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Panel on Manpower

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday, 17 October 2019, at 3:00 pm in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex

Members : Hon HO Kai-ming (Deputy Chairman)

present Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung

Hon WONG Ting-kwong, GBS, JP Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, SBS, JP Hon CHAN Hak-kan, BBS, JP Hon CHAN Kin-por, GBS, JP Hon WONG Kwok-kin, SBS, JP Hon Steven HO Chun-yin, BBS

Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP

Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS

Hon CHAN Han-pan, BBS, JP

Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, SBS, MH, JP

Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki

Hon KWOK Wai-keung, JP

Hon Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung, SBS, JP

Hon Elizabeth QUAT, BBS, JP Hon POON Siu-ping, BBS, MH Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, SBS, JP

Hon Andrew WAN Siu-kin

Hon CHU Hoi-dick

Hon Jimmy NG Wing-ka, BBS, JP

Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding

Hon SHIU Ka-fai, JP Hon SHIU Ka-chun

Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing, MH

Hon YUNG Hoi-yan, JP Hon CHAN Chun-ying, JP Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan, JP Hon LUK Chung-hung, JP Hon LAU Kwok-fan, MH

Hon Kenneth LAU Ip-keung, BBS, MH, JP Hon Vincent CHENG Wing-shun, MH, JP

Hon CHAN Hoi-yan

Members attending

: Hon Martin LIAO Cheung-kong, GBS, JP Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, SBS, MH, JP

Hon LAM Cheuk-ting Hon Tanya CHAN

Hon Gary FAN Kwok-wai

Members absent : Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Chairman)

Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan Dr Hon Pierre CHAN

Clerk in attendance

: Miss Betty MA

Chief Council Secretary (2) 1

Staff in attendance

Miss Flora TAI

Assistant Secretary General 2

Ms Rita LAI

Senior Council Secretary (2) 1

Ms Gloria TSANG

Senior Council Secretary (2) 7

Ms Priscilla LAU

Council Secretary (2) 1

Ms Kiwi NG

Legislative Assistant (2) 1

Miss Lulu YEUNG Clerical Assistant (2) 1

I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

(Appendices III and IV to LC Paper No. CB(2)9/19-20)

Election of Chairman

As Dr Fernando CHEUNG, the incumbent Chairman of the Panel, was unable to attend the meeting, Mr HO Kai-ming, the incumbent Deputy Chairman of the Panel, presided over the election of Chairman for the 2019-2020 session. Mr HO called for nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel. Mr HO was nominated by Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung and the nomination was seconded by Mr KWOK Wai-keung. Mr HO accepted the nomination. Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung, member of the highest precedence among those present not nominated for the office, took over from Mr HO to preside over the election. Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung called for other nominations.

2. Mr SHIU Ka-chun was nominated by Mr Andrew WAN and the nomination was seconded by Dr KWOK Ka-ki. Mr SHIU accepted the nomination. Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung called for other nominations.

(*Post-meeting note*: Mr SHIU Ka-chun was subsequently elected the Deputy Chairman of the Panel on Welfare Services for the 2019-2020 session. In accordance with Rule 77(7) of the Rules of Procedure, Mr SHIU is not eligible for the chairmanship of the Panel on Manpower.)

- 3. Mr WONG Ting-kwong was nominated by <u>Dr KWOK Ka-ki</u>. <u>Mr WONG Ting-kwong</u> said that he would not accept the nomination and disapproved of the remarks made by Dr KWOK that he would stay alert and be mindful during meetings if he was elected as the Panel Chairman. He considered that Dr KWOK's remarks were nonsenses ("額線"). <u>Dr KWOK</u> raised a point of order and requested the presiding member to rule as to whether Mr WONG Ting-kwong's rebuttal expression was offensive and sought clarification as to whether verbatim records would be prepared for the meeting.
- 4. At the invitation of Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung, the Clerk said that although minutes of Panel meetings were presented in detailed form, verbatim records were not normally prepared for Panel meetings. Mr HO Kai-ming said that he did not see the need for preparing verbatim records for the meeting, which would be deviated from the usual practice of preparing minutes of Panel meetings. Moreover, the proceedings of Panel meetings were available at the Legislative Council webcast system.

- 5. Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung said that he considered the remarks made by Dr KWOK Ka-ki and Mr WONG Ting-kwong inappropriate. He reminded members that they should not use unparliamentary expressions while speaking at the meeting.
- 6. Referring to Dr KWOK Ka-ki's remarks that Members belonging to the Democratic Alliance for the Betterment and Progress of Hong Kong were inferior ("低劣"), Mr WONG Ting-kwong, Mr Holden CHOW and Mr CHEUNG Kwok-kwan raised a point of order as to whether Dr KWOK's remarks were offensive. These members demanded that Dr KWOK should withdraw the expression. Mr Andrew WAN and Mr Gary FAN recalled that when a similar expression about a group of Members was used by a Member at the Council meeting earlier on that day, the President had ruled that the expression was not in breach of the Rules of Procedure.
- 7. <u>Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung</u> said that due to time constraint, he had to close the meeting and therefore he would not deal with the points of order so raised by members. He declared that the meeting ended at 3:28 pm.

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