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Public Works Subcommittee of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council

Minutes of the 20th meeting held in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex on Wednesday, 24 June 2020, at 8:30 am

Members present:

Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, SBS, MH, JP (Chairman)

Hon Charles Peter MOK, JP (Deputy Chairman)

Hon CHAN Hak-kan, BBS, JP

Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP

Hon Claudia MO

Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP

Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP

Hon WU Chi-wai, MH

Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP

Hon CHAN Chi-chuen

Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, SBS, MH, JP

Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, BBS, JP

Hon Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung, SBS, JP

Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung

Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan

Hon Alvin YEUNG

Hon Andrew WAN Siu-kin

Hon CHU Hoi-dick

Dr Hon Junius HO Kwan-yiu, JP

Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding

Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing, MH

Hon Tanya CHAN

Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan, JP

Hon HUI Chi-fung

Hon LUK Chung-hung, JP

Hon LAU Kwok-fan, MH

Dr Hon CHENG Chung-tai

Hon KWONG Chun-yu

Hon Jeremy TAM Man-ho

Hon Vincent CHENG Wing-shun, MH, JP

Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen, BBS

Hon CHAN Hoi-yan

Member attending:

Hon James TO Kun-sun

Members absent:

Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, GBS, JP Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, GBS, JP Hon CHAN Han-pan, BBS, JP

Public officers attending:

Mr Howard LEE Man-sing Deputy Secretary for Financial Services

and the Treasury (Treasury)3

Mr LAM Sai-hung, JP Permanent Secretary for Development

(Works)

Ms Bernadette LINN, JP Permanent Secretary for Development

(Planning and Lands)

Mr Elvis AU Wai-kwong, JP Deputy Director of Environmental

Protection (1)

Ms Margaret HSIA Mai-chi Principal Assistant Secretary for

Financial Services and the Treasury

(Treasury) (Works)

Dr Raymond SO Wai-man,

BBS, JP

Under Secretary for Transport and

Housing

Mr Raymond CHENG Nim-tai Head (Airport Expansion Project

Coordination Office)

Transport and Housing Bureau

Ms Alice YEUNG Lai-shan Principal Assistant Secretary for

Transport and Housing (Airport Expansion Project Coordination

Office)

Mr Kelvin NG Wai-yip Chief Assistant Secretary for Transport

and Housing (Airport Expansion Project Coordination Office)

Mr Michael LI Kiu-yin Project Director (2)

Architectural Services Department

Mr FUNG Chi-fung Chief Project Manager 203

Architectural Services Department

Dr Kenny HO Chin-ho Principal Veterinary Officer

Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Ms NG Kit-ching Assistant Commissioner (Boundary

and Ports)

Customs and Excise Department

Dr LEUNG Yiu-hong Chief Port Health Officer

Department of Health

Ms Sally CHEUNG Sau-yin Assistant Director (Control)

Immigration Department

Ms Alice LEE Nga-lai Chief Superintendent of Police

(Planning and Development)
Hong Kong Police Force

Mr Adrian MA Wai-hing District Commander (Airport District)

Hong Kong Police Force

Mrs Sharon YIP LEE Hang-yee,

JP

Deputy Secretary for Transport and

Housing (Transport)1

Miss Gillian LAM Yuk-ting Principal Assistant Secretary for

Transport and Housing (Transport)5

Mr Jimmy CHAN Pai-ming, JP Director of Highways

Mr LUK Wai-hung, JP Project Manager (Major Works)

Highways Department

Mr Richard NG Chin-hung Assistant Director of Highways

(Development)

Mr Patrick HO Kwong-hang Assistant Commissioner (Planning)

(Acting)

Transport Department

Mr Kelvin SIU Kin-man Chief Engineer (Major Projects)

Transport Department

Mr LEE Chi-shing Chief Engineer (Traffic Survey and

Support)

Transport Department

Mr CHOW Bing-kay Chief Traffic Engineer (New Territories

West)

Transport Department

Attendance by invitation:

Mr WONG Koi-hou General Manager (Engineering, Third

Runway)

Airport Authority Hong Kong

Dr Shirley WONG University Librarian

The Hong Kong Polytechnic

University

Mr Daniel SUEN Director of Campus

Development Office

The Hong Kong Polytechnic

University

Mr William LAM Senior Project Manager

The Hong Kong Polytechnic

University

Ms Esther CHOW Project Director

P&T Architects and Engineers Ltd.

