

**Legal Aid Services Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 12 February 2019**  
**at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Office**

PRESENT

Dr Eric LI Ka Cheung, GBS, JP	Chairman
Mr Nicholas CHAN, MH	Member
Mr Warren GANESH	“
Mrs Ayesha LAU, JP	“
Mr Clarence LEUNG, JP	“
Mr Randy SHEK	“
Ms Connie WONG, SBS, JP	“
Mr Chris CHONG, JP	Ag Director of Legal Aid
Ms Helen PANG	Secretary

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Paul LI	EO/LASC
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ABSENT WITH APOLOGIES

Mr Timothy PARKER	Member
Miss Iris WAN	“



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**(I) INTRODUCTION**

The Chairman welcomed Members and Mr Chris CHONG of the Legal Aid Department (LAD) to the meeting. He said that Mr Thomas KWONG, Director of Legal Aid, was on leave and Mr Chris CHONG attended the meeting in the capacity of acting Director of Legal Aid.

**(IV) PAPERS FOR INFORMATION/COMMENT**

**(B) Law Reform Commission's Consultation Paper on "Archives Law" (Executive Summary) - Paper No. LASC I/P 02/19**

**(C) Law Reform Commission's Consultation Paper on "Access to Information" (Executive Summary) - Paper No. LASC I/P 03/19**

5.1 The Chairman said that the two consultation papers were quite straightforward and the recommendations seemed not to have any impact on the Council's operation in the meantime. He asked if Members had any comments on the recommendations.

5.2 Mr Clarence LEUNG asked whether the recommendations would affect the LAD's work if they were implemented. Mr Chris CHONG said that LAD had also received the two consultation papers and would provide responses after studying them. He advised that information collected from legal aid applicants or aided persons was handled according to the relevant regulations or guidelines issued by the Government, and the requests for information from the public, aided persons or legal aid applicants would be handled following the established procedures. He preliminarily viewed that the proposed measures might, to some extent, affect the LAD's operation.

5.3 The Chairman expressed that if LAD had any comments on the recommendations and/or observed that some of the recommendations might consequently affect the interests of legal aid applicants or aided persons, they might share it with the Council and the Council would consider whether it should support LAD's views on the matter(s). To allow sufficient time for Members to consider the views of LAD, depending on the time of LAD's provision, the Council might ask for a slight delay for replying to the two sub-committees of

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the Law Reform Commission.

5.4 The Chairman also said that since the deadline for comments fell in early March 2019 and there would not be another meeting before the deadline, if Members had any views on the consultation papers, they might forward it to the Secretary.

**(E) Speeches at the Ceremonial Opening of the Legal Year 2019 – Paper No. LASC I/P 05/19**

7. The Chairman said that the paper was for Members' information only. Members had no specific comment and took note of the paper.

**(H) Monthly Statement of Income and Expenditure of LASC for the Months of November and December 2018 - Paper No. LASC I/P 08/19**

10.1 The Chairman said that the expenditure of the Council was within budget.

10.2 Members had no specific comment and took note of the Monthly Statements.

**(V) DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

11. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m. The next Council Meeting would be held on Tuesday, 2 April 2019.

LASC Secretariat  
March 2019