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Finance Committee of the Legislative Council

Minutes of the 17th meeting held at Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex on Friday, 9 February 2018, at 3:00 pm

Members present:

Hon CHAN Kin-por, GBS, JP (Chairman)

Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP (Deputy Chairman)

Hon James TO Kun-sun

Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung

Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, GBS, JP

Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, GBS, JP

Prof Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long, SBS, JP

Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, GBS, JP

Hon WONG Ting-kwong, GBS, JP

Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, SBS, JP

Hon CHAN Hak-kan, BBS, JP

Hon WONG Kwok-kin, SBS, JP

Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee, GBS, JP

Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP

Hon Claudia MO

Hon Steven HO Chun-yin, BBS

Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP

Hon WU Chi-wai, MH

Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS

Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP

Hon Charles Peter MOK, JP

Hon CHAN Chi-chuen

Hon CHAN Han-pan, JP

Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, SBS, MH, JP

Hon Kenneth LEUNG

Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, BBS, JP

Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki

Hon KWOK Wai-keung, JP

Hon Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung, SBS, JP

Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung

Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan

Hon IP Kin-yuen

Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, BBS, JP

Hon Martin LIAO Cheung-kong, SBS, JP

Hon POON Siu-ping, BBS, MH

Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, JP

Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, SBS, MH, JP

Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan

Hon Alvin YEUNG

Hon Andrew WAN Siu-kin

Hon CHU Hoi-dick

Hon Jimmy NG Wing-ka, JP

Dr Hon Junius HO Kwan-yiu, JP

Hon HO Kai-ming

Hon LAM Cheuk-ting

Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding

Hon SHIU Ka-fai

Hon SHIU Ka-chun

Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing, MH

Hon YUNG Hoi-yan

Dr Hon Pierre CHAN

Hon CHAN Chun-ying

Hon Tanya CHAN

Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan, JP

Hon HUI Chi-fung

Hon LUK Chung-hung

Hon LAU Kwok-fan, MH

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

Dr Hon CHENG Chung-tai

Hon KWONG Chun-yu

Hon Jeremy TAM Man-ho

Members absent:

Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP Hon Dennis KWOK Wing-hang

Public officers attending:

Ms Alice LAU Yim, JP Permanent Secretary for Financial

Services and the Treasury (Treasury)

Ms Carol YUEN, JP Deputy Secretary for Financial

Services and the Treasury (Treasury) 1

Mr Mike CHENG Wai-man Principal Executive Officer (General),

Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau (The Treasury Branch)

Mr CHAN Jick-chi, JP Under Secretary for Home Affairs

Mr YEUNG Tak-keung, JP Commissioner for Sports

Mr CHEUK Wing-hing, JP Permanent Secretary for Innovation

and Technology

Mrs Millie NG KIANG Mei-nei,

JP

Deputy Secretary for Innovation and

Technology

Mr Allen YEUNG, Ir, JP

Mr Davey CHUNG Pui-hong, JP

Government Chief Information Officer Deputy Government Chief Information

Officer (Policy and Industry

Development)

Mr Victor LAM Wai-kiu, JP Deputy Government Chief Information

Officer (Infrastructure and Operations)

Ms Olivia NIP Sai-lan, JP Head, Efficiency Unit

Mrs Patricia LAU

Mr Ivan CHUNG Man-kit

Deputy Head, Efficiency Unit Principal Assistant Secretary for

Development (Planning and Lands)5,

Development Bureau

Mr Ambrose CHEONG Siu-yau,

JP

Project Manager (W), Civil

Engineering and Development

Department

Mr LAU Wing-kam Chief Engineer(W1), Civil

Engineering and Development

Department

Clerk in attendance:

Ms Anita SIT Assistant Secretary General 1

Staff in attendance:

Mr Derek LO Chief Council Secretary (1)5
Ms Ada LAU Senior Council Secretary (1)7

Mr Raymond SZETO Miss Queenie LAM Mr Frankie WOO Miss Yannes HO Council Secretary (1)5
Senior Legislative Assistant (1)2
Senior Legislative Assistant (1)3
Legislative Assistant (1)6

Action

Item 1 —— FCR(2017-18)56

RECOMMENDATION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT SUBCOMMITTEE MADE ON 6 DECEMBER 2017

EC(2017-18)10

HEAD 53 — GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT: HOME

AFFAIRS BUREAU

Subhead 000—— Operational expenses

The Chairman reminded members of the requirements under Rule 83A and Rule 84 of the Rules of Procedure.

2. <u>The Chairman</u> advised that this item sought the approval of the Finance Committee ("FC") for the recommendation of the Establishment Subcommittee ("ESC") made at its meeting held on 6 December 2017 on item EC(2017-18)10 regarding the creation of a directorate supernumerary post of Administrative Officer Staff Grade C ("AOSGC") in the Home Affairs Bureau ("HAB") to be designated as Principal Assistant Secretary (Recreation and Sport) 2 ("PAS(RS)2") to head the Recreation and Sport Division (2) of Recreation and Sport Branch ("R&S Branch") with effect from 1 January 2018 or upon approval of FC (whichever was later) to 31 December 2020.