Clerk in attendance:

Ms Doris LO Chief Council Secretary (1)2

Staff in attendance:

Mr Keith WONG

Ms Christina SHIU

Ms Christy YAU

Ms Clara LO

Council Secretary (1)2

Legislative Assistant (1)2

Legislative Assistant (1)8

Legislative Assistant (1)9

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The Chairman advised that there were 13 papers for discussion on the agenda for the meeting. Items 1 to 11 were funding proposals carried over from the previous meeting, while items 12 and 13 were new submissions from the Administration. The 13 funding proposals involved a total funding allocation of \$20,152.7 million. He reminded members that in accordance with Rule 83A of the Rules of Procedure ("RoP") of the Legislative Council ("LegCo"), they should disclose the nature of any direct or indirect pecuniary interests relating to the funding proposals under discussion at the meeting before they spoke on the proposals. He also drew members' attention to Rule 84 of RoP on voting in case of direct pecuniary interest.

2. <u>Mr Jeremy TAM</u> considered that among the 13 funding proposals on the agenda for the meeting, item 1 (i.e. <u>PWSC(2020-21)1</u>) and item 5 (i.e. <u>PWSC(2019-20)26</u>) were more controversial and members were expected to spend more time on discussing them. On the other hand, examination of and voting on the remaining 11 funding proposals that were related to people's livelihood were expected to be completed in a short time, and such

proposals might not require separate voting at the relevant meeting of the Finance Committee ("FC"). He enquired whether the Administration would consider re-ordering the agenda items for members to examine the 11 livelihood-related proposals first, so that funding for such proposals could be approved by FC before the end of the current LegCo term.

- 3. <u>The Chairman</u> said that the Subcommittee had commenced deliberation on the funding proposal under item 1 on the agenda at the last meeting and would continue with the deliberation at the meeting. If the Subcommittee could complete examination of the proposal at the meeting, it would be able to move on to examine the remaining proposals on the agenda. He suggested that the Administration might consider whether the funding proposal under item 5 on the agenda (i.e. <u>PWSC(2019-20)26</u>) should be withdrawn nearer the time in view of the meeting progress.
- 4. Deputy Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury)3 responded that the Government had consulted the relevant bureaux in including the 13 funding proposals in the agenda for the meeting. It had also considered factors such as the urgency of the projects, the policy objectives they supported and their state of preparation. Taking such factors into account, the Government considered the current sequence of items on the agenda appropriate.

Head 703 — Buildings

PWSC(2020-21)1 278LP

Provision of Police facilities to support the Three-Runway System at Hong Kong International Airport

402IO Provision of facilities and accommodation for various government departments to support the Three-Runway System at Hong Kong International Airport

5. <u>The Chairman</u> advised that the proposal (i.e. <u>PWSC(2020-21)1</u>) sought to upgrade 278LP and 402IO to Category A at the estimated costs of \$1,866.6 million and \$2,624.5 million in money-of-the-day ("MOD") prices respectively. The Subcommittee had commenced deliberation on this proposal at the last meeting and would now continue with the deliberation.

Uses of the proposed Airport District Operational Base

6. <u>Mr CHAN Chi-chuen</u>, <u>Dr Helena WONG</u>, <u>Mr Andrew WAN</u> and <u>Ms Claudia MO</u> pointed out that the National People's Congress ("NPC") had passed the "Decision of the National People's Congress on Establishing and

Improving the Legal System and Enforcement Mechanisms for Safeguarding National Security in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region" ("the Decision"), which included entrusting the Standing Committee of NPC to formulate relevant laws on establishing and improving the legal system and enforcement mechanisms for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region ("HKSAR") to safeguard nation security ("the National Security Law"), in order to effectively prevent, stop and punish acts and activities that seriously endangered national security, such as organizing and carrying out terrorist activities. It was learnt that the Hong Kong Police Force ("HKPF") was considering setting up a dedicated unit for enforcement of the National They enquired, given that operational facilities for Security Law. counter-terrorism related units would be provided at the proposed Airport District Operational Base ("the proposed OB"), whether HKPF would use the OB for enforcement of the National Security Law or provide facilities thereat for the purpose.

- Head (Airport Expansion Project Coordination Office), Transport and Housing Bureau ("H(AEPCO)/THB"), and Chief Superintendent (Planning and Development), Hong Kong Police Force ("CSP(P&D)/HKPF"), replied that the Administration had planned the construction of government facilities (including the proposed OB and the internal alteration works to the existing Airport Police Station ("APS")) when it confirmed the necessity of the Three-Runway System ("3RS") at the Hong Kong International Airport ("HKIA") some years ago (i.e. before the Decision was passed by NPC), so as to fulfil the increased policing demand (including security and counter-terrorism work) upon commissioning of 3RS. At present, there were not any indications that the proposed OB was related to the enforcement of the National Security Law.
- 8. Mr CHAN Chi-chuen further enquired whether HKPF would re-examine the design of the proposed OB and its planning of security work at the airport with regard to enforcement of the National Security Law.
- 9. <u>CSP(P&D)/HKPF</u> said that HKPF would review its manpower deployment at the airport and its operational strategies from time to time in the light of global counter-terrorism landscape and the actual operational needs of security work at the airport.
- 10. <u>Mr Tony TSE</u> was concerned whether the proposed projects included construction of other facilities in addition to the police facilities (including the proposed OB) to help enhance airport security in face of the emergence of local terrorism.

