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**LegCo Panel on Security**

**Minutes of meeting held on Thursday, 7 October 1999  
at 9:00 am in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building**

**Members present** : Hon James TO Kun-sun (Chairman)  
Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye, JP (Deputy Chairman)  
Hon David CHU Yu-lin  
Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah, JP  
Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong  
Hon Howard YOUNG, JP  
Hon LAU Kong-wah

**Members absent** : Hon Albert HO Chun-yan  
Hon Gary CHENG Kai-nam, JP  
Hon WONG Yung-kan  
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo

**Clerk in attendance** : Mrs Sharon TONG  
Chief Assistant Secretary (2)1

**Staff in attendance** : Mrs Justina LAM  
Assistant Secretary General 2  
  
Miss Betty MA  
Senior Assistant Secretary (2) 1

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**I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman**

Election of Chairman

Mr James TO took the chair and called for nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel. Mr James TO drew members' attention that a Member who was a chairman or deputy chairman of a Government advisory body in respect of matters which a Panel considered to be directly related to the terms of reference of the Panel should not be the chairman or deputy chairman of the Panel.

2. Mr James TO was nominated by Mr David CHU and the nomination was seconded by Mr LAU Kong-wah. Mr James TO accepted the nomination. Mrs Selina CHOW presided over the election. There being no other nomination, Mrs Selina CHOW declared that Mr James TO was elected Chairman of the Panel. Mr James To then took the chair.

Election of Deputy Chairman

3. The Chairman called for nomination for the deputy chairmanship of the Panel.

4. Mrs Selina CHOW was nominated by Mr David CHU and the nomination was seconded by Mr LAU Kong-wah. Mrs Selina CHOW accepted the nomination. There being no other nomination, the Chairman declared Mrs Selina CHOW elected Deputy Chairman of the Panel.

**II. Schedule of meetings for the 1999-2000 session**

5. Members agreed that future meetings of the Panel would be held on the first Thursday of each month at 2:30 pm.

**III. Items for discussion at the next meeting**

6. Members agreed that the next meeting would be held on Thursday, 4 November 1999 at 2:30 pm to discuss the following -

- (a) Amendments the Dangerous Goods Ordinance;
- (b) Directorate support for emergency ambulance service; and

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- (c) Amendments to the Drug Trafficking (Recovery of Proceeds) Ordinance and the Organized and Serious Crimes Ordinance.

*(Post-meeting note : Items (a) and (b) were advanced, at the request of the Administration, for discussion at the meeting on 16 October 1999, immediately after the briefings by the Secretary for Security and the Commissioner, ICAC on the Chief Executive's Policy Address 1999.)*

7. Mr LAU Kong-wah suggested that the issue of the review of the Hong Kong Auxiliary Police be discussed by the Panel either at its next meeting or be added to the list of outstanding items for discussion. The Chairman advised that the Panel had discussed the issue on two occasions in the 1998-1999 session. The Administration had been requested to report back to the Panel on the findings of the review to be conducted upon the completion of the trial. Members agreed to follow up the issue at a future meeting.

8. Mrs Selina CHOW suggested that the proposal to cut overtime expenditure in the Police Force be discussed at the next meeting. She expressed concern that the cut might have led to less effective policing and resulted in a drop in the crime detection rate. The Chairman suggested Mrs CHOW to raise the issue at the briefing by the Secretary for Security on the Chief Executive's Policy Address 1999. Should her concern not be addressed, the Chairman said that the issue would be followed up by the Panel at a future meeting.

**IV. Any other business**

9. The Chairman reminded members that the briefings by the Secretary for Security and the Commissioner, ICAC on the Chief Executive's Policy Address 1999 would be held on 16 October 1999 at 9:00 am.

10. The meeting ended at 9:12 am.

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