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House Committee of the Legislative Council

Minutes of the 23rd meeting held in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex at 2:30 pm on Friday, 28 May 2021

Members present :

Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, SBS, JP (Chairman) Hon MA Fung-kwok, GBS, JP (Deputy Chairman) 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 Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee, GBS, JP Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP Hon Steven HO Chun-yin, BBS 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

Members absent :

Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, GBS, JP Hon WONG Kwok-kin, SBS, JP Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP

Clerk in attendance :

Miss Flora TAI

Clerk to the House Committee

Staff in attendance :

Mr Kenneth CHEN, SBS	Secretary General				
Mr Bonny LOO	Acting Legal Adviser				
Ms Dora WAI	Deputy	Secretary	General	(Council	and
	Corporate Services)				
Ms Anita SIT	Assistant Secretary General 1				
Ms Miranda HON	Assistant Secretary General 3				
Mr Matthew LOO	Assistant Secretary General 4				
Ms Clara TAM	Acting Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 2				
Miss Evelyn LEE	Assistant Legal Adviser 10				
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				

Action

I. Confirmation of minutes of meeting

Minutes of 22nd meeting held on 21 May 2021

(LC Paper No. CB(2)1105/20-21)

The minutes were confirmed.

II. Matters arising

Report by the Chairman on her meeting with the Chief Secretary for <u>Administration</u>

2. The Chairman said that at her last meeting with the Chief Secretary for Administration ("CS"), CS had expressed gratitude to the Bills Committee on Improving Electoral System (Consolidated Amendments) Bill 2021 for completing the scrutiny of the Bill conscientiously and expeditiously, thus enabling the Administration to resume the Second Reading debate on the Bill at the Council meeting of 26 May 2021. The Bill was passed at the Council meeting on 27 May 2021. The Chairman further said that CS had also thanked Members for agreeing to form a subcommittee to consider the proposed appointment of the Honourable Mr Justice Johnson LAM Man-hon as a Permanent Judge of the Court of Final Appeal. CS had hoped that Members would support the proposed appointment.

3. <u>Dr CHIANG Lai-wai</u> said that normal cross boundary travel between Hong Kong and the Mainland had already been suspended for a long period. As many people who worked in Hong Kong were residing on the Mainland, she hoped that CS could liaise with the relevant Mainland authorities with a view to exempting Hong Kong people who had completed their coronavirus disease 2019 vaccination course from undergoing compulsory quarantine when they entered the Mainland from Hong Kong.

4. <u>The Chairman</u> said that Members should not express views under this agenda item on policy issues which fell within the purview of Panels. She noted that many Members were also concerned about the issue raised by Dr CHIANG Lai-wan and suggested that Members could continue to follow up the issue with the Administration on other occasions.

III. Business arising from previous Council meetings

Legal Service Division report on subsidiary legislation gazetted on 21 May 2021

(LC Paper No. LS73/20-21)

5. At the invitation of the Chairman, <u>Acting Legal Adviser</u> briefed Members on the report prepared by the Legal Service Division on the Designation of Libraries (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2021 (L.N. 71) which was gazetted on 21 May 2021 and tabled in Council on 26 May 2021.

6. <u>Members</u> did not raise any questions on L.N. 71.

7. <u>The Chairman</u> reminded Members that the deadline for amending the above item of subsidiary legislation would be the Council meeting of 23 June 2021.

IV. Further business for the Council meeting of 2 June 2021

(a) <u>Laying of Papers on the Table of the Council</u>

Report No. 17/20-21 of the House Committee on Consideration of Subsidiary Legislation and Other Instruments (*LC Paper No. CB*(2)1107/20-21)

8. <u>The Chairman</u> said that the Report covered one item of subsidiary legislation and the period for amending it would expire at the Council meeting of 2 June 2021. No Member had indicated intention to speak on that item of subsidiary legislation.

(b) Government Bills - Second Reading (debate to resume), consideration by committee of the whole Council and Third <u>Reading</u>

- 1. Revenue (First Registration Tax and Licence Fees for Motor Vehicles) Bill 2021
- 2. Revenue (Stamp Duty) Bill 2021
- 3. Securities and Futures and Companies Legislation (Amendment) Bill 2021
- 4. Inland Revenue (Amendment) (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2021

9. <u>The Chairman</u> said that the Second Reading debates on the above four Bills would be resumed at the meeting.

V. Business for the Council meeting of 9 June 2021

(a) <u>Questions</u>

(LC Paper No. CB(3)584/20-21)

10. <u>The Chairman</u> informed Members 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)

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

(c) <u>Government Motion</u>

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

(d) <u>Members' Motions</u>

13. <u>The Chairman</u> said that two Members' motions not intended to have legislative effect originally scheduled for the Council meeting of 9 June 2021, namely Dr Junius HO's motion on "Judicial reform" and Mr POON Siu-ping's motion on "Policy on unemployment loan", would be rescheduled to the Council meeting of 16 June 2021. She reminded Members that the deadline for giving notice of amendments, if any, to the two motions would be Wednesday, 2 June 2021.

Report of the House Committee on Consideration of Subsidiary Legislation and Other Instruments

14. <u>The Chairman</u> invited Members to note the list tabled at the meeting (LC Paper No. CB(3)602/20-21), which contained eight items of subsidiary legislation and an instrument the period for amendment of which would expire at the Council meeting of 9 June 2021. She reminded Members to indicate their intention by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, 1 June 2021, should they wish to speak on any of those items of subsidiary legislation or the instrument.

VI. Position on Bills Committees and subcommittees (*LC Paper No. CB*(2)1106/20-21)

15. <u>The Chairman</u> said that as at 27 May 2021, there were five Bills Committees, three subcommittees under the House Committee and nine subcommittees on policy issues under Panels in action.

VII. Any other business

16. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 2:36 pm.

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