11. <u>H(AEPCO)/THB</u> said that in addition, the proposed project 402IO included the provision of X-ray checkers and contraband detectors for the Customs and Excise Department which served to enhance the inspection capability against prohibited items entering and leaving Hong Kong.

Location and manpower arrangement of the proposed Airport District Operational Base

- 12. <u>Mr WU Chi-wai</u> pointed out that the passenger volume of HKIA dropped drastically in recent months owing to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19") pandemic. He enquired whether HKPF had reduced its manpower deployment at the airport as a result of this and deployed the surplus manpower to take up duties in other police districts.
- 13. <u>CSP(P&D)/HKPF</u> responded that although the passenger volume of HKIA had dropped in recent months, HKPF was still required to deploy sufficient manpower to meet the needs of the Government's security work at the airport and support the quarantine work at the adjacent AsiaWorld-Expo. Moreover, HKPF kept providing routine training for police officers of the Airport District amidst the pandemic to ensure their readiness to respond to any possible emergency incidents at HKIA. HKPF had therefore not reduced its manpower deployment at HKIA or deployed the manpower to other police districts in recent months.
- 14. Regarding the Administration's proposal of constructing the proposed OB within the reclamation area of 3RS at HKIA, Ms Claudia MO and Mr Jeremy TAM opined that HKPF should provide the indoor firing range and the tactics training centre required for the training of the Airport Security Unit ("ASU") at other locations close to the airport island (e.g. Tung Chung), so that the precious land formed by reclamation could be released for the purpose of aviation development.
- 15. <u>CSP(P&D)/HKPF</u> said that at present, it normally took four to five hours for an ASU officer to undergo training at off-base locations (including the time required for organizing equipment before and after the training session). Coupled with the travelling time on the road from and back to the airport, a whole day was often required. Such an arrangement was not satisfactory, given that HKPF must provide a continuous police presence at the airport in order to respond to emergency incidents even when some ASU officers were undergoing training at off-base locations. As one of the most highly-skilled units of HKPF, ASU had to strengthen its training to keep its skills honed. Therefore, it was necessary for HKPF to set up the proposed OB that housed the indoor firing range and the tactics training centre within

the area of 3RS in order to meet the specific training needs of ASU and meet the challenges upon the commissioning of 3RS. It also served to ensure the operational readiness of ASU to respond to emergency incidents in order to safeguard the safety of HKIA, aviation personnel and international travellers.

- 16. In response to Mr Jeremy TAM's further enquiries about the location of the proposed OB, <u>Permanent Secretary for Development (Planning and Lands)</u> pointed out that when the Development Bureau ("DEVB") and departments under its purview identified sites for developing the required facilities, they generally complied with the actual operational needs of the government departments concerned. DEVB generally respected the departments' judgements when they had specific requirements as to the regions, locations and scales of individual facilities.
- 17. Regarding the Administration's plan of adopting a dual-base approach comprising the existing APS and the proposed OB to cover the whole airport area, Mr Andrew WAN and Dr Helena WONG opined that the Administration could continue to use APS for providing training for ASU and it was not necessary to adopt the dual-base approach to discharge security duties at HKIA.
- 18. <u>CSP(P&D)/HKPF</u> said that the existing APS was not equipped with permanent training facilities for the ready provision of training in a simulated setting for ASU, and temporary training venues had to be erected at the time of training; this arrangement was not satisfactory. She added that the dual-base approach comprising the existing APS and the proposed OB could cover both the southern and northern sides of the airport island and provide more comprehensive, effective and efficient protection to HKIA in the event of emergency incidents.
- 19. Given that the Administration had mentioned in PWSC(2020-21)1 that the dual-base approach was also adopted at Charles de Gaulle Airport in Paris and Ben Gurion Airport in Israel to maintain airport security, Mr Andrew WAN requested the Administration to provide information on the security arrangements adopted at more major airports overseas, including Frankfurt Airport in Germany.
- 20. <u>CSP(P&D)/HKPF</u> said that HKPF had researched and collected information on the security arrangements at Charles de Gaulle Airport in Paris and airports in Israel. As for other countries, no details could be provided for reasons related to their security strategies and manpower deployment.