Sports development in Hong Kong

- 3. Mr LAM Cheuk-ting and Ms Claudia MO pointed out that according to media reports, some local national sports associations ("NSAs") and their affiliates had restricted the participation of non-members in international competitions, and had used public resources provided by the Government to engage in profit-making activities. They asked whether the creation of the proposed PAS(RS)2 post would be conducive to rectifying the situation.
- 4. <u>Under Secretary for Home Affairs</u> ("USHA") advised that at the moment, there was only one directorate post of AOSGC (i.e. PAS(RS)1) who was responsible for assisting the Commissioner for Sports ("C for S") to handle issues relating to sports policy and sports development. Upon

the creation of the proposed PAS(RS)2 post, the incumbent PAS(RS)1 would be able to focus on other sports policy issues including conducting studies on how to improve the operation of NSAs.

- 5. Mr LAU Kwok-fan and Mr CHEUNG Kwok-kwan suggested that the Government should promote the broadcasting of more local sports events and inter-school sports competitions on television and radio. Dr CHIANG Lai-wan suggested that the Government should use public funds to bid for the broadcasting rights of major international sports events such as the World Cup organized by the Federation Internationale de Football Association ("FIFA") as well as the Olympic Games, so that members of the public could watch the matches for free.
- 6. Mr Charles Peter MOK considered that bidding for the broadcasting rights of the FIFA World Cup and the Olympic Games, which was a commercial move involving exorbitant costs, had no direct relationship with the promotion of local sports development. It was inappropriate for the Government to use public funds to bid for the broadcasting rights.
- 7. <u>C for S</u> advised that local and international sports competitions as well as sports news programmes were currently available on both television and radio, and there were a number of websites with exclusive sports channels broadcasting both local and international competitions. Members of the public were able to watch sports competitions through all these channels. He added that as the broadcasting rights of major international sports events and competitions had commercial values, it had been an established practice for commercial organizations to negotiate the broadcasting rights with event organizers according to market mechanism. If the Government were to set up sports channels and purchase the broadcasting rights, it had to consider the impact on media organizations and the market, apart from having to use public funds.
- 8. <u>Ms YUNG Hoi-yan</u> enquired how the Administration would enhance the promotion of e-sports and whether it would consider including e-sports in the School Sports Programme to facilitate the selection of e-sports players. <u>C for S</u> responded that as e-sports involved prolonged use of computers or mobile phones, it might be controversial to promote e-sports in schools. The Government would discuss the issue with schools in a timely manner in order to consider whether it was appropriate to put in place such arrangements.
- 9. <u>Mr WU Chi-wai</u> enquired how the proposed post would promote sports in the community to improve the physical fitness of the public. <u>Dr KWOK Ka-ki</u> was of the view that it was necessary for the

Administration to step up its efforts in promoting the School Sports Programme by considering the introduction of the "One Student One Sport" programme, in order to improve the physical fitness of students.

- 10. C for S advised that HAB and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department ("LCSD") would consider conducting another round of "Physical Fitness Test for the Community" after the creation of the proposed post. As for the promotion of sports in schools, so far more than 90% of schools had participated in the School Sports Programme implemented by LCSD which offered more opportunities for students to The Government would also provide play sports after school hours. assistance to students with financial difficulties to receive training and purchase personal sports equipment. He added that the education sector was in general of the view that schools should be allowed to decide, on their own, the implementation or otherwise of the "One Student One Sport" programme, having regard to their actual circumstances. Government, for the time being, had no plan to make it mandatory for schools to launch such a programme.
- 11. Noting that the Hong Kong Football Association ("HKFA") had been implementing the Five-year Strategic Plan for years, Mr CHU Hoi-dick asked whether the Government or HKFA had evaluated the effectiveness of the Plan. Mr CHEUNG Kwok-kwan enquired about the long-term plan in place to support local football development, including whether more resources would be allocated to develop local football leagues of different levels.
- 12. <u>C for S</u> advised that, in order to assist HKFA in taking forward the Five-year Strategic Plan, the Government made an annual allocation of up to \$25 million to HKFA during the implementation period, so that HKFA could improve governance and allocate more resources to nurture young football players and promote the development of local football leagues. HAB was conducting a mid-term review of the Five-year Strategic Plan and it was expected that a review report would be submitted to the Legislative Council ("LegCo") in 2018. He added that the Government was currently providing financial support to 18 district teams to facilitate their participation in local football leagues at different levels.
- 13. <u>Ms Tanya CHAN</u> advised that members belonging to the Civic Party would support the staffing proposal. She enquired about the measures in place to support the development of dragon and lion dance sports, and whether HAB would consider assigning more PASs to handle sports development.

14. <u>C for S</u> advised that at the moment, a number of schools were providing dragon and lion dance sports training to students. Given the nature of and the noise generated by such sports, certain restrictions were placed on martial arts displays involving lion dance or dragon dance, while training activities were subject to fewer restrictions. <u>USHA</u> advised that as the workload of other PASs in HAB in dealing with various policy areas had already been taxing, the Government considered it inappropriate to deploy other PASs to the R&S Branch.

