

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES

No. 35

**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7 July 2021 at 11:00 am
and Thursday 8 July 2021 at 9:00 am**

Attendance

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

Laying of Papers on the Table of the Council

Four items of subsidiary legislation laid on the Table of the Council and fourteen other papers tabled under Rule 21(2) of the Rules of Procedure (“RoP”) were in the **Appendix**.

Addresses

Hon Martin LIAO, Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Corruption of the Independent Commission Against Corruption, addressed the Council on the Independent Commission Against Corruption, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China Annual Report 2020 and Reports of ICAC Advisory Committees.

Hon Jeffrey LAM, Chairman of the Independent Commission Against Corruption Complaints Committee, addressed the Council on the ICAC Complaints Committee Annual Report 2020.

Questions

Six oral questions (i.e. Questions 1 to 6) were put by the Members, and oral replies given by the public officers to the main and supplementary questions put by Members.

Written replies to Questions 7 to 22 were supplied to Members.

Government Bills

First Reading and Second Reading (debate to be adjourned)

- Securities and Futures (Amendment) Bill 2021 : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury
- Limited Partnership Fund and Business Registration Legislation (Amendment) Bill 2021 : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

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

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

- Employment (Amendment) Bill 2021 : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

The Second Reading debate on the Bill 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 provisions of the Bill and amendments thereto were debated and voted in accordance with the relevant debate and voting arrangements and the relevant provisions of RoP. During the consideration of the Bill, the following questions were put:

<u>Order of questions put</u>	<u>Decisions taken (details of division, if any)</u>
— Clause 2 standing part of the Bill	Passed
— Hon WONG Kwok-kin's amendments to clauses 1 and 3	Negatived
— Clause 3 standing part of the Bill	Passed
— Hon KWOK Wai-keung's first set of amendments to clause 1	Negatived
— Hon KWOK Wai-keung's second set of amendments to clause 1	Negatived
— Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan's amendments to clause 1	Negatived
— Clause 1 standing part of the Bill	Passed

The Council then resumed. The public officer reported the Bill to the Council without amendment. The question on the public officer's motion that the report made under RoP 58(12) 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 Motion

Proposed resolution under Article 73(7) of the Basic Law and section 7A of the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal Ordinance (Cap. 484) on appointment of a permanent judge of the Court of Final Appeal

The Chief Secretary for Administration moved the motion. 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.

Members' Motions on Subsidiary Legislation

Proposed resolutions to extend the period for amending subsidiary legislation (L.N. 73 and L.N. 75 of 2021)

Hon Vincent CHENG and Hon WONG Ting-kwong moved their motions respectively. The questions on the two motions were proposed, put and agreed to.

Member's Bill

First Reading and Second Reading (debate to be adjourned)

- Organized and Serious Crimes : Hon Elizabeth QUAT
(Amendment) Bill 2021

The Bill was read the first time. Before the Council entered upon consideration of the Second Reading of the Bill, the President's Deputy, in accordance with RoP 54(1), called for the signification of the written consent of the Chief Executive by the designated public officer as the Bill related to Government policies. The public officer confirmed that the Chief Executive's written consent to the Bill had been signified. The Bill was ordered to be set down for Second Reading under RoP 53(3).

Hon Elizabeth QUAT moved the Second Reading of the Bill. The question on the Second Reading of the Bill was proposed. In accordance with RoP 54(4), the debate was adjourned and the Bill was referred to the House Committee.

Members' Other Motions

Motion on "Actively seizing the opportunities of the National 14th Five-Year Plan and striving for accession to the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership"

Hon WONG Ting-kwong moved the motion. The question on the motion was proposed. After Members and the public officers had spoken, the question on the motion was put and agreed to.

Motion on “Actively seizing the opportunities arising from the country’s new development pattern featuring ‘dual circulation’ to revitalize the post-pandemic economy”

Hon Martin LIAO moved the motion. 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.

Next meeting

The President declared that the next Council meeting would be held on 14 July 2021 at 11:00 am.

The Council was adjourned at 11:00 am on 8 July 2021.



(Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen)
President
Legislative Council

Chamber
Legislative Council Complex, Hong Kong

26 August 2021

Council meeting of 7 July 2021

Laying of Papers on the Table of the Council

Subsidiary legislation	Legal Notice No.
1. Pharmacy and Poisons (Amendment) Regulation 2021 (gazetted on 25 June 2021)	104 of 2021
2. Designation of Libraries (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 2021 (gazetted on 25 June 2021)	105 of 2021
3. Financial Institutions (Resolution) (Contractual Recognition of Suspension of Termination Rights—Banking Sector) Rules (gazetted on 25 June 2021)	106 of 2021
4. Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Public Pleasure Grounds) (Amendment of Fourth Schedule) (No. 2) Order 2021 (gazetted on 2 July 2021)	108 of 2021

Other papers

5. Construction Industry Council
Annual Report 2020 (including Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report)
(published on 29 June 2021)
6. Investor and Financial Education Council
Annual Report 2020-21 (including Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report)
(published on 30 June 2021)
7. Securities and Futures Commission
Annual Report 2020-21 (including Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report)
(published on 30 June 2021)
8. The Standing Committee on Legal Education and Training
Annual Report 2020
1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020
(published on 30 June 2021)

9. Independent Commission Against Corruption, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China
Annual Report 2020 and Reports of ICAC Advisory Committees
(published on 30 June 2021)
10. ICAC Complaints Committee
Annual Report 2020
(published on 30 June 2021)
11. Hong Kong Trade Development Council
Annual Report 2020/21 (including Finances and Independent Auditor's Report)
(published on 30 June 2021)
12. Hong Kong Export Credit Insurance Corporation
Annual Report 2020-21 (including Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report)
(published on 30 June 2021)
13. Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation
Annual Report 2020-2021 (including Financial Statements and Report of the Director of Audit)
(published on 30 June 2021)
14. Sir Robert Black Trust Fund
Report of the Trustee on the Administration of the Fund, Financial Statements and Report of the Director of Audit for the year ended 31 March 2021
(published on 30 June 2021)
15. The Ombudsman, Hong Kong
Annual Report 2020/21 (including Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report)
(published on 2 July 2021)
16. Airport Authority Hong Kong
Annual Report 2020/21 (including Consolidated Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report)
(published on 2 July 2021)
17. Report No. 21/20-21 of the House Committee on Consideration of Subsidiary Legislation and Other Instruments
(published on 2 July 2021)
18. Report of the Bills Committee on Employment (Amendment) Bill 2021
(published on 29 June 2021)