- 21. Referring to the supplementary information paper provided by the Administration (LC Paper No. PWSC179/19-20(01)), Mr Jeremy TAM pointed out that the proposed OB had a per-capita net operating floor area ("NOFA") of 3.7 sq m for its ancillary facilities, which was more than the current per-capita NOFA of 2.9 sq m at the existing APS. He enquired why the Administration had to provide a larger floor area for the ancillary facilities at the proposed OB.
- 22. <u>CSP(P&D)/HKPF</u> replied that the ancillary facilities at the proposed OB included storerooms. Owing to operational needs, ASU had more equipment than general uniformed police officers and the equipment items were bigger in size. As ASU would be based mainly in the proposed OB, it was necessary to provide larger storage space than that of the existing APS for storage of such equipment.
- 23. Mr CHU Hoi-dick pointed out that according to the information publicized by the Airport Authority Hong Kong ("AAHK"), a single "Y" design would be adopted for the Third Runway Concourse ("TRC") of 3RS. He enquired whether the Administration would further expand or build more police facilities at the airport if AAHK expanded the TRC to a double "Y" design to cater for a higher passenger volume in the future.
- 24. <u>H(AEPCO)/THB</u> said that about 500 staff members were currently stationed at the existing APS. Upon the commissioning of 3RS in 2024, the area of HKIA would increase by 50%. The proposed OB was therefore designed with a capacity to house about 250 staff members. HKPF would adjust its manpower deployment at the airport in view of the actual security needs should there be a significant increase in passenger volume upon commissioning of 3RS.
- 25. Noting that the Police Dog Unit of HKPF would have a presence at the proposed OB, Mr Jeremy TAM enquired about the number of police dogs to be based there. CSP(P&D)/HKPF replied that currently about 14 police dogs were deployed at the existing APS. HKPF would determine whether it was necessary to increase the number of police dogs in view of actual needs upon commissioning of the proposed OB.

<u>Project cost and management cost of the proposed Airport District</u> <u>Operational Base</u>

26. Mr KWONG Chun-yu and Ms Claudia MO expressed their worries that land settlement would occur in the 3RS reclamation works. As the proposed OB would be built on land formed by reclamation, they were

concerned about the implications of land settlement on its structural safety and the additional cost required for remedial measures. In this connection, they requested the Administration to undertake that no further funding approval for the project of the proposed OB would be sought from LegCo in the future.

- 27. <u>H(AEPCO)/THB</u> said that the deep cement mixing method would be adopted for the 3RS reclamation works to increase the stability of the land formed by reclamation. Investigation findings revealed that the settlement occurring in the land already formed by reclamation was within the expected range. Moreover, the structural safety of the proposed OB was ensured by piles that would be founded on the rock strata buried deep under the land formed by reclamation. Contingencies accounting for about 10% of the construction cost were also provided to meet the additional expenditure arising from unforeseeable conditions during construction. The Government would closely monitor the construction process of the proposed works to prevent any works delay or cost overrun.
- 28. <u>Mr Alvin YEUNG</u> enquired about the current delay in the 3RS reclamation works and whether the delay would have any implications on the project of the proposed OB.
- 29. <u>H(AEPCO)/THB</u> said that AAHK had given an account of the overall progress of the 3RS reclamation works at the meeting of the Panel on Economic Development on 22 June 2020. For the proposed OB, AAHK had completed the preliminary design of the project. Upon approval of the funding proposal, the Government would entrust AAHK to undertake the design and construction of the proposed OB, and immediately embark on the construction of foundation works. The proposed OB was expected to be completed in 2024. <u>General Manager (Engineering, Third Runway), Airport Authority Hong Kong</u> supplemented that the reclamation works at the location of the proposed OB had been substantially completed.
- 30. Noting that an on-cost of the proposed OB amounting to \$221.5 million was payable by the Administration to AAHK, Mr Alvin YEUNG enquired about the purpose of the cost.
- 31. <u>H(AEPCO)/THB</u> said that costs of design, project management, insurance, construction support and airport on-costs were payable to AAHK, which was entrusted by the Administration to undertake the design and construction of the proposed OB. Since AAHK would provide free waterborne transport for workers to commute to the works site and provide on-site temporary supporting facilities such as the site office in the course of

construction of the proposed works, the costs incurred will be covered by the construction support and airport on-costs.

32. <u>Mr Alvin YEUNG</u> requested the Administration to provide supplementary information on the comparison between the items of expenses covered by the annual recurrent expenditure (i.e. \$20.18 million) arising from the proposed police facilities and that of other existing police facilities of similar scale.

(*Post-meeting note:* The supplementary information provided by the Administration was circulated to members vide <u>LC Paper No. PWSC196/19-20(01)</u> on 8 July 2020.)

