

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 20th May, 1964, at 2.30 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6TH MAY, 1964.

2. PAPERS TO BE LAID.

3. QUESTIONS.

(1) Mr. Y.K. Kan, pursuant to notice, will ask the following questions :-

In the Budget Debate in March 1962 the then Colonial Secretary, in reply to my criticism of the telephone service, undertook that Government would discuss with the Hongkong Telephone Company on the question of a more rapid expansion of its services to meet demand.

(a) Have these discussions in fact taken place and if so, with what results?

(b) Has Government been informed by the Company of its expansion programme and if so, is Government satisfied that this programme adequately meets with the present and future demands of the public for telephone services?

(2) Mr. W.C.G. Knowles, pursuant to notice, will ask the following questions :-

(a) In his Budget Speech on 26th March, my Honourable Friend the Colonial Secretary said in regard to my suggestion for a manpower survey to cover the Colony's needs for all education other than primary :-

"There is a distinct danger here of overlapping with enquiries and assessments already being undertaken ..."

May I ask what are the enquiries and assessments referred to by my Honourable Friend, by whom are they being undertaken, and by what date we may expect the conclusions?

(b) In the speech to which I referred in my previous question, my Honourable Friend also said :-

"On secondary education we have set out sights, for the moment, at providing in Government and Government-aided schools for 15% of the total primary school population."

I should be grateful if I could be informed how this figure of 15% was assessed.

(c) May I be informed whether any enquiries are in train or proposed for an investigation of the Colony's needs for vocational and pre-apprenticeship training and for technical training? If so, by what date are the answers expected; if not, does Government recognise the need for such an assessment and what steps, if any, are being taken to make it?

May I also be informed what facilities, other than the Technical College, exist or are being planned for vocational, pre-apprenticeship and technical training, and what steps are being taken to implement any such plans?

4. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

(1) Public Health and Urban Services Ordinance, 1960.

Mr. K.S. Kinghorn to move the following resolution :-

Resolved, pursuant to section 144 of the Public Health and Urban Services Ordinance, 1960, that the Pleasure Grounds (Amendment) By-laws, 1964, made by the Urban Council on the 5th day of May, 1964, under section 109 of that Ordinance, be approved.

(2) Legal Practitioners Bill, 1964.

The Attorney General to move the Second and Third readings of :-

A Bill intituled: "An Ordinance to make amended provision for the admission and registration of legal practitioners and their employees, and of notaries public, and for purposes connected therewith."

(3) Community Relief Trust Fund (Transfer and Vesting) Bill, 1964.

The Attorney General to move the Second and Third readings of :-

A Bill intituled: "An Ordinance to make provision for the transfer to and vesting in the Director of Social Welfare Incorporated as trustee of the Community Relief Trust Fund established under the Community Relief Trust Fund Ordinance, 1962."

A. CHAPMAN,
DEPUTY CLERK OF COUNCILS.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 3rd June, 1964, at 2.30 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 20TH MAY, 1964.

2. PAPERS TO BE LAID.

3. QUESTIONS.

Mr. S.S. Gordon, pursuant to notice, will ask the following question :-

During the 1961 Budget Debate the then Colonial Secretary said, inter alia,

'Despite the value of the land on which these buildings would have to stand, we have accepted the view that it is necessary in the public interest to provide such car parks in high-density business districts, and in districts of a mixed residential and business character. We have already announced the intention of constructing one of these buildings each year; but on closer examination it appears that this does not go far enough. If funds permit, therefore, it is proposed to double this provision and to build two multi-storey car parks each year, for the next few years at all events; and we have drawn up a tentative list of sites which might be developed for this purpose in the immediate future.'

May I enquire -

1. How many multi-storey car parks have been completed since that date?
2. How many are in course of construction?
3. How many are planned for the immediate future?
4. What steps Government is taking to make land available to be sold for private development as multi-storey car parks?
5. What provision is being made for car parks in districts of a mixed residential and business character?

4. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

(1) Schedule of Write-offs for the Financial Year 1963/64.

The Financial Secretary to move the following resolution :-

Resolved that the Write-offs for the Financial Year 1963/64, as set out in the Schedule, be approved.

(2) Larceny (Amendment) Bill, 1964.

The Attorney General to move the First reading of :-

A Bill intituled: "An Ordinance to amend the Larceny Ordinance."

(3) Forgery (Amendment) Bill, 1964.

The Attorney General to move the First reading of :-

A Bill intituled: "An Ordinance to amend the Forgery Ordinance."

(4) Chinese University of Hong Kong (Amendment) Bill, 1964.

The Colonial Secretary to move the Second and Third readings of :-

A Bill intituled: "An Ordinance to amend the Chinese University of Hong Kong Ordinance, 1963."

(5) Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Bill, 1964.

The Attorney General to move the Second and Third readings of :-

A Bill intituled: "An Ordinance further to amend the Workmen's Compensation Ordinance, 1953."

A. CHAPMAN,
DEPUTY CLERK OF COUNCILS.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 17th June, 1964, at 2.30 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3RD JUNE, 1964.

2. PAPERS TO BE LAID.

3. QUESTIONS.

Mr. W.C.G. Knowles, pursuant to notice, will ask the following question :-

Will Government please confirm that their long term plans for the water supply of the Colony are being framed with a view to providing a 24 hour daily water supply in a year of average rainfall? If this is not so, may I please be informed what is the basis for their plans?

4. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

(1) Milk (Amendment) By-laws, 1964.

Mr. K.S. Kinghorn to move the following resolution :-

Resolved, pursuant to section 144 of the Public Health and Urban Services Ordinance, 1960, that the Milk (Amendment) By-laws, 1964 made by the Urban Council on the 2nd day of June, 1964, under section 56 of that Ordinance be approved.

(2) Food Business (Amendment) By-laws, 1964.

Mr. K.S. Kinghorn to move the following resolution :-

Resolved, pursuant to section 144 of the Public Health and Urban Services Ordinance, 1960, that the Food Business (Amendment) By-laws, 1964, made by the Urban Council on the 2nd day of June, 1964, under section 56 of that Ordinance be approved.

(3) Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill, 1964.

The Financial Secretary to move the First reading of :-

A Bill intituled: "An Ordinance further to amend the Inland Revenue Ordinance."

(4) Medical Clinics (Amendment) Bill, 1964.

Dr. Teng Pin-hui to move the First reading of :-

A Bill intituled: "An Ordinance to amend the Medical Clinics Ordinance, 1963."

A. CHAPMAN,
DEPUTY CLERK OF COUNCILS.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 8th July, 1964, at 2.30 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17TH JUNE, 1964.

2. OATHS.

Messrs. J.T. Wakefield, T.D. Sorby, Tang Ping-yuan, Tse Yu-chuen, K.A. Watson, Woo Pak-chuen and G.R. Ross to take the Oath of Allegiance.

3. PAPERS TO BE LAID.

4. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

(1) Bankruptcy (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules, 1964.

The Attorney General to move the following resolution :-

Resolved, pursuant to section 113 and to subsection (1) of section 114 of the Bankruptcy Ordinance, that the Bankruptcy (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules, 1964, made and prescribed by the Chief Justice on the 8th day of June, 1964, be approved.

(2) Supplementary Provisions for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1964.

The Financial Secretary to move the following resolution :-

Resolved that the Supplementary Provisions for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1964, as set out in Schedule No. 4 of 1963-64, be approved.

(3) Bank Notes Issue Ordinance.

The Financial Secretary to move the following resolution :-

Resolved, pursuant to the proviso to section 5 of the Bank Notes Issue Ordinance, Chapter 65, that this Council hereby extends the powers of all the note-issuing banks to make, issue or re-issue and circulate notes until and including the 12th day of July, 1965.

(4) Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill, 1964.

