

Legal Aid Services Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 2 April 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	“
Mr Clarence LEUNG, JP	“
Miss Iris WAN	“
Ms Connie WONG, SBS, JP	“
Mr Thomas KWONG, JP	Director of Legal Aid
Ms Helen PANG	Secretary

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Chris CHONG, JP	Deputy Director of Legal Aid (Policy & Administration)
Mr Paul LI	EO/LASC

ABSENT WITH APOLOGIES

Mrs Ayesha LAU, JP	Member
Mr Timothy PARKER	“
Mr Randy SHEK	“



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(I) INTRODUCTION

The Chairman welcomed Members and Mr Chris CHONG of the Legal Aid Department (LAD) to the meeting.

(II) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12 FEBRUARY 2019

2. The minutes were confirmed without amendment.

(IV) PAPERS FOR INFORMATION/COMMENT

(D) Monthly Statement of Income and Expenditure of LASC for the Months of January and February 2019 - Paper No. LASC I/P 12/19

6.1 The Chairman said that the expenditure of the Council was within budget, and it was expected that there would be a little bit of surplus for the financial year 2018-2019.

6.2 In reply to Mr Clarence LEUNG's enquiry if the surplus would need to be returned to the Government, the Secretary said that the Council could retain the surplus as contingency reserve up to a certain percentage of the approved annual recurrent subvention. The Chairman added that the policy on contingency reserve remained unchanged after the transfer of legal aid portfolio from the Home Affairs Bureau to the Chief Secretary for Administration's Office (CSO).

6.3 Members had no further comment and took note of the Monthly Statements.

(VI) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

9. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m. The next Council Meeting would be held on Tuesday, 4 June 2019.

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LASC Secretariat
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