- 33. <u>H(AEPCO)/THB</u> said that the annual recurrent expenditure arising from the proposed OB included basic expenditure such as electricity tariff and repair and maintenance expenses of the building. In light of the scale of the proposed OB, the annual recurrent expenditure was reasonable.
- 34. <u>Mr WU Chi-wai</u> requested the Administration to provide a list of "other specialist installations" mentioned in footnote 6 under paragraph 17 of Enclosure 1 to the discussion paper and the amount they accounted for in the cost of building services.

(*Post-meeting note:* The supplementary information provided by the Administration was circulated to members vide <u>LC Paper No. PWSC196/19-20(01)</u> on 8 July 2020.)

- 35. <u>Project Director (2)</u>, <u>Architectural Services Department</u>, replied that the cost of building services of the proposed OB covered the basic building service works on the ventilation, fire services, plumbing and electrical systems of the building. Having considered the uniqueness of each project, the cost of building services was comparable to that of other police station construction projects of similar scale.
- 36. Mr Tony TSE asked the Administration to consider splitting the contracts for the proposed works into smaller ones, so that local small- to medium-sized contractors could be involved in the tendering exercise. Moreover, he also urged the Administration to speed up the vetting and administrative process of delivering project expenses to contractors, to help maintain their chain of cash flow.
- 37. <u>Permanent Secretary for Development (Works)</u> said that the Government would split the contracts of public works projects into smaller

ones to provide market opportunities for small- to medium-sized contractors where feasible. To help contractors maintain their chain of cash flow, the Government had tried its best to shorten the vetting process of paying project expenses to them with a view to paying for the expenses within about two weeks.

[At 9:43 am, the Chairman said that he would allow each of the members who were waiting for their turn to raise questions to do so once. After that, the "question and answer time" would end.]

Motion to adjourn the discussion on PWSC(2020-21)1

- 38. At 10:00 am, Mr Jeremy TAM, when speaking on the agenda item, moved without notice pursuant to paragraph 33 of the Public Works Subcommittee Procedure that the discussion on PWSC(2020-21)1 be adjourned. The Chairman proposed the question on the motion, and directed that each member might speak once on the motion for not more than three minutes.
- 39. Mr Jeremy TAM expressed discontent with the Administration's construction of the proposed OB on land formed by reclamation but not in Tung Chung near the airport island, which was a waste of the precious land resources made available by reclamation. Moreover, he also expressed discontent with the Administration's failure to re-order the agenda items for the meeting, which resulted in a good part of the meeting time being devoted to discussion of the current agenda item; thus, there was a possibility that the Subcommittee would not be able to examine the remaining public works projects on the agenda that were related to people's livelihood before the end of the current legislative session.
- 40. Mr CHAN Chi-chuen, Mr WU Chi-wai, Dr Fernando CHEUNG, Ms Claudia MO, Mr Alvin YEUNG, Dr Helena WONG, Mr Andrew WAN, Mr HUI Chi-fung and Mr CHU Hoi-dick spoke in support of the motion proposed by Mr Jeremy TAM. These members expressed their discontent with the Administration's failure to explain whether the proposed OB would be used for enforcement of the National Security Law and listen to members' suggestion to re-order the agenda items.
- 41. <u>Ms Alice MAK</u> and <u>Ms CHAN Hoi-yan</u> spoke against the motion proposed by Mr Jeremy TAM. They said that as the Subcommittee had to spend some meeting time dealing with the motion proposed by Mr TAM, there might not be sufficient time to examine the remaining public works projects on the agenda that were related to people's livelihood.

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[At 10:23 am, the Chairman asked members whether they agreed to extend the meeting for 15 minutes to 10:45 am, and no members raised objection.]

- 42. In response, <u>Under Secretary for Transport and Housing</u> said that 3RS was of great importance for Hong Kong to maintain its status as an international air transport hub. The area occupied by the airport and its handling capacity of passengers and freight would increase upon commissioning of 3RS. It was necessary for the Government to provide the various government facilities required at the airport (including the proposed projects) in order to support the long-term airport development. In terms of planning, the Government would also ensure the proper use of the precious land resources made available by reclamation, and it would closely monitor the implementation of the proposed works to prevent any works delay or cost overrun. He also pointed out that the Government had duly responded to members' concerns about the National Security Law, and reiterated that the proposed OB was provided at the airport for meeting the additional security needs arising from airport development.
- 43. <u>Mr Jeremy TAM</u> spoke in reply on his motion. <u>The Chairman</u> put the adjournment motion to vote. At the request of members, <u>the Chairman</u> ordered a division. The motion was <u>negatived</u>.

