

Legal Aid Services Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 24 May 2023
at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Office

PRESENT

Prof. William LEUNG, GBS, JP	Chairman
Mr Bosco CHENG	Member
Mr Tom FU	“
Ms Serena LAU, JP	“
Ms Rosita LEE	“
Mr Ronald SUM, JP	“
Miss Iris WAN	“
Ms Yvonne YEUNG	“
Mr Chris CHONG, JP	Director of Legal Aid
Mr Patrick WONG	Secretary

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Steve WONG	Deputy Director of Legal Aid (Policy & Administration)
Mr Henry CHAN	EO/LASC

ABSENT WITH APOLOGIES

Mr Robin EGERTON	Member
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**Item**

**Action By**

**(I) INTRODUCTION**

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

**(II) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15 FEBRAURY 2023**

2. The minutes were confirmed without amendment.

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

**(B) Legal Aid Department's Replies to Written Questions Raised by Finance Committee Members in Examining the Estimates of Expenditure 2023 - 2024 - Paper No. LASC I/P 12/23**

4.1 The Chairman said that there was only one question raised by the LegCo Finance Committee concerning the work of LAD on the Draft Estimates of Expenditure for 2023-24. DLA's reply was attached to the Paper for Members' reference.

4.2 Members took note of DLA's reply to the question.

**(F) Quarterly Report of Income and Expenditure of LASC for the Last Quarter of 2022-23 - Paper No. LASC I/P 16/23**

8.1 The Chairman said that in order to better reflect the spending position of the Council in a quarter, a new format of report summarising the income and expenditure in the last quarter of financial year 2022-23 covering 1 January to 31 March 2023 was adopted. The overall spending position as at the close of financial year 2022-23 arrived at 95% of the approved budget which was well under control.

8.2 Members appreciated the new report format and took note of the quarterly report.

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**(V) DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

11. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. The next Council Meeting would be held on Tuesday, 8 August 2023.

LASC Secretariat  
June 2023