

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES

No. 17

**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18 March 2020 at 11:00 am
and Thursday 19 March 2020 at 9:00 am**

Attendance

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

Laying of Papers on the Table of the Council

Three items of subsidiary legislation laid on the Table of the Council and six other papers tabled under Rule 21(2) of the Rules of Procedure (“RoP”) were in the **Appendix**.

Address

The Chief Secretary for Administration addressed the Council on The Government Minute in response to the Annual Report of The Ombudsman 2019.

Questions

Six oral questions (i.e. Questions 1 to 6) were put by the Members, and oral replies given by the public officers to the main and supplementary questions put by Members.

Written replies to Questions 7 to 22 were supplied to Members.

Government Bills

First Reading and Second Reading (debate to be adjourned)

- Inland Revenue (Amendment) (Tax : Secretary for Financial Services
Concessions) Bill 2020 and the Treasury
- Inland Revenue (Amendment) (Ship : Secretary for Transport and
Leasing Tax Concessions) Bill 2020 Housing

After the Bills were read the first time and ordered to be set down for Second Reading under RoP 53(3), the public officers moved the Second Reading of the Bills respectively. The questions on the Second Reading of the Bills were proposed respectively. In accordance with RoP 54(4), the debates were adjourned and the Bills were referred to the House Committee.

Government Motion

Proposed resolution under the Public Finance Ordinance

The Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury moved the motion. The question on the motion was proposed. The motion and the four amending motions proposed by Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG, Hon WU Chi-wai and Hon Andrew WAN were debated in accordance with the relevant debate arrangement and the relevant provisions of RoP. Members spoke in the debate.

Hon CHU Hoi-dick spoke in the debate and moved a motion under RoP 40(1) that the debate be now adjourned.¹ The question on the motion moved under this rule was proposed. Members and the public officer spoke on the motion.

¹ After the moving of the motion under RoP 40(1) by Hon CHU Hoi-dick, the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 am on 19 March 2020 due to the lack of a quorum. In accordance with RoP 17(6) and 14(4), the meeting was resumed to continue to deal with the proposed resolution under the Public Finance Ordinance and related matters at 11:00 am on the same day.

Adjournment of the Council

The Council was adjourned at 6:28 pm on 19 March 2020.



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President
Legislative Council

Chamber
Legislative Council Complex, Hong Kong

21 May 2020

Council meeting of 18 March 2020

Laying of Papers on the Table of the Council

Subsidiary legislation	Legal Notice No.
1. Rating (Exemption) Order 2020 (gazetted on 6 March 2020)	21 of 2020
2. Revenue (Reduction of Business Registration Fees and Branch Registration Fees) Order 2020 (gazetted on 6 March 2020)	22 of 2020
3. Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Licensing of Livestock Keeping) (Amendment) Regulation 2020 (gazetted on 13 March 2020)	23 of 2020
Other papers	
4. Estimates for the year ending 31 March 2021 General Revenue Account — Consolidated Summary of Estimates — General Revenue Account — Summary — Revenue Analysis by Head (published on 12 March 2020)	
5. Li Po Chun Charitable Trust Fund Report of the Trust Fund Committee on the administration of the Fund, Financial Statements and Report of the Director of Audit for the year ended 31 August 2019 (published on 12 March 2020)	
6. Hong Kong Arts Development Council Annual Report 2018/2019 (including Financial Report and Independent Auditor's Report) (published on 12 March 2020)	
7. The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts Annual Report 2018-2019, Consolidated Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report for the year ended 30th June 2019 (published on 12 March 2020)	

8. The Legislative Council Commission
Annual Report 2018-2019 (including Statement of Accounts and Report of the
Director of Audit)
(published on 12 March 2020)
9. The Government Minute in response to the Annual Report of The Ombudsman
2019
(published on 12 March 2020)