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House Committee of the Legislative Council

Minutes of the 22nd meeting held in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex at 2:30 pm on Friday, 21 May 2021

Members present:

Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, SBS, JP (Chairman)

Hon MA Fung-kwok, GBS, JP (Deputy Chairman)

Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, GBS, JP

Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, GBS, JP

Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, GBS, JP

Hon WONG Ting-kwong, GBS, JP

Hon CHAN Hak-kan, BBS, JP

Hon CHAN Kin-por, GBS, JP

Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP

Hon WONG Kwok-kin, SBS, JP

Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee, GBS, JP

Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP

Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, 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

Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, BBS, JP

Hon KWOK Wai-keung, JP

Hon Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung, SBS, JP

Hon Elizabeth QUAT, BBS, JP

Hon Martin LIAO Cheung-kong, GBS, JP

Hon POON Siu-ping, BBS, MH

Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, SBS, JP

Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, SBS, MH, JP

Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan

Hon Jimmy NG Wing-ka, BBS, JP

Dr Hon Junius HO Kwan-yiu, JP

Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding

Hon SHIU Ka-fai, JP

Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing, MH

Hon YUNG Hoi-yan, JP Dr Hon Pierre CHAN

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

Dr Hon CHENG Chung-tai

Hon Vincent CHENG Wing-shun, MH, JP

Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen, BBS, JP

Clerk in attendance:

Miss Flora TAI Clerk to the House Committee

Staff in attendance:

Mr Kenneth CHEN, SBS Secretary General Ms Connie FUNG Legal Adviser

Ms Dora WAI Deputy Secretary General (Council and

Corporate Services)

Ms Anita SIT

Ms Miranda HON

Mr Matthew LOO

Assistant Secretary General 1

Assistant Secretary General 3

Assistant Secretary General 4

Ms Clara TAM Acting Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 2

Mr Bonny LOO Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 3

Miss Rachel DAI Assistant Legal Adviser 2 Assistant Legal Adviser 6 Ms Wendy KAN Assistant Legal Adviser 7 Mr Mark LAM Ms Doreen WAN Assistant Legal Adviser 9 Assistant Legal Adviser 10 Miss Evelyn LEE Ms Alice LEUNG Chief Council Secretary (2)5 Miss Connie AU Senior Council Secretary (2)5 Mr Richard WONG Senior Council Secretary (2)6

Miss Michelle TANG Council Secretary (2)5

Ms Anna CHEUNG Senior Legislative Assistant (2)3

Mr Arthur KAN Legislative Assistant (2)6

I. Confirmation of minutes of meeting

Minutes of 21st meeting held on 7 May 2021

(LC Paper No. CB(2)1088/20-21)

The minutes were confirmed.

II. Matters arising

Report by the Chairman on her meeting with the Chief Secretary for Administration

2. The Chairman said that at her last meeting with the Chief Secretary for Administration ("CS") held on 10 May 2021, CS had advised that the Administration would render full cooperation to the Legislative Council ("LegCo") to expeditiously take forward the expansion plan of the LegCo Complex ("the Project"). An inter-departmental task force had been set up under the Administration Wing of the CS's Office and the Project would be coordinated by the Director of Administration. CS had also advised that the Administration planned to apply for necessary funding for the Project from the Finance Committee of LegCo in September this year.

III. Legal Service Division report on subsidiary legislation and non-legislative instrument gazetted on 7 May 2021 (LC Paper No. LS71/20-21)

- 3. At the invitation of the Chairman, <u>Legal Adviser</u> ("LA") briefed Members on the report prepared by the Legal Service Division ("LSD") on eight items of subsidiary legislation (i.e. L.N. 55 to L.N. 62) and one item of non-legislative instrument (i.e. the Ninth Technical Memorandum for Allocation of Emission Allowances in Respect of Specified Licences (S.S. No. 5 to Gazette No. 18/2021) ("the Ninth Technical Memorandum")) which were gazetted on 7 May 2021 and tabled in Council on 12 May 2021.
- 4. <u>Members</u> did not raise any questions on L.N. 55 to L.N. 62 and the Ninth Technical Memorandum.
- 5. <u>The Chairman</u> reminded Members that the deadline for amending the above eight items of subsidiary legislation and the Ninth Technical Memorandum would be the Council meeting of 9 June 2021.