<u>Voting on PWSC(2020-21)1</u>

44. <u>The Chairman</u> put <u>PWSC(2020-21)1</u> to vote. At the request of members, <u>the Chairman</u> ordered a division. Sixteen members voted for, thirteen members voted against the proposal and no member abstained. The votes of individual members were as follows:

For:

Mr CHAN Hak-kan
Mr Michael TIEN
Mr Frankie YICK
Mr MA Fung-kwok
Mr LEUNG Che-cheung
Ms Alice MAK
Mr Christopher CHEUNG
Mr Holden CHOW
Mr Wilson OR
Mr CHEUNG Kwok kwan
Mr LUK Chung hur

Mr CHEUNG Kwok-kwanMr LUK Chung-hungMr LAU Kwok-fanMr Vincent CHENGMr Tony TSEMs CHAN Hoi-yan

(16 members)

Against:

Mr Charles Peter MOK (Deputy Chairman) Ms Claudia MO Mr WU Chi-wai Mr CHAN Chi-chuen <u>Action</u> - 15 -

Dr Fernando CHEUNG Mr Alvin YEUNG Mr CHU Hoi-dick Dr CHENG Chung-tai Mr Jeremy TAM (13 members) Dr Helena WONG Mr Andrew WAN Mr HUI Chi-fung Mr KWONG Chun-yu

Abstained: (0 member)

45. <u>The Chairman</u> declared that the item was endorsed by the Subcommittee. <u>The Chairman</u> consulted members on whether the item would require separate voting at the relevant meeting of FC. <u>Mr WU Chi-wai</u> requested separate voting on the item (i.e. <u>PWSC(2020-21)1</u>) at the relevant FC meeting.

[At 10:44 am, the Chairman asked members whether they agreed to further extend the meeting until 11:00 am in order to deal with the remaining items on the agenda. No members raised objection.]

Head 706 — Highways

PWSC(2020-21)6 875TH Noise enclosures at Gascoigne Road Flyover

853TH Widening of Castle Peak Road – Castle Peak Bay

850TH New Wang Tong River Bridge

190TB Retrofitting of escalators for footbridge across Castle Peak Road – Kwai Chung near MTR Tai Wo Hau Station Exit B

- 46. The Chairman advised that the proposal (i.e. PWSC(2020-21)6) sought to upgrade 875TH, 853TH, 850TH and 190TB to Category A at the estimated costs of \$482.4 million, \$755.2 million, \$99.7 million and \$49 million in MOD prices respectively. The Government had consulted the Panel on Transport on 875TH and 853TH on 17 January and 20 March 2020 respectively, and on 850TH and 190TB on 20 December 2019. Panel members supported the submission of the funding proposal to the Subcommittee for consideration. A report on the gist of the Panel's discussion was tabled at the meeting.
- 47. There being no questions on the item from members, the Chairman put PWSC(2020-21)6 to vote.

48. The item was voted on and endorsed. <u>The Chairman</u> consulted members on whether the item would require separate voting at the relevant meeting of FC. <u>Mr Michael TIEN</u> requested separate voting on the item (i.e. <u>PWSC(2020-21)6)</u> at the relevant FC meeting.

[*Post-meeting note:* Members were informed vide LC Paper No. PWSC187/19-20 on 26 June 2020 and vide LC Paper No. PWSC191/19-20 on 30 June 2020 that Mr Michael TIEN would not request further discussion of PWSC(2020-21)6 by FC but requested that 875TH and 853TH under the proposal be voted on separately by FC.]

Head 708 — Capital Subventions and Major Systems and Equipment PWSC(2020-21)2 29EK Library extension and revitalisation

- 49. <u>The Chairman</u> advised that the proposal (i.e. <u>PWSC(2020-21)2</u>) sought to upgrade 29EK to Category A at an estimated cost of \$406.6 million in MOD prices. The Government had consulted the Panel on Education on the proposed works on 3 May 2019. Panel members supported the submission of the funding proposal to the Subcommittee for consideration. A report on the gist of the Panel's discussion was tabled at the meeting.
- 50. There being no questions on the item from members, the Chairman put PWSC(2020-21)2 to vote.
- 51. The item was voted on and endorsed. <u>The Chairman</u> consulted members on whether the item would require separate voting at the relevant meeting of FC. No member made such a request.

Head 708 — Capital Subventions and Major Systems and Equipment PWSC(2020-21)4 95EB Partial redevelopment and conversion of the Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club College at 2B, Tai Cheong Street, Sai Wan Ho

52. <u>The Chairman</u> advised that the proposal (i.e. <u>PWSC(2020-21)4</u>) sought to upgrade 95EB to Category A at an estimated cost of \$285.3 million in MOD prices. The Government had consulted the Panel on Education on the proposed works on 3 January 2020. Panel members supported the submission of the funding proposal to the Subcommittee for consideration. A report on the gist of the Panel's discussion was tabled at the meeting.

