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House Committee of the Legislative Council

**Minutes of the 29th meeting
held in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex
at 2:30 pm on Friday, 9 July 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, SBS, JP
Hon CHAN Kin-por, GBS, JP
Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP
Hon WONG Kwok-kin, GBS, JP
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee, GBM, GBS, JP
Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP
Hon Steven HO Chun-yin, BBS, JP
Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP
Hon YIU Si-wing, SBS
Hon CHAN Han-pan, BBS, 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, GBS, 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, JP
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 Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP
Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, SBS, MH, JP

Clerk in attendance :

Miss Flora TAI Clerk to the House Committee

Staff in attendance :

Mr Kenneth CHEN, SBS	Secretary General
Ms Connie FUNG, SBS	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
Mr Timothy TSO	Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 1
Ms Clara TAM	Acting Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 2
Mr Bonny LOO	Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 3
Miss Joyce CHAN	Assistant Legal Adviser 1
Miss Rachel DAI	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 28th meeting held on 2 July 2021
(LC Paper No. CB(2)1262/20-21)

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"), CS had indicated that he would render full support to the Chief Executive in the administration of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in accordance with the Basic Law to ensure comprehensive and accurate implementation of the "one country, two systems" principle and the concept of "patriots administering Hong Kong". CS had further indicated that he would allocate more time to liaise with various Legislative Council ("LegCo") Members with a view to jointly enhancing the relationship between the Executive Authorities and the Legislature. The Chairman further said that CS also agreed with the views put forward in her reply letter and would encourage various policy bureaux to step up communication with Members and carry out the explanatory work properly prior to presenting bills and funding proposals to LegCo, and also to cooperate with LegCo in its monitoring of the work of the Government. The Chairman also advised that CS had remarked that he would be pleased to listen to the views of Members on different issues and would attend meetings of the House Committee ("HC") at an opportune time to exchange views on issues of common concern and respond to Members' questions.

III. Business arising from previous Council meetings

(a) Legal Service Division reports on bills referred to the House Committee in accordance with Rule 54(4)

1. Securities and Futures (Amendment) Bill 2021
(LC Paper No. LS88/20-21)

3. At the invitation of the Chairman, Legal Adviser ("LA") briefed Members on the report prepared by the Legal Service Division ("LSD")

on the above Bill. LA said that LSD was scrutinizing the legal and drafting aspects of the Bill.

4. Members considered it not necessary to form a Bills Committee to study the Bill. LA advised that LSD would make a further report if necessary.

2. Limited Partnership Fund and Business Registration Legislation (Amendment) Bill 2021
(*LC Paper No. LS87/20-21*)

5. At the invitation of the Chairman, LA briefed Members on the report prepared by LSD on the above Bill.

6. Mr Holden CHOW considered it necessary to form a Bills Committee to study the Bill in detail. Members agreed. The following Members agreed to join the Bills Committee: Ms Starry LEE, Dr Junius HO, Mr Holden CHOW and Mr CHEUNG Kwok-kwan.

3. Organized and Serious Crimes (Amendment) Bill 2021
(*LC Paper No. LS90/20-21*)

7. At the invitation of the Chairman, LA briefed Members on the report prepared by LSD on the above Bill.

8. Members considered it not necessary to form a Bills Committee to study the Bill and did not raise objection to the resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Bill.

(b) Legal Service Division report on subsidiary legislation gazetted on 2 July 2021

(*LC Paper No. LS89/20-21*)

9. At the invitation of the Chairman, LA briefed Members on the report prepared by LSD on the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Public Pleasure Grounds) (Amendment of Fourth Schedule) (No. 2) Order 2021 (L.N. 108) which was gazetted on 2 July 2021 and tabled in Council on 7 July 2021.

10. Members did not raise any questions on L.N. 108.

11. The Chairman reminded Members that the deadline for amending the above item of subsidiary legislation would be the Council meeting of 21 July 2021.