IV. Legal Service Division report on subsidiary legislation gazetted on 14 May 2021

(LC Paper No. LS72/20-21)

- 6. At the invitation of the Chairman, <u>LA</u> briefed Members on the report prepared by LSD on two items of subsidiary legislation (i.e. L.N. 67 and L.N. 68) which were gazetted on 14 May 2021 and would be tabled in Council on 26 May 2021.
- 7. <u>Members</u> did not raise any questions on L.N. 67 and L.N. 68.
- 8. <u>The Chairman</u> reminded Members that the deadline for amending the above two items of subsidiary legislation would be the Council meeting of 23 June 2021.

V. Business for the Council meeting of 26 May 2021

- (a) <u>Questions</u> (LC Paper No. CB(3)568/20-21)
- 9. <u>The Chairman</u> said that the questions approved by the President to be asked at the meeting had already been issued to Members.
- (b) Government Bill First Reading and Second Reading (debate to be adjourned)
- 10. The Chairman said that no notice had been received yet.
- (c) Government Bill Second Reading (debate to resume), consideration by committee of the whole Council and Third Reading
- 11. <u>The Chairman</u> said that the Second Reading debate on the Improving Electoral System (Consolidated Amendments) Bill 2021 would be resumed at the meeting.

(d) Government Motion

12. The Chairman said that no notice had been received yet.

(e) Members' Motions

(i) Motion on "Fully implementing the interim policies for squatter structures and agricultural structures" to be moved by Hon Steven HO

(LC Paper No. CB(3)559/20-21)

(ii) Motion on "Enhancing support for carers" to be moved by Hon LEUNG Che-cheung

(LC Paper No. CB(3)561/20-21)

13. <u>The Chairman</u> said that the above two motions would be dealt with at the meeting.

VI. The Chief Executive's Question Time on 2 June 2021

14. <u>The Chairman</u> said that the Chief Executive's Question Time would be held from 11:00 am to 11:30 am, and the regular Council meeting of 2 June 2021 would be held immediately after the Chief Executive's Ouestion Time ended.

VII. Business for the Council meeting of 2 June 2021

(a) **Questions**

(LC Paper No. CB(3)564/20-21)

- 15. <u>The Chairman</u> said that a list setting out the Members who had been allocated question slots for the meeting had already been issued to Members.
- (b) Government Bill First Reading and Second Reading (debate to be adjourned)
- 16. <u>The Chairman</u> said that the Medical Registration (Amendment) Bill 2021 would be introduced into the Council at the meeting and the House Committee ("HC") would consider the Bill at its meeting on 4 June 2021.

(c) Government Motion

17. <u>The Chairman</u> said that no notice had been received yet.

(d) Members' Motions

(i) Motion on "Increasing land supply on all fronts" to be moved by Hon WONG Kwok-kin (LC Paper No. CB(3)574/20-21)

(ii) Motion on "Rebuilding public confidence" to be moved by Hon Jeffrey LAM (LC Paper No. CB(3)575/20-21)

18. <u>The Chairman</u> reminded Members that the deadline for giving notice of amendments, if any, to the above two motions would be Wednesday, 26 May 2021.

Report of HC on Consideration of Subsidiary Legislation

19. <u>The Chairman</u> invited Members to note the list tabled at the meeting (LC Paper No. CB(3)569/20-21), which contained one item of subsidiary legislation the period for amendment of which would expire at the Council meeting of 2 June 2021. She reminded Members to indicate their intention by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, 25 May 2021, should they wish to speak on that item of subsidiary legislation.