The Attorney General to move the First reading of :-

A Bill intituled: "An Ordinance further to amend the Road Traffic Ordinance, 1957."

(5) Larceny (Amendment) Bill, 1964.

The Attorney General to move the Second and Third readings of :-

A Bill intituled: "An Ordinance to amend the Larceny Ordinance."

(6) Forgery (Amendment) Bill, 1964.

The Attorney General to move the Second and Third readings of :-

A Bill intituled: "An Ordinance to amend the Forgery Ordinance."

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 22nd July, 1964, at 2.30 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8TH JULY, 1964.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT.

Appointment of Member of Standing Law Committee.

3. PAPERS TO BE LAID.

4. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

(1) Supplementary Provisions for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1964.

The Financial Secretary to move the following resolution :-

Resolved that the Supplementary Provisions for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1964, as set out in Schedule No. 5 (Final) of 1963-64, be approved.

(2) Dangerous Goods (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 1964.

The Attorney General to move the First reading of :-

A Bill intituled: "An Ordinance further to amend the Dangerous Goods Ordinance, 1956."

(3) Medical Clinics (Amendment) Bill, 1964.

Dr. Teng Pin-hui to move the Second and Third readings of :-

A Bill intituled: "An Ordinance to amend the Medical Clinics Ordinance, 1963."

A. CHAPMAN,
DEPUTY CLERK OF COUNCILS.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 5th August, 1964, at 2.30 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 22ND JULY, 1964.

2. PAPERS TO BE LAID.

3. QUESTIONS.

Mr. Dhun J. Ruttonjee, pursuant to notice, will ask the following questions :-

- (1) Having regard to the congestion in the Courts, and the precedent already established with regard to traffic offences, will Government give consideration to written pleas of "guilty" being accepted for minor offences, instead of defendants having to be personally present or legally represented in Court?
- (2) (a) With reference to Section 63 of the Miscellaneous Licenses Regulations is Government satisfied that everything possible is being done to ensure that no girl under the age of 15 years is being employed in public dance halls?
(b) It is common knowledge that many of these establishments are used for immoral purposes and in view of this is it Government's considered opinion that the age limit for 15 is sufficiently high?
- (3) Since Government has agreed to grant ex-patriate officers education allowances, will Government give consideration to all school fees being deductible for income tax purposes?
- (4) Having regard to the large number of fires and electrical accidents, will Government indicate what measures are being taken to ensure that electrical wiring is carried out by properly qualified persons?

4. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

(1) Telephone Ordinance, 1951.

The Financial Secretary to move the following resolution :-

Resolved, in exercise of the powers conferred by subsection (2) of section 29 of the Telephone Ordinance, 1951, that, with effect from the 5th day of August, 1964, the Schedule to the said Ordinance be amended in Part I

(a) by the deletion in the third column of item I of the sum "\$300" and the substitution therefor of the following -

"\$350"; and

(b) by the deletion in the third column of item 2 of the sum "\$225" and the substitution therefor of the following -

"\$235".

(2) School Medical Service Board Incorporation Bill, 1964.

Dr. Teng Pin-hui to move the First reading of :-

A Bill intituled: "An Ordinance to make provision for the establishment and incorporation of a Board to operate a scheme to provide economical medical treatment for the pupils of schools participating therein and for matters ancillary thereto."

(3) Buildings (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 1964.

Mr. J.J. Robson to move the First reading of :-

A Bill intituled: "An Ordinance further to amend the Buildings Ordinance, 1955."

(4) Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill, 1964.

The Attorney General to move the Second and Third readings of :-

A Bill intituled: "An Ordinance further to amend the Road Traffic Ordinance, 1957."

5. UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS' MOTION.

(1) Chinese Anglican Church Body Incorporation (Amendment) Bill, 1964.

Mr. R.C. Lee to move the First reading of :-

A Bill intituled: "An Ordinance to amend the Chinese Anglican Church Body Incorporation Ordinance."

A. CHAPMAN,
DEPUTY CLERK OF COUNCILS.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 19th August, 1964, at 2.30 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 5TH AUGUST, 1964.

