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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES

No. 24

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 29 April 2015 at 11:00 am and Thursday 30 April 2015 at 2:30 pm

Attendance

The attendance of Members, public officers and Clerks is in the Official Record of Proceedings.

Tabling of Papers

The following papers were laid on the table under Rule 21(2) of the Rules of Procedure:

Subsidiary Legislation / Instrument

Legal Aid (Assessment of Resources and Contributions) (Amendment)78/2015Regulation 2015(gazetted on 24.4.2015)

Other Paper

No. 91 - Language Fund Financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2014 (published on 23.4.2015)

Questions

Written replies to Questions 1 to 19 as set out on the Agenda were tabled.

Bills

First Reading and Second Reading

 Inland Revenue (Amendment) (No. 2) : Secretary for Financial Services and Bill 2015 : the Treasury

After the above Bill was read the first time and ordered to be set down for Second Reading under Rule 53(3) of the Rules of Procedure, the public officer moved the Second Reading of the Bill. The President proposed the question on the Second Reading of the Bill and referred the Bill to the House Committee in accordance with Rule 54(4) of the Rules of Procedure. The debate on the Bill was adjourned.

Committee stage

- Appropriation Bill 2015 : The Financial Secretary

(During the Committee stage of the Bill, the meeting was suspended at 8:02 pm on 29 April and resumed at 2:30 pm on 30 April 2015.)

The Council went into committee and continued to consider the Schedule to the Bill. The committee continued with the second debate. After Members had spoken on the amendments, the second debate came to a close.

The committee commenced the third debate, the theme of which was "Poverty Alleviation, Welfare and Medical Services, Elderly Care and Public Health", covering 43 amendments to 6 heads as set out in the Official Record of Proceedings. Members spoke on the amendments.

Next meeting

The Council resumed. The President declared that the next Council meeting would be held on 6 May 2015 at 11:00 am.

The Council was adjourned at 7:50 pm on 30 April 2015.

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(Jasper TSANG Yok-sing) President Legislative Council

Council Chamber Hong Kong 12 June 2015