Provision of community sports facilities

- 15. <u>Dr Pierre CHAN</u> expressed support for the Administration's proposal to allocate more resources to promote local sports development, including provision of more football pitches. He pointed out that at the moment, public football pitches were mostly 7-a-side or 9-a-side small pitches which were not up to international standards. He suggested that renovation be made so that an old 7-a-side football pitch could be converted into two 5-a-side football pitches, thereby increasing the number of players who might use the football pitches concurrently.
- 16. C for S advised that the Government had launched the Five-Year Plan for Sports and Recreation Facilities ("Five-Year Plan") under which 26 projects would be undertaken in various districts to construct new sports and recreation facilities or improve existing ones, including the provision of several football pitches. In addition, a restored landfill site in Tseung Kwan O had been made available to HKFA for the development of a Football Training Centre which was expected to be completed in the second half of this year. He supplemented that the Government would always try to provide 11-a-side standard pitches when developing turf football pitches. However, given the small sizes of certain sites, 7-a-side or 9-a-side football pitches were provided instead. Meanwhile, the Government would also gradually convert the old 5-a-side hard-surfaced football pitches in various districts into pitches of international standards. As for 7-a-side hard-surfaced mini football pitches, this type of football pitches was still frequently used by members of the public and would not be converted into 5-a-side pitches for the time being. Instead, new hard-surfaced football pitches would mainly be 5-a-side pitches so that more pitches for Futsal matches would be provided to align with the international trend of football development.
- 17. Pointing out that the maintenance and improvement works concerning the Hong Kong Jockey Club International BMX Park in Kwai Chung ("BMX Park") had remained uncompleted so far after prolonged delay, Mr Andrew WAN and Mr CHU Hoi-dick requested an update on the

progress of the maintenance works. <u>Mr CHU</u> also requested the Government to review the arrangements under which the management of sports venues was granted to NSAs, and to step up its monitoring of NSAs regarding the management of sports venues.

- 18. <u>C for S</u> advised that the Cycling Association of Hong Kong ("CAHK") received lukewarm response to its invitation for tenders for the maintenance of the BMX Park conducted last year. As a result, the works had to be carried out in phases, and CAHK was currently planning to complete the remainder of the improvement works. The Government would continue to monitor the progress of the improvement works of the BMX Park and would offer assistance to CAHK when necessary.
- 19. In response to Mr Andrew WAN's enquiry on the development of cricket facilities in Hong Kong, <u>C for S</u> advised that the Government had leased part of the restored landfill in Gin Drinkers Bay, Kwai Chung to the Hong Kong Cricket Association for the development of a cricket training ground which was scheduled for public use within this year. In addition, technical feasibility studies on 15 sports and recreation projects would be conducted under the Five-Year Plan, including the development of a cricket ground of international standard in the Sports Complex at Whitehead.
- 20. Pointing out that touting activities involving LCSD's fee-charging sports and recreation facilities were prevalent, Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung enquired whether LCSD would review its booking policy for sports venues after the creation of the proposed post with a view to curbing touting activities. C for S advised that, after the creation of the proposed post, the incumbent PAS(RS)1 post would be responsible for undertaking a review of the fees and charges for LCSD venues. Also, LCSD had taken a number of measures to combat touting activities.

Promotion of major sports events

- 21. <u>Mr CHAN Chi-chuen</u> said that the four-yearly Gay Games hosted by the Federation of Gay Games would be held in Hong Kong in 2022. He urged the Administration to assist the organizer in securing suitable venues for various competition events.
- 22. <u>USHA</u> said that the Government noted and welcomed the holding of the 2022 Gay Games in Hong Kong, in recognition that the purpose of the event was consistent with the Administration's objective of promoting equality. He pointed out that as part of the effort to examine the bidders' applications, the Federation of Gay Games had sent a delegation to Hong Kong to inspect the venues and facilities. LCSD had offered assistance by

conducting briefings during the Federation's visits to Hong Kong's venues and facilities that were available for holding various competition events.

23. Mr YIU Si-wing and Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung asked the Administration about its plans in place to promote Hong Kong's position as a centre for major international sports events, and how it would assist event organizers in seeking commercial sponsorship. Ms Claudia MO also enquired whether the Administration had capped the amount of financial support for international sports events held in Hong Kong, as well as whether specific terms and conditions would be imposed on the event sponsors.

24. In response, <u>C for S</u> said that:

- (a) the Government assisted NSAs in organizing 12 to 13 large-scale international sports events through the "M" Mark System each year. It coordinated support from relevant government departments under the "M" Mark System, and provided matching funds with a pre-set upper limit in support of the events:
- (b) the Government had all along been working with various NSAs to study how private and commercial organizations might be encouraged to sponsor major international sports events held in Hong Kong. Generally speaking, sponsorship from the tobacco industry was not allowed under the "M" Mark System, and certain restrictions were imposed on sponsorship from producers of alcoholic beverages as well; and
- (c) the holder of the proposed post, upon taking office, would follow up on the implementation of the "M" Mark System, including a comprehensive review of the Government's approach to the provision of financial support for major sports events.

