

## Committee on Rules of Procedure

### List of issues studied during the period from July 2009 to June 2010

Item	Issue	Reference	Progress/Remarks
1	To draw up proposed procedural arrangements for the implementation of Article 73(9) of the Basic Law on impeachment of the Chief Executive	Article 73(9) of Basic Law	The Committee's views were referred to the Administration for its further comment. The Committee will continue its deliberations when the Administration's reply is received.
2	To study the issues relating to the meaning of “全體議員” (“all its members”) in Article 75 of the Basic Law and the quorum of the Council	Rule 17(1) of the Rules of Procedure  Articles 49, 52, 67, 73, 75 and 159 of, as well as Annex I and Annex II to, Basic Law	As the views of the Committee on the quorum of the Council is in line with the decision of the President and the views of the Administration, the Committee considers that there is no need to further study the matter.
3	To consider providing a standing arrangement to enable Members to speak on subsidiary legislation or other instruments tabled in Council to which no amendment has been proposed	--	The amendments to the Rules of Procedure to give effect to the proposed procedure had the support of the House Committee and were approved by the Council on 2 December 2009. The relevant provisions of the House Rules were also amended accordingly.

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4	To consider whether the Rules of Procedure should be amended to deal with situations of Members refusing to comply with the President's withdrawal orders made under Rule 45(2) of the Rules of Procedure	Rule 45(2) of Rules of Procedure	The Committee has asked the Secretariat to collate more information on the relevant rules and practices of other legislatures. Once the information is available and depending on the progress of the review of the staffing complement and training needs of security staff, the issue can be further discussed by the Committee.
5	To consider whether the current regulatory standards in relation to the display of signs and messages by Members during Council meetings should be changed and, if so, whether and how the Rules of Procedure should be amended	Rule 45(2) of Rules of Procedure	A consultation with all Members will be conducted on this matter. The Committee will continue its deliberations in the next session when the outcome of consultation is available.
6	To consider the indication of choice of nominee in the election of the chairman and deputy chairman of a committee	Appendix IV to House Rules	The election procedures in Appendix IV to the House Rules were amended to implement the proposal upon endorsement of the proposed amendments by the House Committee on 26 February 2010.
7	To study the issues relating to notices and agendas of committee meetings	Rules 71(6), 72(6), 73(3), 74(3), 75(14), 76(5) and 77(11) of Rules of Procedure  Rule 24(c) of House Rules	The Committee has completed the study. Pursuant to the Committee's suggestion, the practice/proposed arrangements have been included in the Handbooks for Chairmen of Panels, Bills Committees and subcommittees on subsidiary legislation/other instruments for reference by Members as well as the relevant manual for servicing these committees for reference by clerks.

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8	To consider whether rules should be provided in the Rules of Procedure to deal with the display of placards by members of the public attending committee meetings	Rule 87 of Rules of Procedure	As there is an existing rule, i.e. Rule 87 of the Rules of Procedure, which governs disorderly behaviour of members of the public (including deputations) at committee meetings, the Committee considers that there is no need to follow up the issue.
9	To consider the need for establishing a procedure in the Rules of Procedure to enable amendments be made to the report of a committee after it has been dissolved	--	The Secretariat will conduct a study of the issues and collate relevant information, including the rules and practices of other legislatures in this regard, to facilitate consideration of the matter by the Committee in the next session.
10	To consider issues relating to curtailing of debate in committee proceedings	--	A research will be conducted on the relevant issues. The Committee will discuss the subject when the Secretariat has studied and collated the relevant information.
11	<p>To refine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rule 49(4) of the Rules of Procedure to accurately reflect the original proposal and the actual practice; and</li> <li>- the English text of Rule 49(6) to remove an inconsistency between the Chinese and English texts of the rule</li> </ul>	Rule 49(4) and (6) of Rules of Procedure	The proposed amendments to the Chinese and English texts of Rule 49(4) and to the English text of Rule 49(6) had the support of the House Committee and were approved by the Council on 30 June 2010.