

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES

No. 23

**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 20 March 2019 at 11:33 am
and Thursday 21 March 2019 at 9:00 am**

Attendance

The attendance of Members, public officers and Clerks is in the Official Record of Proceedings.

Papers to be laid on the Table of the Council

Ten items of subsidiary legislation/instruments and six other papers laid on the Table of the Council under Rule 21(2) of the Rules of Procedure (“RoP”) were in **Appendix 1**.

Questions

Six oral questions set out on the Agenda (i.e. Questions 1 to 6) were put by the Members and oral replies given by the public officers.

Written replies to Questions 7 to 22 set out on the Agenda were supplied to Members.

Government Bills

First Reading and Second Reading (debate to be adjourned)

- Judicial Officers (Extension of Retirement : Chief Secretary for Administration
Age) (Amendment) Bill 2019 (“CS”)
- Inland Revenue (Amendment) (Tax : Secretary for Financial Services
Concessions) Bill 2019 and the Treasury (“SFST”)
- Electoral Legislation (Miscellaneous : Secretary for Constitutional and
Amendments) Bill 2019 Mainland Affairs

After the Bills were read the first time and ordered to be set down for Second Reading under RoP 53(3), the public officers moved the Second Reading of the Bills respectively. The questions on the Second Reading of the Bills were proposed respectively and the debates were adjourned. The Bills were referred to the House Committee in accordance with RoP 54(4).

Second Reading (debate to resume), consideration by committee of the whole Council and Third Reading

- Inland Revenue and MPF Schemes : SFST
Legislation (Tax Deductions for Annuity
Premiums and MPF Voluntary
Contributions) (Amendment) Bill 2018

The debate on the Second Reading of the Bill, which was moved on 12 December 2018, resumed. After Members and the public officer had spoken, the question on the Second Reading of the Bill was put and agreed to. The Bill was read the second time and committed to a committee of the whole Council.

The Council became committee of the whole Council and considered the Bill. The question that clauses 1 to 24 stand part of the Bill was proposed, put and agreed to.

The Council then resumed. The public officer reported that the Bill had been passed by committee of the whole Council without amendment. The question on the motion that the report made under RoP 58(12) by the public officer be adopted by this Council was proposed, put and agreed to. The Bill was ordered to be set down for Third Reading under RoP 59. The question on the Third Reading of the Bill was proposed, put and agreed to. The Bill was read the third time and passed.

Government Motions

Proposed resolutions under the Criminal Procedure Ordinance and the Coroners Ordinance

CS had given notices to move two proposed resolutions under the Criminal Procedure Ordinance and the Coroners Ordinance respectively. The public officer moved his first motion as set out on the Agenda. The question on the first motion was proposed. A joint debate on the two motions was held. After the public officer had spoken, the following questions were put:

<u>Order of questions put</u>	<u>Decisions taken (details of division, if any)</u>
— Public officer's first motion as set out on the Agenda	Passed
— Public officer's second motion as set out on the Agenda	Passed

Proposed resolution under the Public Finance Ordinance

SFST moved the motion as set out on the Agenda. The question on the motion was proposed. After Members and the public officer had spoken, the question on the motion was put and agreed to (details of division in **Appendix 2**).

Member's Motion on Subsidiary Legislation/Instrument

Proposed resolution to extend the period for amending subsidiary legislation

Hon CHAN Hak-kan moved the motion as set out on the Agenda. The question on the motion was proposed, put and agreed to.

Members' Motions

Motion on "Proactively expanding development opportunities in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area"

Hon WONG Ting-kwong moved the motion as set out on the Agenda. The question on the motion was proposed. A joint debate on the motion and the amendments was held. After movers of the amendments, Members and the public officer had spoken, the following questions were put:

<u>Order of questions put</u>	<u>Decisions taken (details of division, if any)</u>
— Amendment moved by Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok as set out on the Agenda	Negatived (Appendix 3)
— Motion moved without notice by Hon Starry LEE to shorten the duration of the division bell for the divisions in respect of the motion or its amendments	Passed
— Amendment moved by Hon Christopher CHEUNG as set out on the Agenda	Passed (Appendix 4)
— Revised amendment moved by Hon Tony TSE as set out in the Official Record of Proceedings	Passed (Appendix 5)
— Revised amendment moved by Hon YIU Si-wing as set out in the Official Record of Proceedings	Passed (Appendix 6)
— Revised amendment moved by Hon Martin LIAO as set out in the Official Record of Proceedings	Passed (Appendix 7)
— Revised amendment moved by Hon HO Kai-ming as set out in the Official Record of Proceedings	Passed (Appendix 8)
— Hon WONG Ting-kwong's motion as amended	Passed (Appendix 9)

Motion on “Reforming the immigration and admission policies”

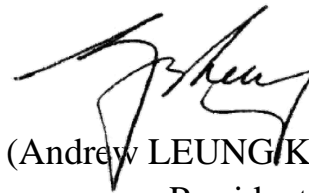
Hon Gary FAN moved the motion as set out on the Agenda. The question on the motion was proposed. A joint debate on the motion and the amendments was held. After movers of the amendments, Members and the public officers had spoken, the following questions were put:

<u>Order of questions put</u>	<u>Decisions taken (details of division, if any)</u>
— Amendment moved by Hon Claudia MO as set out on the Agenda	Negatived (Appendix 10)
— Motion moved without notice by Hon Starry LEE to shorten the duration of the division bell for the divisions in respect of the motion or its amendments	Passed (Appendix 11)
— Amendment moved by Hon Alvin YEUNG as set out on the Agenda	Negatived (Appendix 12)
— Amendment moved by Hon Steven HO as set out on the Agenda	Negatived (Appendix 13)
— Amendment moved by Hon CHU Hoi-dick as set out on the Agenda	Negatived (Appendix 14)
— Amendment moved by Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG as set out on the Agenda	Negatived (Appendix 15)
— Hon Gary FAN’s motion	Negatived (Appendix 16)

Next meeting

The President declared that the next Council meeting would be held on 27 March 2019 at 11:00 am.

The Council was adjourned at 2:11 pm on 21 March 2019.



(Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen)

President

Legislative Council

Chamber

Legislative Council Complex, Hong Kong

30 April 2019