Development of the Kai Tak Sports Park

25. <u>Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok</u> advised that he supported the staffing proposal. He enquired about the specific duties of the proposed post concerning the development of the Kai Tak Sports Park ("the Sports Park"), and the latest development progress of the Sports Park. <u>Dr Fernando CHEUNG</u> also enquired whether the Administration would formulate performance indicators for the operation of the Sports Park with a view to ensuring that

the disadvantaged groups, ethnic minorities and persons with disabilities ("PWDs") were allowed to use the Sports Park facilities.

26. <u>C for S</u> advised that the second stage of tendering for the Sports Park project had commenced. The Government would proceed to tender assessment in the third quarter of 2018, and the contract was scheduled to be awarded in the same year. The proposed post would be responsible for providing policy inputs and devising a monitoring regime on the operation of the Sports Park. He supplemented that the development of the Sports Park would be conducive to promoting sports in the community, supporting elite sports and developing Hong Kong into a prime destination for hosting major international sports events, and that the new sports facilities in the Sports Park would bring benefits to different sectors of society. In addition, the Government was implementing the recommendations in the Consultancy Study on Sports for PWDs step by step, with a view to supporting the use of recreation and sports facilities by PWDs.

Handling of the Private Recreational Leases

- 27. Mr Andrew WAN, Dr KWOK Ka-ki, Mr CHAN Chi-chuen, Mr KWONG Chun-yu and Ms Claudia MO pointed out that the proposed PAS(RS)2 post would be responsible for overseeing land matters relating to sports and recreation, including the handling of Private Recreational Leases ("PRLs"). They requested the Administration to explain whether it would, on the grounds of housing development, allocate less land for the provision of sports facilities. In addition, they urged the Administration to resume the site of the Fanling Golf Course ("FGC") for housing development and provision of other community facilities.
- 28. <u>Ms Tanya CHAN</u> pointed out that the Administration set up an inter-departmental working group to review the PRL policy in 2014. She asked the Administration to update members on what had been done by the working group, as well as when the Administration would publish the review findings.
- 29. Mr CHUNG Kwok-pan, Mr SHIU Ka-fai and Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok pointed out that there was a general sentiment among the public against the resumption of the FGC site for alternative development. They were of the view that golf development in Hong Kong would be adversely affected if the Government resumed the FGC site.

30. In response, <u>C for S</u> and <u>USHA</u> advised that:

- (a) HAB had set up an inter-departmental working group, comprising representatives from the Development Bureau, the Lands Department and other bureaux and departments concerned, to review the PRL policy. In the course of the review, the working group would strike a proper balance amongst various considerations including sports development needs, land use, public interest, and the interests of PRL lessees and their members:
- (b) the proposed post would provide policy support and secretariat services, as well as advice given from the perspective of sports development, to the working group. The working group would submit its review report within the 2017-2018 session, and the proposed post would be responsible for taking forward the follow-up actions set out in the review report;
- (c) apart from providing venues for organizing large-scale international golf competitions, FGC was also used as a training venue for local golf players, with its facilities being opened up for public use, thereby contributing to the policy of promoting sports in the community, supporting elite sports and developing Hong Kong into a prime destination for hosting major international sports events; and
- (d) the Government did not have a pre-determined stance that promotion of sports development should override other social needs. HAB considered that it was not suitable to discuss under this agenda item the broad policy issues raised by members concerning land development and housing supply.

[Post-meeting note: The Administration issued a reply to Mr CHU Hoi-dick's written questions raised in his letter dated 9 February 2018. The Administration mentioned in its reply that HAB published on 20 March 2018 the recommendations of the PRL policy review and immediately commenced a six-month public consultation. The Administration's reply was issued to members vide LC Paper No. FC211/17-18(02) on 28 March 2018.]

31. <u>Ms Tanya CHAN</u> pointed out that according to the information available on HAB's website, the lessee of FGC did not provide information

on the opening up of its sports facilities for use by outside bodies. In addition, she asked the Administration how it verified the accuracy of the information provided by PRL lessees on opening up their facilities for public use.

32. <u>Mr Jeffrey LAM</u> advised that he supported the staffing proposal. He pointed out that the lessee of FGC had already adopted a transparent approach whereby information on the availability of their facilities for public use and the application procedures was publicized. Members of the public might also apply online for the use of these facilities.

