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House Committee of the Legislative Council

Minutes of the 13th meeting held in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex at 2:30 pm on Friday, 20 May 2022

Members present :

Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, SBS, JP (Chairman) Hon MA Fung-kwok, GBS, JP (Deputy Chairman) Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-van, GBS, JP Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, GBS, JP Hon CHAN Hak-kan, SBS, JP Hon CHAN Kin-por, GBS, JP Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, 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 Alice MAK Mei-kuen, BBS, JP Hon KWOK Wai-keung, JP Hon Elizabeth QUAT, BBS, JP Hon Martin LIAO Cheung-kong, GBS, JP Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, GBS, MH, JP 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 YUNG Hoi-yan, JP Hon CHAN Chun-ying, JP Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan, JP Hon LUK Chung-hung, JP Hon LAU Kwok-fan, MH, JP Hon Vincent CHENG Wing-shun, MH, JP Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen, BBS, JP Hon Doreen KONG Yuk-foon

Hon Stanley LI Sai-wing, MH Dr Hon Hoey Simon LEE, MH, JP Hon Robert LEE Wai-wang Hon Dominic LEE Tsz-king Ir Hon LEE Chun-keung Dr Hon TIK Chi-yuen, SBS, JP Hon Stanley NG Chau-pei, SBS Dr Hon Johnny NG Kit-chong, MH Hon CHAU Siu-chung Dr Hon CHOW Man-kong Dr Hon David LAM Tzit-yuen Hon LAM Chun-sing Hon LAM So-wai Hon Nixie LAM Lam Prof Hon Nelson LAM Chi-yuen, JP Dr Hon Dennis LAM Shun-chiu, JP Hon LAM San-keung, JP Hon Andrew LAM Siu-lo, SBS, JP Hon Duncan CHIU Hon YIU Pak-leung, MH Dr Hon Wendy HONG Wen Prof Hon SUN Dong Hon Dennis LEUNG Tsz-wing, MH Hon LEUNG Man-kwong, MH Hon Edward LEUNG Hei Hon Kenneth LEUNG Yuk-wai, JP Hon CHAN Yuet-ming Hon Rock CHEN Chung-nin, SBS, JP Hon CHAN Pui-leung Hon CHAN Yung, BBS, JP Hon Sunny TAN Hon Judy CHAN Kapui, MH Hon Maggie CHAN Man-ki, MH, JP Ir Hon CHAN Siu-hung, JP Hon CHAN Hoi-yan Hon Joephy CHAN Wing-yan Hon CHAN Hok-fung, MH, JP Hon Lillian KWOK Ling-lai Hon Benson LUK Hon-man Dr Hon Stephen WONG Yuen-shan Dr Hon Kennedy WONG Ying-ho, BBS, JP Hon Edmund WONG Chun-sek Hon Kingsley WONG Kwok, BBS, JP Hon YANG Wing-kit

Revd Canon Hon Peter Douglas KOON Ho-ming, BBS Hon TANG Fei, MH Hon TANG Ka-piu, BBS, JP Hon LAI Tung-kwok, GBS, IDSM, JP Prof Hon LAU Chi-pang, BBS, JP Hon Kenneth FOK Kai-kong, JP Hon Louis LOONG Hon-biu Hon NGAN Man-yu Hon Carmen KAN Wai-mun Dr Hon TAN Yueheng, JP Hon SO Cheung-wing, SBS, JP

Member attending :

Hon Kenneth LAU Ip-keung, BBS, MH, JP

Members absent :

Hon CHAN Han-pan, BBS, JP Hon CHU Kwok-keung Ir Hon Gary ZHANG Xinyu

Clerk in attendance :

Ms Amy YU

Clerk to the House Committee

Staff in attendance :

Ms Dora WAI	Acting Secretary General
Ms Connie FUNG, SBS	Legal Adviser
Mr Timothy TSO	Principal Assistant Legal Adviser
Ms Anita SIT	Assistant Secretary General 1
Ms Miranda HON	Assistant Secretary General 3
Miss Joyce CHAN	Acting Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 2
Miss Rachel DAI	Acting Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 3
Ms Alice LEUNG	Chief Council Secretary (2)5
Ms Angel WONG	Chief Council Secretary (4)4
Mr Mark LAM	Assistant Legal Adviser 7
Ms Doreen WAN	Assistant Legal Adviser 9
Miss Evelyn LEE	Assistant Legal Adviser 10

Miss Michelle TANG Mr Richard WONG Mr Kelvin LAW Ms Anna CHEUNG Mr Arthur KAN Senior Council Secretary (2)5 Senior Council Secretary (2)6 Council Secretary (2)5 Senior Legislative Assistant (2)3 Legislative Assistant (2)6

I. Confirmation of minutes of meeting

Minutes of 12th meeting held on 13 May 2022

(LC Paper No. CB(2)329/2022)

The minutes were confirmed.