2. OATHS.

Messrs. K.J. Attwell and Szeto Wai to take the Oath of Allegiance.

3. PAPERS TO BE LAID.

4. QUESTIONS.

(1) Mr. Kan Yuet-keung, pursuant to notice, will ask the following question :-

In view of the public concern over the long delay in the enactment of the Banking Ordinance will Government make strong and urgent representation to the Secretary of State that public interest in Hongkong demands that the enactment of the Banking Ordinance should not be further delayed?

(2) Mr. Woo Pak-chuen, pursuant to notice, will ask the following questions:-

Since taxis in Kowloon are now licensed to carry four or more passengers as those in Hong Kong, and since the population of Kowloon is greater than that of Hong Kong, (a) what justification is there that the fares in Kowloon should be lower than those in Hong Kong? (b) why are there no more taxis in Kowloon than in Hong Kong? and (c) as it is desirable that there should be a uniformity in fares, would Government consider the reduction of fares in Hong Kong to the same as those in Kowloon and the authorisation of more taxis in Kowloon?

(3) Mr. K.A. Watson, pursuant to notice, will ask the following question :-

It has been confidently asserted that there is, at present, more filth in the harbour, in the surrounding waters, and at our beaches than ever before.

In view of this, what specific measures are being taken to improve these conditions by the Urban Services Department, the Public Works Department, and the Marine Department?

Is Government satisfied that these measures are adequate and are being pursued with sufficient vigour?

5. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

- (1) Supplementary Provisions for the Quarter ended 30th June, 1964.

The Financial Secretary to move the following resolution :-

Resolved that the Supplementary Provisions for the Quarter ended 30th June, 1964, as set out in Schedule No. 1 of 1964-65, be approved.

- (2) Supplementary Appropriation (1963-64) Bill, 1964.

The Financial Secretary to move the First reading of :-

A Bill intituled: "An Ordinance to authorize a supplementary appropriation to defray the charges of the financial year ended the 31st day of March, 1964."

- (3) Dangerous Goods (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 1964.

The Attorney General to move the Second and Third readings of :-

A Bill intituled: "An Ordinance further to amend the Dangerous Goods Ordinance, 1956."

6. UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS' MOTION.

Chinese Anglican Church Body Incorporation (Amendment) Bill, 1964.

Mr. R.C. Lee to move the Second and Third readings of :-

A Bill intituled: "An Ordinance to amend the Chinese Anglican Church Body Incorporation Ordinance."

A. CHAPMAN,
DEPUTY CLERK OF COUNCILS.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 2nd September, 1964, at 2.30 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19TH AUGUST, 1964.

2. PAPERS TO BE LAID.

3. QUESTIONS.

- (1) Mr. Dhun J. Ruttonjee, pursuant to notice, will ask the following questions :-

(i) The Report of the Working Party on Export Credit Insurance was published in June, 1963. Will Government state whether the delay in implementing the recommendations contained in the Report is due to difficulty in obtaining staff, and if so, whether any consideration has been given to utilising the knowledge and experience that are available in our commercial houses as an interim measure?

(ii) Will Government indicate what steps are being taken to prevent a recurrence of the very damaging landslides which occurred at Kwun Tong Resettlement Estate recently, and why such steps were not taken in anticipation of the rains, which though heavy were not abnormally so?

(iia) Since the need for an ambulance is often a matter of life or death, will Government request the Telephone Company to provide a more easily remembered number for the ambulance service than 237031, it being noted that dialling "999" is not always immediately responsive, the initial number "9" being an extremely busy one?

(iib) Having regard to the general difficulty of obtaining any telephone number commencing with "9", will Government, in order to speed up its communications, request the Telephone Company to provide it with a more useful commencing number?