33. <u>C for S</u> and <u>USHA</u> responded as follows:

- (a) under the "opening-up scheme", leases renewed in 2011 and 2012 were subject to the requirement of opening-up of sports facilities to eligible outside bodies for a minimum of 50 hours per month. The Government had all along been keeping an eye on the reports submitted by lessees on the facilities that were opened up for public use. On-site inspections were also conducted to ensure that the lessees had fulfilled the requirement concerned;
- (b) the Government would consider how the "opening-up scheme" might be further promoted to enhance the public's understanding of the details of the scheme; and
- (c) at the time when the Government renewed the PRL of FGC in 1999, the requirement that sports facilities had to be opened up for use by eligible outside bodies for a minimum of 50 hours per month had not been put in place. FGC, however, had in recent years opened up its facilities to eligible outside bodies and the public, and the lessee was required to submit quarterly reports to the Government on the use of facilities by the public. The Government would follow up on Ms Tanya CHAN's allegation that information on FGC had not been posted on HAB's website.

[Post-meeting note: HAB advised after the meeting that details of FGC's opening-up scheme had been uploaded onto HAB's website.]

Voting on FCR(2017-18)56

34. There being no further questions from members, the Chairman put item FCR(2017-18)56 to vote. At the request of members, the Chairman

ordered a division, and the division bell was rung for five minutes. <u>The Chairman</u> declared that 24 members voted in favour of and 10 members voted against the item. The votes of individual members were as follows:

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Mr WONG Ting-kwong Ms Starry LEE Wai-king Mr WONG Kwok-kin Mr Steven HO Chun-yin Mr Frankie YICK Chi-ming Mr YIU Si-wing Mr LEUNG Che-cheung Mr Charles Peter MOK Mr KWOK Wai-keung Dr Elizabeth QUAT Mr POON Siu-ping Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok Mr Alvin YEUNG Dr Junius HO Kwan-yiu Mr HO Kai-ming Mr Holden CHOW Ho-ding Mr SHIU Ka-fai Ms YUNG Hoi-yan Mr CHAN Chun-ying Ms Tanya CHAN Mr LUK Chung-hung Mr LAU Kwok-fan Mr Kenneth LAU Ip-keung Mr Jeremy TAM Man-ho (24 members)

Against:

Mr James TO Kun-sun
Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung
Ms Claudia MO
Mr WU Chi-wai
Mr CHAN Chi-chuen
Dr Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung
Mr CHU Hoi-dick
Mr LAM Cheuk-ting
Dr CHENG Chung-tai
(10 members)

35. <u>The Chairman</u> declared that the item was approved.

Item 2 — FCR(2017-18)57

RECOMMENDATION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT SUBCOMMITTEE MADE ON 22 JANUARY 2018

EC(2017-18)13

HEAD 33 —— CIVIL ENGINEERING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

HEAD 47 — GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT: OFFICE OF THE GOVERNMENT CHIEF INFORMATION

OFFICER

HEAD 135— GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT: INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY BUREAU

HEAD 142 — GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT: OFFICES OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATION AND THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Subhead 000 — Operational Expenses

- The Chairman advised that this item sought FC's approval for the recommendation of ESC made at its meeting on 22 January 2018 on item EC(2017-18)13 regarding the proposed establishment changes arising from the re-organization of the Innovation and Technology Bureau ("ITB"); and the creation of four permanent directorate posts, i.e. two Administrative Officer Staff Grade C ("AOSGC") (D2) posts in ITB, one Chief Systems Manager ("CSM") (D1) post in the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer ("OGCIO") and one Chief Engineer ("CEng") (D1) post in the Civil Engineering and Development Department ("CEDD"), for implementing new initiatives of ITB with effect from 1 April 2018 or with immediate effect upon FC's approval, whichever was later.
- 37. <u>The Chairman</u> declared that he was an independent non-executive director of The Bank of East Asia.
- 38. The Chairman said that Mr WU Chi-wai had, prior to the meeting, made a request to the Secretariat for separate voting on different proposals under the item. At the request of Mr WU, the item would be divided into three parts which would be voted on separately.

Re-organization of the Innovation and Technology Bureau

- 39. Mr LUK Chung-hung, Mr SHIU Ka-fai, Dr Elizabeth QUAT and Mr Holden CHOW expressed support for this staffing proposal. They said that the development of innovation and technology ("I&T") in Hong Kong had lagged behind that in neighbouring areas, and it was incumbent upon the Government to expedite I&T development in Hong Kong.
- 40. Mr LUK Chung-hung and Mr WU Chi-wai enquired about the way in which the creation of the two proposed directorate posts of AOSGC in ITB would assist in taking forward the work of opening up government data and leading changes to the Government's procurement arrangements. Mr WU also asked whether the Administration would draw up key performances indicators ("KPIs") for the newly created posts for the purpose of gauging the effectiveness of creating the posts.