II. Matters arising

Report by the Chairman on her meeting with the Director of the Chief Executive's Office

2. The Chairman said that at her last meeting with the Director of the Chief Executive's Office ("Director of CEO"), Director of CEO had expressed gratitude to the House Committee ("HC") for expeditiously forming a subcommittee to study the proposal for reorganizing the government structure ("the reorganization proposal") The Administration would work closely with the and related matters. Subcommittee to facilitate the scrutiny of the reorganization proposal and arrange for relevant public officers to attend meeting(s) of the Subcommittee. Director of CEO hoped that the Subcommittee could complete its scrutiny work expeditiously so that the proposed resolution to effect the transfer of statutory functions pursuant to the reorganization proposal could be passed by the Legislative Council at the earliest possible time to enable the new-term Government to form its governing team as soon as possible.

3. <u>The Chairman</u> further said that, as advised by Director of CEO, the Administration noted that the relevant Bills Committees scrutinizing the two Bills concerning employees' rights and benefits (i.e. the Employment and Retirement Schemes Legislation (Offsetting Arrangement) (Amendment) Bill 2022 and the Employment (Amendment) Bill 2022) had completed clause-by-clause examination of the Bills. The Administration planned to resume Second Reading debates on the two Bills in Council no later than mid June 2022.

III. Business arising from previous Council meetings

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

1. **Professional Accountants (Amendment) Bill 2022** (*LC Paper No. LS33/2022*)

4. At the invitation of the Chairman, <u>Legal Adviser</u> ("LA") briefed members on the report prepared by the Legal Service Division ("LSD") on the above Bill.

5. <u>Ms Doreen KONG, Ms Nixie LAM, Prof Nelson LAM, Mr LAM San-keung and Mr Edmund WONG</u> considered it necessary to form a Bills Committee to study the Bill in detail. <u>Members</u> agreed. The aforesaid five Members also indicated their intention to join the Bills Committee.

2. Rural Representative Election (Amendment) Bill 2022 (LC Paper No. LS35/2022)

6. At the invitation of the Chairman, <u>LA</u> briefed members on the report prepared by LSD on the above Bill.

7. <u>Mr CHAN Hak-kan, Mr Stanley LI, Mr Dominic LEE, Mr LAM</u> <u>San-keung, Ms CHAN Yuet-ming, Mr CHAN Hok-fung, Mr LAI</u> <u>Tung-kwok</u> and <u>Prof LAU Chi-pang</u> considered it necessary to form a Bills Committee to study the Bill in detail. <u>Members</u> agreed. The aforesaid eight Members also indicated their intention to join the Bills Committee.

IV. Further business for the Council meeting of 25 May 2022

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

Report No. 8/2022 of the House Committee on Consideration of Subsidiary Legislation and Other Instruments

(LC Paper No. CB(2)331/2022)

8. <u>The Chairman</u> said that the Report covered five items of subsidiary legislation and the period for amending them would expire at the Council meeting. No Member had indicated intention to speak on any of those items of subsidiary legislation.

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

Proposed resolution to extend the period for amending subsidiary legislation (L.N. 51 of 2022) to be moved by Hon Steven HO

(*LC Paper No. CB*(3)382/2022)

9. <u>The Chairman</u> said that the purpose of the above proposed resolution was to extend the period for amending the Marine Parks (Designation) (Amendment) Order 2022 (L.N. 51) to the Council meeting of 15 June 2022.

V. Business for the Council meeting of 1 June 2022

(a) <u>Questions</u>

(LC Paper No. CB(3)380/2022(01))

10. <u>The Chairman</u> said that a list setting out the names of Members allocated with 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>

Proposed resolution under the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance to be moved by the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (*LC Paper No. CB*(3)363/2022)

(*LC Paper No. LS34/2022*)

12. At the invitation of the Chairman, <u>LA</u> briefed members on the report prepared by LSD on the above proposed resolution.

13. <u>Members</u> did not raise any questions on the above proposed resolution, and had no objection to the Administration moving the proposed resolution at the Council meeting of 1 June 2022.

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

- 1. Motion on "Enhancing teachers' qualifications to effectively implement education on patriotism" to be moved by Hon TANG Fei (LC Paper No. CB(3)393/2022)
- 2. Motion on "Reforming the civil service system to enhance government effectiveness" to be moved by Hon Dominic LEE (LC Paper No. CB(3)389/2022)

14. <u>The Chairman</u> reminded members that the deadline for giving notice of amendments, if any, to the above two motions would be Wednesday, 25 May 2022.

VI. Position on Bills Committees and subcommittees (*LC Paper No. CB*(2)330/2022)

15. <u>The Chairman</u> said that as at 19 May 2022, there were five Bills Committees, 11 subcommittees under HC and five subcommittees on policy issues under Panels in action. Eight subcommittees on policy issues were on the waiting list.

VII. Any other business

16. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 2:41 pm.

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