- (2) Mr. G.R. Ross, pursuant to notice, will ask the following question :-

In his reply given on 20th May in Legislative Council to a question asked by Hon. W.C.G. Knowles, the Hon. Colonial Secretary said, inter alia, that the Standing Committee on Vocational Training and Technical Education had recently completed a review of apprenticeship and made recommendations which included the establishment of an Apprenticeship Board. My Hon. Friend also indicated that it might be possible for the functions of the Apprenticeship Board to be extended to cover all forms of vocational training, and referred to a pilot enquiry by the Labour Department into the vocational training needs of the garment industry, as a result of which proposals had been made to Government.

May I ask whether Government have yet reached conclusions on these various recommendations and proposals, and when action on this urgent and important matter may be expected?

4. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

(1) Road Traffic Ordinance, 1957.

The Attorney General to move the following resolution :-

Resolved that, in exercise of the powers conferred by subsection (2) of section 5A of the Road Traffic Ordinance, 1957, paragraph (6) of regulation 8 of the Road Traffic (Parking and Waiting) Regulations, 1958, be approved in its application to the new paragraphs (5) and (5A) of that regulation substituted by paragraph (b) of regulation 3 of the Road Traffic (Parking and Waiting) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1964.

(2) Road Traffic Ordinance, 1957.

The Attorney General to move the following resolution :-

Resolved that, in exercise of the powers conferred by subsection (2) of section 5A of the Road Traffic Ordinance, 1957, paragraph (4) of regulation 15 of the Road Traffic (Taxis, Public Omnibuses and Public Cars) Regulations, 1964, be approved.

(3) School Medical Service Board Incorporation Bill, 1964.

Dr. Teng Pin-hui to move the Second and Third readings of :-

A Bill intituled: "An Ordinance to make provision for the establishment and incorporation of a Board to operate a scheme to provide economical medical treatment for the pupils of schools participating therein and for matters ancillary thereto."

(4) Buildings (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 1964.

Mr. J.J. Robson to move the Second and Third readings of :-

A Bill intituled: "An Ordinance further to amend the Buildings Ordinance, 1955."

A. CHAPMAN,
DEPUTY CLERK OF COUNCILS.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 16th September, 1964, at 2.30 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 2ND SEPTEMBER, 1964.

2. OATHS.

Mr. K.W.J. Topley to take the Oath of Allegiance.

3. PAPERS TO BE LAID.

4. QUESTIONS.

(1) Mr. Woo Pak-chuen, pursuant to notice, will ask the following questions :-

(i) What steps has Government taken with regard to the accumulation of refuse in the streets thereby endangering the public health of the Colony?

(iia) Is Government aware of the large number of illegal off-course bettings in Hong Kong?

(iib) Is it impossible to suppress them, and

(iic) If the answers to (a) and (b) are in the affirmative, will Government take steps to legalise off-course bettings and put the same under proper control as in England?

(2) Mr. Szeto Wai, pursuant to notice, will ask the following questions :-

(ia) The use of bamboo scaffolding in building construction in the Colony has from past experience proved to be unsatisfactory and a source of danger in times of typhoons, resulting in injury and loss of life, damage to property and blockage of roads. In view of the intensive building activities going on at present involving the construction of many tall buildings, would Government consider limiting the height of such scaffolding or its use only to building sites not abutting roads with heavy pedestrian and vehicular traffic?

(ib) The present Building Regulations only require hoardings and covered walkways to be erected at construction sites abutting public roads with little additional means of protection to pedestrians and vehicles from debris falling from great heights which can be a source of danger. Would Government consider introducing stricter measures requiring the provision of protective screens such as wire-netting and canvas for all new building works in progress? This additional measure, apart from effectively abating danger and dust nuisance, will improve the appearance and cleanliness of the streets.

- (ii) The manner in which large neon signs and other signboards are erected over some of the Colony's thoroughfares, projecting a considerable distance over the roadways, is not only a discredit to the streets themselves but causes undesirable distraction to motorists and constitutes obstructions to fire-fighting. In view of their inherent danger to public safety, especially in times of typhoons, would Government exercise firmer control over the installation of these signboards? ...

5. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

- (1) Review of Policies for Squatter Control, Resettlement and Government Low-cost Housing, 1964.

The Colonial Secretary to move the following resolution :-

Resolved that the White Paper entitled 'Review of Policies for Squatter Control, Resettlement and Government Low-Cost Housing, 1964' be accepted as a general guide to future policy.

- (2) Dutiable Commodities Ordinance, 1963.

Mr. D.R. Holmes to move the following resolution :-

Resolved, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 4(1) of the Dutiable Commodities Ordinance, 1963 as follows -

That the duty payable on 5,876.5 gallons of rum amounting to \$381,972.50 issued to Gurkha troops in Hong Kong during the period 16th October, 1963 to 31st March, 1964 is remitted.

- (3) Dutiable Commodities Ordinance, 1963.

Mr. D.R. Holmes to move the following resolution :-

Resolved, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 4(1) of the Dutiable Commodities Ordinance, 1963, as follows -

That the duty payable on rum issued to Gurkha troops in Hong Kong during the period 1st April, 1964 to the date of this Resolution is remitted and thereafter is waived until this Resolution is varied or revoked.

- (4) Banking Bill, 1964.

The Financial Secretary to move the First reading of :-

A Bill intituled: "An Ordinance to repeal and replace the Banking Ordinance, and to make better provision for the licensing and control of banks, banking business and matters connected therewith."

- (5) Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill, 1964.

The Financial Secretary to move the Second and Third readings of :-

A Bill intituled: "An Ordinance further to amend the Inland Revenue Ordinance."

- (6) Supplementary Appropriation (1963-64) Bill, 1964.

The Financial Secretary to move the Second and Third readings of :-

A Bill intituled: "An Ordinance to authorize a supplementary appropriation to defray the charges of the financial year ended the 31st day of March, 1964."

A. CHAPMAN,
DEPUTY CLERK OF COUNCILS.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 30th September, 1964, at 2.30 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16TH SEPTEMBER, 1964.

2. PAPERS TO BE LAID.

3. QUESTIONS.

Mr. K.A. Watson, pursuant to notice, will ask the following questions :-

- (1) In moving the Government Lotteries Bill in 1962 the Hon. Financial Secretary indicated that whilst the revenue from lotteries was to be used for the purpose of social welfare, such revenue would primarily be used to increase the subventions made by Government to private social welfare organisations.

The figures published in the Government Gazette of the 18th September show that although over \$3 million was received in lotteries both in 1962 and in 1963, the amount of subventions only increased by \$411,000 in the first year, and by \$708,000 in the second.

Is Government satisfied with the present method of utilising the revenue derived from the lotteries, and are any changes being considered?

- (2) In March this year, the Advisory Committee on Public Transport recommended that the feasibility of building an underground railway system be investigated, in view of the serious transport problems anticipated within the next seven or eight years.

Has this recommendation been accepted by Government and if so what progress has been made?

4. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

(1) Authorised Maximum Stock Balances.

The Financial Secretary to move the following resolution :-

Whereas -

- (1) determination of the limit for the maximum value of standard stocks of unallocated stores held by the Government of the Colony is subject to the approval of this Council;
- (2) the present limit of twenty-four million dollars for the Stores Department which was fixed in 1960 is now inadequate:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that approval be given to the determination that the normal limit for the maximum value of standard stocks of unallocated stores held by the Stores Department shall be thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000.00).

(2) Buildings (Amendment) (No. 3) Bill, 1964.

Mr. J.J. Robson to move the First reading of :-

A Bill intituled: "An Ordinance further to amend the Buildings Ordinance, 1955."

(3) Review of Policies for Squatter Control, Resettlement and Government Low-Cost Housing, 1964.

Resumption of debate on the motion for the acceptance of the White Paper entitled 'Review of Policies for Squatter Control, Resettlement and Government Low-Cost Housing' as a general guide to future policy.