- 53. There being no questions on the item from members, the Chairman put PWSC(2020-21)4 to vote.
- 54. The item was voted on and endorsed. <u>The Chairman</u> consulted members on whether the item would require separate voting at the relevant meeting of FC. No member made such a request.

Head 705 — Civil Engineering

PWSC(2019-20)26 767CL Planning and engineering study for Lung
Kwu Tan reclamation and the re-planning
of Tuen Mun West area
782CL Engineering Study on Road P1 (Tai Ho Sunny Bay Section)

- 55. Mr Jeremy TAM commented that discussion of the agenda item (i.e. PWSC(2019-20)26) would take time as he had learnt that many members wished to raise questions to the Administration on the item. To better utilize the remaining meeting time, he suggested that the Administration consider removing the funding proposal from the agenda, so that the Subcommittee could move on to examine the remaining public works projects on the agenda.
- 56. The Chairman considered that the Subcommittee would be able to deal with the remaining agenda items within the remaining meeting time if the Administration agreed that the funding proposal (i.e. PWSC(2019-20)26) would not be discussed. He asked if the Administration agreed that the funding proposal would not be discussed. The Administration raised no objection. The Subcommittee then moved on to deal with the next item on the agenda.

Head 703 — Buildings PWSC(2020-21)5 125KA Joint-user Government Office Building in Area 67, Tseung Kwan O

57. The Chairman advised that the proposal (i.e. PWSC(2020-21)5) sought to upgrade 125KA to Category A at an estimated cost of \$5,228.4 million in MOD prices. The Government had consulted the Panel on Financial Services on the proposed works on 6 January 2020. Panel members supported the submission of the funding proposal to the Subcommittee for consideration. A report on the gist of the Panel's discussion was tabled at the meeting.

- 58. There being no questions on the item from members, the Chairman put PWSC(2020-21)5 to vote.
- 59. The item was voted on and endorsed. <u>The Chairman</u> consulted members on whether the item would require separate voting at the relevant meeting of FC. No member made such a request.

[Post-meeting note: Members were informed vide LC Paper No. PWSC190/19-20 on 29 June 2020 that Mr WU Chi-wai requested that <u>PWSC(2020-21)5</u> be voted on separately at the relevant meeting of FC.]

Head 703 — Buildings

PWSC(2020-21)7 187GK Animal Management and Animal Welfare Building Complex in Kai Tak Development

- 60. The Chairman advised that the proposal (i.e. PWSC(2020-21)7) sought to upgrade 187GK to Category A at an estimated cost of \$881.9 million in MOD prices. The Government had consulted the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene on the proposed works on 12 November 2019. A report on the gist of the Panel's discussion was tabled at the meeting.
- 61. There being no questions on the item from members, the Chairman put PWSC(2020-21)7 to vote.
- 62. The item was voted on and endorsed. <u>The Chairman</u> consulted members on whether the item would require separate voting at the relevant meeting of FC. No member made such a request.

Head 703 — **Buildings**

PWSC(2020-21)8 184TB Construction of a footbridge with lift tower to connect the Ap Lei Chau Wind Tower

Park and the Ap Lei Chau Estate

69RG Amenity complex in Area 103, Ma On Shan

280RS Redevelopment of Kowloon Tsai Swimming

Pool Complex

428RO Open Space at Hoi Fai Road, Tai Kok Tsui

63. The Chairman advised that the proposal (i.e. PWSC(2020-21)8) sought to upgrade 184TB, part of 69RG, 280RS and 428RO to Category A at

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the estimated costs of \$112.4 million, \$74.3 million, \$1,120 million and \$104 million in MOD prices respectively. The Government had consulted the Panel on Home Affairs on 184TB on 9 December 2019, and on 69RG, 280RS and 428RO on 20 January 2020. Panel members had no objection to the submission of the funding proposal to the Subcommittee for consideration. A report on the gist of the Panel's discussion was tabled at the meeting.

- 64. There being no questions on the item from members, the Chairman put PWSC(2020-21)8 to vote.
- 65. The item was voted on and endorsed. <u>The Chairman</u> consulted members on whether the item would require separate voting at the relevant meeting of FC. No member made such a request.