- 41. Permanent Secretary for Innovation and Technology ("PSIT") said that upon the re-organization of ITB, Principal Assistant Secretary for Innovation and Technology (3) ("PASIT (3)") would be responsible for formulating policies on opening up government data, and the Government hoped that a comprehensive plan could be put forward within one year after the re-organization of ITB. A review of the Government's procurement arrangements had commenced with the involvement of PASIT (1). It was anticipated that a concrete plan could be proposed in the first half of 2018. In 2017, the Government adopted nine KPIs in respect of the Government's I&T initiatives, which were put forward by the Advisory Committee on These KPIs included increasing Hong Innovation and Technology. Kong's Gross Domestic Expenditure on research and development ("R&D") as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product to 1% by 2020, raising the level of per capita Gross Domestic Expenditure on R&D, increasing the amount of public sector expenditure on R&D, etc.
- 42. Mr CHAN Chun-ying expressed support for this staffing proposal. He noted from the Government's paper that after the re-organization of ITB, the Business Facilitation Team under the Efficiency Office would be responsible for monitoring the World Bank's publications on the international competitiveness of Hong Kong. Wondering why the Team monitored only the World Bank's publications, he was concerned that the work would duplicate that of the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau.
- 43. <u>PSIT</u> advised that the work of the Business Facilitation Division ("BFD") currently placed under the Financial Secretary's Office ("FSO") covered the dedicated duty of monitoring the World Bank's publications on the international competitiveness of Hong Kong. The work of monitoring publications on Hong Kong's competitiveness issued by other organizations was taken up by other divisions under FSO.
- 44. In response to Mr CHAN Chun-ying's further enquiries on the work of the Efficiency Unit, <u>Head, Efficiency Unit</u> said that in the areas of youth engagement and modern engagement, one of the tasks of the Efficiency Unit was to manage the Youth Portal which was a one-stop portal targeting the youth, characterized by the use of teen language and the way of expression commonly used by the younger generation. The other major task was to develop polling and survey platforms whereby various bureau and departments might gauge the views of the public on government services more easily.
- 45. <u>Mr SHIU Ka-chun</u> pointed out that despite the establishment of ITB for years, I&T development in Hong Kong was still far from satisfactory.

He demanded an explanation from the Administration regarding how a re-organized ITB might improve the present situation, as well as how the public and the grass roots might benefit from the re-organization.

- 46. <u>PSIT</u> said that the Government published a smart city blueprint in 2017, encompassing around 70 projects. Among which, the Government had already embarked on three projects for smart city development, namely eID, multi-functional smart lampposts and reforming e-Government information systems, with a view to improving the daily living of members of the public. Moreover, ITB launched the "Innovation and Technology Fund for Better Living" ("FBL") to finance non-profit making organizations to implement I&T projects that would bring more convenience to the living of those in need. He added that with the development of the "Hong Kong-Shenzhen Innovation and Technology Park" ("the Park") at the Lok Ma Chau Loop, it was anticipated that almost 50 000 new jobs could be created, thereby providing opportunities for upward mobility for young people, including the grass-roots students.
- 47. Pointing out that the Smart City Office ("SCO"), which was responsible for smart city development, was currently headed by one directorate and staffed by five non-directorates only, Ms YUNG Hoi-yan was worried that an under-staffed SCO might drag the Government's feet in taking forward various smart city initiatives.
- 48. <u>PSIT</u> advised that SCO was mainly responsible for the overall planning and policy collaboration of smart city initiatives, while the implementation of such initiatives would be taken up by other government departments. He added that most projects under the smart city blueprint were expected to be completed by 2019-2020.

<u>Developing the "Hong Kong-Shenzhen Innovation and Technology Park"</u> at the Lok Ma Chau Loop

- 49. <u>Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok</u> and <u>Mr LUK Chung-hung</u> supported that the construction works of the Park should be implemented expeditiously. <u>Ir Dr LO</u> enquired about the time when the construction works of the Park would commence. <u>Mr LUK</u> suggested that the Government should promote the application of I&T initiatives to support the development of the healthcare and Chinese medicine industries when developing the Park.
- 50. <u>PSIT</u> replied that subsequent to the re-organization of ITB, the newly created PASIT (2) post would be responsible for coordinating the Lok Ma Chau Loop Area development, as well as fostering cooperation with the Mainland on I&T matters, including the development of an

international I&T hub in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area. Regarding the development of the Park, the Government aimed to provide the first batch of formed land parcels in 2021, and complete the first building within the Park in another two years' time.

- 51. Expressing support for this staffing proposal, Mr LAU Kwok-fan hoped that the Administration would proceed with the construction of the Park expeditiously, thereby providing job opportunities for residents in the New Territories North. He asked about the Government's plan in developing the 56 hectares ("ha") of newly developed land in Liantang, apart from the development of the Park.
- 52. <u>PSIT</u> responded that the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation ("HKSTP") would study the feasibility and potential of developing high-end industries on the Liantang site. In addition, PASIT (1) would also be responsible for the development of the Liantang site.
- 53. <u>Mr Holden CHOW</u> enquired about how the Administration would proceed with its discussion with the Shenzhen authorities on matters relating to developing the Park jointly by the two sides.
- 54. <u>Dr Fernando CHEUNG</u> enquired about the ratio between the number of local staff members and that of non-local staff members to be employed to fill the newly created posts for the Park. He also asked whether special immigration clearance channels/arrangements would be put in place for the Mainland staff working in the Park, as well as whether Mainland provincial and municipal authorities would be allowed to establish offices in the Park.
- 55. Mr CHU Hoi-dick was worried that if the development and management models of the Park were led by HKSTP, it would be difficult for the public to monitor the operation of the Park.
- 56. In response, <u>PSIT</u> said that:
 - (a) in order to jointly develop the Park and conduct discussions and consultations on other I&T projects, Hong Kong and Shenzhen had formed a Joint Task Force in which the Leader of the Hong Kong side was the Secretary for Innovation and Technology, while the Leader of the Shenzhen side was the Vice Mayor of Shenzhen Municipality;
 - (b) the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Innovation and Technology Park