A. CHAPMAN,
DEPUTY CLERK OF COUNCILS.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 14th October, 1964, at 2.30 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1964.

2. PAPERS TO BE LAID.

3. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

(1) Food Business (Amendment) (No. 2) By-laws, 1964.

Mr. K.S. Kinghorn to move the following resolution :-

Resolved, pursuant to section 144 of the Public Health and Urban Services Ordinance, 1960, that the Food Business (Amendment) (No. 2) By-laws, 1964, made by the Urban Council on the 1st day of September, 1964, under section 56 of that Ordinance be approved.

(2) Television Bill, 1964.

The Colonial Secretary to move the Second reading of :-

A Bill intituled: "An Ordinance to make provision for licensing companies to broadcast wireless television, for controlling the standards of programmes broadcast by such companies and for purposes connected therewith."

(3) Banking Bill, 1964.

The Financial Secretary to move the Second and Third readings of :-

A Bill intituled: "An Ordinance to repeal and replace the Banking Ordinance, and to make better provision for the licensing and control of banks, banking business and matters connected therewith."

A. CHAPMAN,
DEPUTY CLERK OF COUNCILS.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 4th November, 1964, at 2.30 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14TH OCTOBER, 1964.

2. PAPERS TO BE LAID.

3. QUESTIONS.

Mr. Kan Yuet-keung, pursuant to notice, will ask the following question :-

In November 1959 Government accepted a tender by the Hongkong & Yaumati Ferry Co., Ltd. to operate a vehicular ferry service between North Point and Hung Hom. Up to now the Company cannot operate this service because the pier at North Point is not yet completed although construction began some four years ago.

In view of the urgent need for this cross-harbour vehicular service and the loss of revenue to Government amounting to \$100,000. per month in royalty alone, will the Hon. Director of Public Works explain to this Council the reasons for the long delay in the construction of the pier and what steps are being taken to expedite its completion?

4. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

(1) Variation of Trusts Bill, 1964.

The Attorney General to move the First reading of :-

A Bill intituled: "An Ordinance to extend the Jurisdiction of Courts of Law to vary trusts in the interests of the beneficiaries and to sanction dealings with trust property."

(2) Road Traffic (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 1964.

The Attorney General to move the First reading of :-

A Bill intituled: "An Ordinance further to amend the Road Traffic Ordinance, 1957."

(3) Chinese Permanent Cemeteries Bill, 1964.

The Secretary for Chinese Affairs to move the First reading of :-

A Bill intituled: "An Ordinance to give statutory recognition to and to regulate the provision of permanent cemeteries for persons of Chinese race permanently resident in the Colony and to provide for the proper maintenance and administration thereof, and for purposes connected therewith."

(4) Buildings (Amendment) (No. 3) Bill, 1964.

Mr. A.M.J. Wright to move the Second and Third readings of :-

A Bill intituled: "An Ordinance further to amend the Buildings Ordinance, 1955."

(5) Television Bill, 1964.

The Colonial Secretary to move the Third reading of :-

A Bill intituled: "An Ordinance to make provision for licensing companies to broadcast wireless television, for controlling the standards of programmes broadcast by such companies and for purposes connected therewith."

A. CHAPMAN,
DEPUTY CLERK OF COUNCILS.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 18th November, 1964, at 2.30 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4TH NOVEMBER, 1964.

2. PAPERS TO BE LAID.

3. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

(1) Societies (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 1964.

The Attorney General to move the First reading of :-

A Bill intituled: "An Ordinance further to amend the Societies Ordinance."

(2) Road Traffic (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 1964.

The Attorney General to move the Second and Third readings of :-

A Bill intituled: "An Ordinance further to amend the Road Traffic Ordinance, 1957."

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DEPUTY CLERK OF COUNCILS.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 2nd December, 1964, at 2.30 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18TH NOVEMBER, 1964.

2. PAPERS TO BE LAID.

3. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

(1) Births and Deaths Registration (Amendment) Bill, 1964.