Head 704 — Drainage

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PWSC(2020-21)9	331DS	Outlying Islands sewerage, stage 2 -
		South Lantau sewerage works
	339DS	North District sewerage, stage 1 phase 2C
		and stage 2 phase 1
	346DS	Upgrading of Tuen Mun sewerage,
		phase 1
	362DS	Sewerage for Ma Yau Tong Village,
		Tseung Kwan O

- 66. The Chairman advised that the proposal (i.e. PWSC(2020-21)9) sought to upgrade part of 331DS, part of 339DS, part of 346DS and 362DS to Category A at the estimated costs of \$1,688.8 million, \$179.7 million, \$431.2 million and \$179.4 million in MOD prices respectively. The Government had consulted the Panel on Environmental Affairs on 331DS and 339DS on 29 April and 25 November 2019 respectively, and on 346DS and 362DS on 27 April 2020. Panel members had no objection to the submission of the funding proposal to the Subcommittee for consideration.
- 67. There being no questions on the item from members, the Chairman put PWSC(2020-21)9 to vote.
- 68. The item was voted on and endorsed. <u>The Chairman</u> consulted members on whether the item would require separate voting at the relevant meeting of FC. No member made such a request.

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Head 705 — Civil Engineering

PWSC(2020-21)10 43CG Greening master plans for the New Territories

Head 707 — New Towns and Urban Area Development

265RS Cycle tracks connecting North West New Territories with North East New Territories – Sam Mun Tsai extension

- 69. The Chairman advised that the proposal (i.e. PWSC(2020-21)10) sought to upgrade part of 43CG and 265RS to Category A at the estimated costs of \$367.6 million and \$66.9 million in MOD prices respectively. The Government had consulted the Panel on Development on 43CG and 265RS on 25 June and 19 November 2019 respectively. Panel members generally supported the submission of the funding proposal to the Subcommittee for consideration.
- 70. There being no questions on the item from members, the Chairman put PWSC(2020-21)10 to vote.
- 71. The item was voted on and endorsed. <u>The Chairman</u> consulted members on whether the item would require separate voting at the relevant meeting of FC. No member made such a request.

[Post-meeting note: Members were informed vide LC Paper No. PWSC190/19-20 on 29 June 2020 that Mr WU Chi-wai requested that 43CG—Greening master plans for the New Territories under <u>PWSC(2020-21)10</u> be voted on separately at the relevant meeting of FC.]

Head 711 — Housing
PWSC(2020-21)11 194TB Transport infrastructure works for development at Diamond Hill
472RO Water feature park and landscaped walk at Diamond Hill

72. The Chairman advised that the proposal (i.e. PWSC(2020-21)11) sought to upgrade 194TB and 472RO to Category A at the estimated costs of \$1,850.4 million and \$615.9 million in MOD prices respectively. The Government had consulted the Panel on Housing on 194TB and 472RO on 6 May 2019 and 9 March 2020 respectively. Panel members supported the submission of the funding proposal to the Subcommittee for consideration.

- 73. There being no questions on the item from members, the Chairman put PWSC(2020-21)11 to vote.
- 74. The item was voted on and endorsed. <u>The Chairman</u> consulted members on whether the item would require separate voting at the relevant meeting of FC. No member made such a request.

Head 703 — Buildings PWSC(2020-21)12 32LJ

Additional courtrooms and associated facilities at lower ground fourth floor in the High Court Building

- 75. The Chairman advised that the proposal (i.e. PWSC(2020-21)12) sought to upgrade 32LJ to Category A at an estimated cost of \$105.2 million in MOD prices. The Government had consulted the Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services on the proposed works on 25 May 2020. Panel members supported the submission of the funding proposal to the Subcommittee for consideration.
- 76. There being no questions on the item from members, the Chairman put PWSC(2020-21)12 to vote.
- 77. The item was voted on and endorsed. <u>The Chairman</u> consulted members on whether the item would require separate voting at the relevant meeting of FC. No member made such a request.

Head 705 — Civil Engineering

PWSC(2020-21)13 444RO Lei Yue Mun Waterfront Enhancement Project - construction of a public landing facility

Head 703 — **Buildings**

409RO Lei Yue Mun Waterfront Enhancement Project - development of a waterfront promenade and related improvement works

78. The Chairman advised that the proposal (i.e. PWSC(2020-21)13) sought to upgrade 444RO and 409RO to Category A at the estimated costs of \$164.9 million and \$103.2 million in MOD prices respectively. The Government had consulted the Panel on Economic Development on the

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proposed works on 25 May 2020. Panel members supported the submission of the funding proposal to the Subcommittee for consideration.

- 79. There being no questions on the item from members, the Chairman put PWSC(2020-21)13 to vote.
- 80. The item was voted on and endorsed. <u>The Chairman</u> consulted members on whether the item would require separate voting at the relevant meeting of FC. No member made such a request.
- 81. The Chairman said that this was the last of the 21 meetings held by the Subcommittee in the current legislative session. The Subcommittee had met for nearly 44 hours during the legislative session. He thanked members for their active participation in the meetings and their support in the discharge of his duties as the Chairman during the past year. He also thanked representatives of the Administration for their attendance at the meetings.
- 82. The meeting ended at 10:58 am.

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