Limited ("HSITP"), a subsidiary established by HKSTP, would be responsible for drawing up the Park's development and management models, including vetting and approving enterprises that sought to operate in the Park. The Government would discuss with HSITP to see if the entry criteria for operating in the Park could be announced;

- (c) the 10-member strong HSITP Board of Directors comprised members from both Hong Kong and Shenzhen. HSITP had to publish annual reports to give an account of its operation and report to the public its work progress, including attending LegCo meetings to answer questions raised by Members. The Government would also, having regard to actual needs, request HSITP to disclose information relating to public interests;
- (d) regarding the existing profile of the working population in the Hong Kong Science Park ("HKSP"), about 70% were locals and around 30% were non-locals. It was estimated that the profile of the working population in the Park would be similar to that in HKSP;
- (e) Mainland staff working in the Park would have to apply for working visas from the Immigration Department according to established procedures, and their travelling into and out of Hong Kong was subject to normal immigration clearance; and
- (f) the Park would be dedicated to I&T development, higher education and creative industries. It was therefore inappropriate for Mainland provincial and municipal authorities to establish, in the Park, offices that did not serve the above purposes.
- 57. Referring to the "Preliminary Feasibility Study on Developing the New Territories North" published by the Planning Department and CEDD in December 2017, Mr CHU Hoi-dick pointed out that the New Territories North development could create 124 000 to 215 000 jobs. He asked ITB how many jobs could be created subsequent to the development of I&T initiatives in the New Territories North.
- 58. <u>PSIT</u> said that while the Government had reserved a total of 34 ha of land in the New Territories North for I&T development, it had not estimated the number of jobs that could be brought by the relevant developments. At the request of Mr CHU Hoi-dick, the Government

would provide a list of sites reserved for I&T development and their details.

[*Post-meeting note:* The supplementary information provided by the Administration was issued to members vide LC Paper No. FC219/17-18(02) on 11 April 2018.]

<u>Creating a permanent Chief Engineer post in the Civil Engineering and Development Department</u>

- 59. Mr WU Chi-wai objected to the proposed creation of a permanent CEng post in CEDD. He held that as the Administration planned to proceed with the Advance Works for the construction of the Park at the Lok Ma Chau Loop at the moment, the proposed post should be created after the completion of the Advance Works. Mr CHAN Chi-chuen was of the view that as the work of the proposed CEng post was time-limited, it was unreasonable to create a permanent post for this purpose.
- 60. Expressing support for the creation of the permanent CEng post in CEDD, <u>Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok</u> was of the view that the proposed post would be conducive to expediting the construction of the Park.
- 61. In response, <u>PSIT</u> and <u>Project Manager (W), Civil Engineering and Development Department</u> said that:
 - (a) the proposed CEng post would be responsible for the overall project management and coordination of the infrastructure and associated works under the Lok Ma Chau Loop development project, including directing and managing the planning and implementation of all consultancies and construction contracts. It was therefore necessary to create the post at the advance works stage; and
 - (b) as it was estimated that various infrastructure works under the Lok Ma Chau Loop development project would span over a minimum of 15 years, the proposed post would have to supervise such works over a long period of time. It was therefore necessary to create a permanent post for this purpose.

Voting on FCR(2017-18)57

Establishment changes arising from the re-organization of the Innovation and Technology Bureau, revised duties among directorate posts and creation of two permanent directorate posts of Administrative Officer Staff Grade C

62. There being no further questions from members, the Chairman put the proposal in the first part of item EC(2017-18)13 (i.e. establishment changes arising from the re-organization of ITB; creating two permanent directorate posts of AOSGC in ITB; and revising and redistributing duties among directorate posts in OGCIO and ITB) to vote. At the request of members, the Chairman ordered a division, and the division bell was rung for five minutes. The Chairman declared that 29 members voted in favour of and 4 members voted against the proposal in the first part of the item. The votes of individual members were as follows:

For:

Mr James TO Kun-sun Mr WONG Kwok-kin Mr Steven HO Chun-yin Mr WU Chi-wai Mr MA Fung-kwok Mr CHAN Han-pan Mr IP Kin-yuen Mr Martin LIAO Cheung-kong Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok Mr Andrew WAN Siu-kin Mr HO Kai-ming Mr Holden CHOW Ho-ding

Mr WONG Ting-kwong Mr Paul TSE Wai-chun Mr Frankie YICK Chi-ming

Mr YIU Si-wing

Mr Charles Peter MOK Mr KWOK Wai-keung Dr Elizabeth QUAT Mr POON Siu-ping Mr Alvin YEUNG Dr Junius HO Kwan-yiu Mr LAM Cheuk-ting