IV. Further business for the Council meeting of 14 July 2021

(a) Laying of Papers on the Table of the Council

Report No. 22/20-21 of the House Committee on Consideration of Subsidiary Legislation and Other Instruments
(*LC Paper No. CB(2)1264/20-21*)

12. The Chairman said that the Report covered four items of subsidiary legislation and the period for amending them would expire at the Council meeting of 14 July 2021. No Member had indicated intention to speak on any of those items of subsidiary legislation.

(b) Government Bills - First Reading and Second Reading (debate to be adjourned)

- 1. Legal Practitioners (Amendment) Bill 2021**
- 2. Sale of Goods (United Nations Convention) Bill**
- 3. Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation) (Amendment) Bill 2021**
- 4. Telecommunications (Amendment) Bill 2021**
- 5. Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes (Amendment) Bill 2021**

13. The Chairman said that HC would consider the above five Bills at its meeting on 16 July 2021.

(c) Members' Motions on Subsidiary Legislation

- 1. Proposed resolution to extend the period for amending subsidiary legislation (L.N. 93 and 94 of 2021) to be moved by Hon Holden CHOW**
(*LC Paper No. CB(3)761/20-21*)
- 2. Proposed resolution to extend the period for amending subsidiary legislation (L.N. 95 to 101 of 2021) to be moved by Hon CHAN Chun-ying**
(*LC Paper No. CB(3)763/20-21*)

14. The Chairman said that the purpose of the above two proposed resolutions was to extend the period for amending two items of subsidiary legislation relating to the minor works validation scheme (L.N. 93 and L.N. 94) and seven items of subsidiary legislation relating to the implementation of the new inspection regime of the Companies Register under the Companies Ordinance (L.N. 95 to L.N. 101) respectively to the Council meeting of 18 August 2021.

(d) **Members' Other Motions**

Proposed resolution under Article 75 of the Basic Law to amend the Rules of Procedure to be moved by Hon Paul TSE
(LC Paper No. CB(3)743/20-21)

15. The Chairman said that the above proposed resolution would be dealt with at the meeting.

V. Business for the Council meeting of 21 July 2021

(a) **Questions**

(LC Paper No. CB(3)745/20-21)

16. The Chairman 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)**

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

(c) **Government Motions**

Two proposed resolutions under the Loans Ordinance to be moved by the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury
(LC Paper No. CB(3)764/20-21)

18. The Chairman said that the above two proposed resolutions would be dealt with at the meeting.

(d) Members' Motions

- 1. Motion on "Enacting legislation to combat false information on the Internet" to be moved by Hon Elizabeth QUAT**
(LC Paper No. CB(3)762/20-21)
- 2. Motion on "Promoting public health policy to let the elderly enjoy a quality life" to be moved by Hon CHAN Kin-por**
(LC Paper No. CB(3)753/20-21)

19. The Chairman reminded Members that the deadline for giving notice of amendments, if any, to the above two motions would be Wednesday, 14 July 2021.

Report of HC on Consideration of Subsidiary Legislation and Other Instruments

20. The Chairman invited Members to note that there were nine items of subsidiary legislation the period for amendment of which would expire at the Council meeting of 21 July 2021. A draft Report of HC on Consideration of Subsidiary Legislation and Other Instruments covering these nine items of subsidiary legislation would be issued to Members later. She reminded Members to indicate their intention by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, 13 July 2021, should they wish to speak on any of those items of subsidiary legislation.

VI. Position on Bills Committees and subcommittees
(LC Paper No. CB(2)1263/20-21)

21. The Chairman said that as at 8 July 2021, there were five Bills Committees, eight subcommittees under HC and nine subcommittees on policy issues under Panels in action.

VII. Any other business

22. The Chairman invited Members to note that the Administration might present some bills to LegCo for First Reading at the Council meeting of 21 July 2021. She said that in order to enable the early

commencement of the relevant scrutiny work, she planned to schedule an HC meeting on 23 July 2021 at 2:30 pm so that Members could consider the need to form Bills Committees to study the relevant bills as soon as possible. The Chairman asked Members to mark the above date in their diary.

23. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 2:44 pm.

Council Business Division 2
Legislative Council Secretariat
14 July 2021