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Panel on Security

Minutes of special meeting held on Monday, 16 December 2019, at 2:15 pm in Conference Room 2 of the Legislative Council Complex

Members present : Hon CHAN Hak-kan, BBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon YUNG Hoi-yan, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, GBS, JP
Hon CHAN Kin-por, GBS, JP
Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP
Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP
Hon Claudia MO
Hon WU Chi-wai, MH
Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS
Hon Charles Peter MOK, JP
Hon CHAN Chi-chuen
Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, SBS, MH, JP
Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, BBS, JP
Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki
Hon KWOK Wai-keung, JP
Hon Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung, SBS, JP
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung
Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan
Hon IP Kin-yuen
Hon Elizabeth QUAT, BBS, JP
Hon Martin LIAO Cheung-kong, GBS, JP
Hon POON Siu-ping, BBS, MH
Hon Alvin YEUNG
Hon Andrew WAN Siu-kin
Hon Jimmy NG Wing-ka, BBS, JP
Dr Hon Junius HO Kwan-yiu, JP
Hon HO Kai-ming

Hon LAM Cheuk-ting
Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding
Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing, MH
Hon CHAN Chun-ying, JP
Hon Tanya CHAN
Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan, JP
Hon LUK Chung-hung, JP
Dr Hon CHENG Chung-tai
Hon Jeremy TAM Man-ho
Hon Gary FAN Kwok-wai
Hon AU Nok-hin
Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen, BBS

Members absent : Prof Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long, SBS, JP
Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, GBS, JP
Hon WONG Kwok-kin, SBS, JP
Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP
Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP
Hon CHAN Han-pan, BBS, JP
Hon Kenneth LEUNG
Hon Dennis KWOK Wing-hang
Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan
Hon CHU Hoi-dick
Hon SHIU Ka-chun
Hon HUI Chi-fung
Hon KWONG Chun-yu

Clerk in attendance : Miss Betty MA
Chief Council Secretary (2) 1

Staff in attendance : 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

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I. Election of Deputy Chairman
(Appendices III and IV to LC Paper No. CB(2)8/19-20)

Election of Deputy Chairman

Members noted that the proceedings of the election of the Deputy Chairman had started at the special meeting on 3 December 2019. At that meeting, Mr James TO and Ms YUNG Hoi-yan were nominated for the office. Members also agreed that an election forum, which modelled on that for the chairmanship, be held for the deputy chairmanship of the Panel. Owing to time constraint, the election of the Deputy Chairman had been suspended and the election forum would be continued at this meeting by inviting Ms YUNG Hoi-yan and Mr James TO to make their respective concluding remarks.

2. At the invitation of the Chairman, Ms YUNG Hoi-yan and Mr James TO made their respective concluding remarks. The Chairman then announced a vote by secret ballot. After all members had cast their votes, the Chairman invited Mr LAM Cheuk-ting (who had nominated Mr James TO) and Ms Elizabeth QUAT (who had seconded the nomination of Ms YUNG Hoi-yan) to monitor the counting of votes.

3. After the votes were counted, the Chairman announced that 12 members voted for Mr James TO and 22 members voted for Ms YUNG Hoi-yan respectively. The Chairman declared Ms YUNG Hoi-yan elected as the Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2019-2020 session.

II. Application for late membership
(LC Paper No. CB(2)344/19-20(01))

4. Members accepted the application for late membership from Mr Andrew WAN in accordance with Rule 23 of the House Rules.

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III. Schedule of meetings for the 2019-2020 session

5. Members agreed that regular meetings of the Panel in the 2019-2020 session would be held on the first Tuesday of each month at 2:30 pm. Members also agreed that a briefing by the Commissioner of Police on the crime situation in 2019 would be held at the regular meeting scheduled for 4 February 2020.

(Post-meeting note: The meeting schedule was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)410/19-20 on 17 December 2019.)

IV. Items for discussion at the next meeting

(LC Paper Nos. CB(2)344/19-20(02) and (03))

Regular meeting in January 2020

6. The Chairman said that the Administration had proposed the following items to be discussed at the next regular meeting on 7 January 2020 at 2:30 pm:

- (a) Proposed introduction of offences on voyeurism and non-consensual sexual photography of intimate parts;
- (b) Enhancements to the Fire Safety Improvement Works Subsidy Scheme; and
- (c) Installation of electric locks security system in Shek Pik Prison.

7. Noting that some members were much concerned about the matters raised in the Annual Report 2018 to the Chief Executive by the Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance, the Chairman suggested that, if members raised no objection, he would discuss with the Administration to defer the proposed item in paragraph 6(a) above to a future meeting, such that the item "Results of study of matters raised in the Annual Report 2018 to the Chief Executive by the Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance" would be discussed at the regular meeting in January 2020.

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8. Mr James TO said that he did not agree to the Chairman's suggestion. Under the current social situation, he considered that matters in relation to the Police's handling of public assemblies and the use of force by police officers in demonstrations since June 2019 should be given the utmost priority for discussion by the Panel. Mr WU Chi-wai and Dr Helena WONG shared a similar view. Mr WU was particularly concerned about the Police's enforcement actions and credibility in recent months. Ms Claudia MO further proposed that several meetings be arranged to discuss specific incidents occurred since June 2019.

(Post-meeting note: On the advice of the Chairman, the notice of January's regular meeting was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)440/19-20 on 23 December 2019.)

Issues raised by members for follow-up in future

9. In the light of the persistent riots over the past six months, Dr Priscilla LEUNG suggested that issues relating to the manpower of frontline police officers, and the Police's handling of riots in public places and private premises should be discussed by the Panel. The Deputy Chairman further said that measures for handling of riots, which was already included in the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion, should be arranged for discussion as soon as practicable.

10. Dr Helena WONG said that issues relating to the chemical composition in tear gas, pepper spray and the coloured water sprayed by specialized crowd management vehicles ("SCMVs") should be discussed by the Panel. In view of the different sayings about San Uk Ling Holding Centre for detaining demonstrators, she considered that a visit to the Centre should be arranged by the Panel.

11. The Chairman said that Dr KWOK Ka-ki, Mr Dennis KWOK, Mr Alvin YEUNG, Ms Tanya CHAN and Mr Jeremy TAM had proposed in a joint letter (LC Paper No. CB(2)385/19-20(01)) that the operation of SCMVs, including the ingredients in coloured water sprayed by the vehicles, be discussed by the Panel. As regards the visit to San Uk Ling Holding Centre, he would discuss with the Administration about the arrangements if members raised no objection. He further invited members to propose other local visits by the Panel if considered necessary.

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12. Mr AU Nok-hin asked whether the draft Member's Bill entitled "Public Order (Amendment) Bill 2019" would be arranged for discussion by the Panel. The Chairman responded that he would arrange the aforementioned draft Member's Bill jointly proposed by Mr CHU Hoi-dick and Mr AU Nok-hin, and two other draft Member's Bill entitled "Public Inquiry (2019 Disturbances) Bill" and "Criminal Jurisdiction (Amendment) Bill 2019" respectively proposed by Mr Kenneth LEUNG and Mr Andrew WAN be discussed by the Panel in this session.

13. Ms Claudia MO said that the Panel should discuss the notification mechanism between the Mainland public security authorities and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government in respect of detention of Hong Kong residents on the Mainland.

14. The Chairman said that he noted members' grave concern about the Police's handling of riots and protests since June 2019, as well as matters on stopping violence and curbing disorder. He would follow up these issues and other issues raised by members at this meeting when he and the Deputy Chairman discussed the work plan of the Panel for the 2019-2020 session with the Secretary for Security.

15. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 2:43 pm.

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