her tablet the results of previous election(s) held at the same meeting, which include information on his/her own choices of nominees, the number of votes received by each nominee, and the Members elected in the relevant election(s) (**Appendix III**).

4. Should Members agree to continue using EVS to cast their votes in the elections of Members for appointment to the said committees and advisory/governing bodies and unless otherwise determined by HC, the voting records for the relevant elections will be uploaded onto the LegCo website after the HC meeting at which the elections are conducted, in accordance with the previous practice of the Fifth LegCo.

Advice sought

5. Members are invited to endorse the proposal for Members to continue to use EVS for casting votes in the elections of Members for appointment to the said committees and advisory/governing bodies as detailed in paragraphs 3 and 4 above.

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Appendix I





Note: A Member may vote for as many nominees as, but not more than, the number required for appointment. An alert message will appear on the Member's tablet should the Member intend to select a number of nominees in excess of the number required for appointment.

—Press this button to view the results of previous election(s) held at the same House Committee meeting