Mr SHIU Ka-fai Ms YUNG Hoi-yan Mr LUK Chung-hung

Against:

Mr SHIU Ka-chun

(29 members)

Mr CHAN Chun-ying

Mr Jeremy TAM Man-ho

Mr CHAN Chi-chuen Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung Dr Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung Dr CHENG Chung-tai (4 members)

63. The Chairman declared that the proposal in the first part of item EC(2017-18)13 was approved.

Motion moved under paragraph 47 of the Finance Committee Procedure

64. At 6:57 pm, Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok moved a motion under FCP 47 that in the event of further divisions being claimed in respect of any motions or questions under the same agenda item, FC should proceed to each of such divisions immediately after the division bell had been rung for The Chairman put the motion to vote, and the motion was one minute. carried.

Creating one permanent Chief Systems Manager post in the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer

The Chairman put the proposal in the second part of item 65. EC(2017-18)13 (i.e. creating one permanent CSM post in OGCIO) to vote. At the request of members, the Chairman ordered a division, and the division bell was rung for one minute. The Chairman declared that 29 members voted in favour of and 4 members voted against the proposal in the second part of the item. The votes of individual members were as follows:

For

Mr James TO Kun-sun Mr WONG Ting-kwong Mr WONG Kwok-kin Mr Paul TSE Wai-chun Mr Steven HO Chun-yin Mr Frankie YICK Chi-ming Mr WU Chi-wai Mr YIU Si-wing Mr MA Fung-kwok Mr Charles Peter MOK Mr CHAN Han-pan Mr KWOK Wai-keung Mr IP Kin-yuen Dr Elizabeth QUAT Mr Martin LIAO Cheung-kong Mr POON Siu-ping Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok Mr Alvin YEUNG Mr Andrew WAN Siu-kin Dr Junius HO Kwan-yiu Mr HO Kai-ming Mr LAM Cheuk-ting Mr Holden CHOW Ho-ding Mr SHIU Ka-fai Mr SHIU Ka-chun Ms YUNG Hoi-yan Mr CHAN Chun-ying Mr LUK Chung-hung Mr Jeremy TAM Man-ho

Against:

(29 members)

Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung Mr CHAN Chi-chuen Dr Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung Dr CHENG Chung-tai (4 members)

66. <u>The Chairman</u> declared that the proposal in the second part of item EC(2017-18)13 was approved.

Creating one permanent Chief Engineer post in the Civil Engineering and Development Department

67. The Chairman put the proposal in the third part of item EC(2017-18)13 (i.e. creating one permanent CEng post in CEDD) to vote. At the request of members, the Chairman ordered a division, and the division bell was rung for one minute. The Chairman declared that 22 members voted in favour of and 11 members voted against the proposal in the third part of the item. The votes of individual members were as follows:

For:

Mr WONG Ting-kwong Mr WONG Kwok-kin Mr Paul TSE Wai-chun Mr Steven HO Chun-yin Mr YIU Si-wing Mr Frankie YICK Chi-ming Mr MA Fung-kwok Mr Charles Peter MOK Mr CHAN Han-pan Mr KWOK Wai-keung Mr IP Kin-yuen Dr Elizabeth OUAT Mr Martin LIAO Cheung-kong Mr POON Siu-ping Dr Junius HO Kwan-yiu Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok Mr HO Kai-ming Mr Holden CHOW Ho-ding Mr SHIU Ka-fai Ms YUNG Hoi-yan Mr LUK Chung-hung Mr CHAN Chun-ying (22 members)

Against:

Mr James TO Kun-sun
Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung
Mr WU Chi-wai
Mr CHAN Chi-chuen
Dr Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung
Mr Alvin YEUNG
Mr Andrew WAN Siu-kin
Mr LAM Cheuk-ting
Mr SHIU Ka-chun
Dr CHENG Chung-tai
Mr Jeremy TAM Man-ho
(11 members)

68. <u>The Chairman</u> declared that the proposal in the third part of item EC(2017-18)13 was approved.

Item 3 — FCR(2017-18)58

RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS
SUBCOMMITTEE MADE ON 13 DECEMBER 2017

PWSC(2017-18)22

HEAD 711 — HOUSING

Transport —— Roads

868TH —— Road Improvement Works at Ma On Shan, Sha Tin

- 69. The Chairman advised that this item sought FC's approval for the recommendation of the Public Works Subcommittee made at its meeting on 13 December 2017, i.e. the recommendation on PWSC(2017-18)22 regarding the upgrading of 868TH to Category A at an estimated cost of \$587.7 million in money-of-the-day prices for the road improvement works at Ma On Shan in Sha Tin.
- 70. The Chairman declared that he was an independent non-executive director of The Bank of East Asia.
- 71. There being no further questions from members, the Chairman put the recommendation on PWSC(2017-18)22 as mentioned in item FCR(2017-18)58 to vote. The item was approved.
- 72. The meeting ended at 7:01 pm.

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