The Attorney General to move the First reading of :-

A Bill intituled: "An Ordinance further to amend the Births and Deaths Registration Ordinance."

(2) Variation of Trusts Bill, 1964.

The Attorney General to move the Second and Third readings of :-

A Bill intituled: "An Ordinance to extend the Jurisdiction of Courts of Law to vary trusts in the interests of the beneficiaries and to sanction dealings with trust property."

(3) Chinese Permanent Cemeteries Bill, 1964.

The Secretary for Chinese Affairs to move the Second and Third readings of :-

A Bill intituled: "An Ordinance to give statutory recognition to and to regulate the provision of permanent cemeteries for persons of Chinese race permanently resident in the Colony and to provide for the proper maintenance and administration thereof, and for purposes connected therewith."

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 23rd December, 1964, at 2.30 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 2ND DECEMBER, 1964.

2. PAPERS TO BE LAID.

3. QUESTIONS.

(1) Mr. S.S. Gordon, pursuant to notice, will ask the following questions :-

- (i) In view of the widespread increases in rateable values to take effect from 1st April next year, will Government explain the policy whereby the rateable value can be set at a figure higher than a rental which has been agreed by free negotiation between landlord and tenant on an arms length basis?
- (ii) As the Rent Increases (Domestic Premises) Control Ordinance is intended to control rather than stimulate rent increases, does government consider it desirable that rateable values of owner occupied premises should be increased at this time?
- (iii) As an increase in rateable values is, in effect, an increase in taxation, would it not be more appropriate, if such increased taxation is in fact required, for it to be introduced openly through this Council?

(2) Mr. K.A. Watson, pursuant to notice, will ask the following questions :-

Is Government aware that the demand for parking spaces for vehicles in the Central District of Hong Kong Island is likely to exceed the supply by about 3000 spaces in 1968, and by about 5000 spaces by the end of 1970?

These do not include the extra demand for about 6000 places likely to arise if and when a cross-harbour tunnel is built.

What action does Government intend to take to meet this deficit in the Central District, and similar difficulties in other areas?

4. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

(1) Illegal Strikes and Lock-Outs Ordinance, Chapter 61.

The Attorney General to move the following resolution :-

Resolved, pursuant to section 8 of the Illegal Strikes and Lock-Outs Ordinance, Chapter 61, that the duration of the said Ordinance be extended for the term of one year with effect from 1st January, 1965.

(2) Defence Regulations (Continuation) Ordinance, 1958.

The Attorney General to move the following resolution :-

Resolved, pursuant to section 6 of the Defence Regulations (Continuation) Ordinance, 1958, that the duration of the said Ordinance be extended for the term of one year with effect from 1st January, 1965.

(3) Societies Ordinance, Chapter 151.

The Attorney General to move the following resolution :-

Resolved, pursuant to section 26 of the Societies Ordinance, Chapter 151, that the duration of the said Ordinance be extended for the term of one year with effect from 1st January, 1965.

(4) Companies (Prevention of Evasion of the Societies Ordinance) Ordinance, 1959.

The Attorney General to move the following resolution :-

Resolved, pursuant to section 16 of the Companies (Prevention of Evasion of the Societies Ordinance) Ordinance, 1959, that the duration of the said Ordinance be extended for the term of one year with effect from 1st January, 1965.

(5) Summer Time (Amendment) Bill, 1964.

The Colonial Secretary to move the First reading of :-

A Bill intituled: "An Ordinance to amend the Summer Time Ordinance, 1953."

(6) Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 1964.

The Financial Secretary to move the First reading of :-

A Bill intituled: "An Ordinance to amend The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Ordinance."

(7) Colonial Treasurer Incorporation (Amendment) Bill, 1964.

The Financial Secretary to move the First reading of :-

A Bill intituled: "An Ordinance to amend the Colonial Treasurer Incorporation Ordinance."

(8) Societies (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 1964.

The Attorney General to move the Second and Third readings of :-

A Bill intituled: "An Ordinance further to amend the Societies Ordinance."

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