VIII. Reports of Bills Committees and subcommittees

(a) Report of the Bills Committee on Revenue (First Registration Tax and Licence Fees for Motor Vehicles) Bill 2021 (LC Paper No. CB(4)996/20-21)

20. Mr CHAN Kin-por, Chairman of the Bills Committee, briefed Members on the deliberations of the Bills Committee as detailed in its report. Mr CHAN said that neither the Bills Committee nor the Administration would propose any amendments to the Bill and that the Bills Committee had no objection to the resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Bill at the Council meeting of 2 June 2021. Members noted that Mr Frankie YICK and Mr SHIU Ka-fai had indicated to the Bills Committee that they intended to propose amendments to the Bill, with a view to deferring the commencement of the Bill and extending the scope of application of the transitional provisions in relation to the proposed increase of the rates of first registration tax for private cars.

(b) Report of the Bills Committee on Revenue (Stamp Duty) Bill 2021

(LC Paper No. CB(1)901/20-21)

- Mr CHUNG Kwok-pan, Chairman of the Bills Committee, briefed Members on the deliberations of the Bills Committee as detailed in its report. Mr CHUNG said that neither the Administration nor the Bills Committee would propose any amendments to the Bill. Mr CHUNG further said that the Bills Committee had noted that Mr Christopher CHEUNG intended to propose certain amendments to the Bill, which sought to add a "sunset clause", levy the proposed increased rate of stamp duty on stock transfers only on the sell-side, and defer the commencement of the Bill.
- 22. <u>Mr CHUNG</u> informed Members that the Bills Committee raised no objection to the resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Bill at the Council meeting of 2 June 2021.
- (c) Report of the Bills Committee on Securities and Futures and Companies Legislation (Amendment) Bill 2021
 (LC Paper No. CB(1)905/20-21)
- 23. Mr Christopher CHEUNG, Chairman of the Bills Committee, briefed Members on the deliberations of the Bills Committee as detailed in its report. Mr CHEUNG said that neither the Administration nor the Bills Committee would propose any amendments to the Bill and that the Bills Committee had no objection to the resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Bill at the Council meeting of 2 June 2021.
- (d) Report of the Bills Committee on Inland Revenue (Amendment)
 (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2021
 (LC Paper No. CB(1)899/20-21)
- 24. Mr Holden CHOW, Chairman of the Bills Committee, briefed Members on the deliberations of the Bills Committee as detailed in its report. Mr CHOW said that neither the Bills Committee nor the Administration would propose any amendments to the Bill and that the Bills Committee raised no objection to the resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Bill at the Council meeting of 2 June 2021.
- 25. <u>The Chairman</u> reminded Members that the deadline for giving notice of amendments, if any, to the above four Bills would be Monday, 24 May 2021.

IX. Position on Bills Committees and subcommittees

(LC Paper No. CB(2)1089/20-21)

26. <u>The Chairman</u> said that as at 20 May 2021, there were nine Bills Committees, two subcommittees under HC and nine subcommittees on policy issues under Panels in action.

X. Senior judicial appointment

(Director of Administration's letter dated 12 May 2021)

- 27. The Chairman said that the Chief Executive had announced on 12 May 2021 her acceptance of the recommendation of the Judicial Officers Recommendation Commission to appoint the Honourable Mr Justice Johnson LAM Man-hon as a Permanent Judge of the Court of Final Appeal. The Chairman further said that in accordance with the procedure for endorsement of appointment of judges by LegCo endorsed by HC, it was for HC to decide whether it was necessary to form a subcommittee to consider the recommended appointment.
- 28. <u>Dr Priscilla LEUNG</u>, <u>Ms Elizabeth QUAT</u> and <u>Mr Holden CHOW</u> considered it necessary to form a subcommittee to consider the recommended appointment. <u>Members</u> agreed. The following Members agreed to join the subcommittee: Dr Priscilla LEUNG, Mrs Regina IP, Ms Elizabeth QUAT, Dr Junius HO and Mr Holden CHOW.
- 29. <u>Members</u> noted that the Administration would move a motion to seek LegCo's endorsement of the recommended appointment after the subcommittee had reported its deliberations to HC.

XI. Any other business

30. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 2:52 pm.

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