

Monthly Report on My Work at the Legislative Council
Office of Hon. Dr. Yiu Chung-yim
21 June, 2017 to 14 July, 2017

A. MOTIONS, AMENDMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Questions

1. Deployment of public resources of the Chief Executive's Office (21 June 2017)

Background: The Select Committee to Inquire into Matters about the Agreement between Mr Leung Chun-ying and the Australian firm UGL Limited ("the Select Committee") set up by this Council commenced operation in early February this year. In recent months, the Chief Executive Mr Leung Chun-ying ("Mr Leung") expressed his views on a number of occasions on the matters which the Select Committee is tasked to study ("the matters"), and sent his suggested amendments to the proposed major areas of study of the Committee to one Committee member. It has been reported that the Special Assistant in the Chief Executive's Office ("CEO") admitted that she had downloaded the aforesaid areas of study for Mr Leung. As such, some members of the public are concerned about whether the Government has deployed public resources (including government officers' time for handling official business and the facilities in CEO) to provide assistance to Mr Leung regarding the matters.

- Full question and reply from Chief Secretary for Administration:

<http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201706/21/P2017062100623.htm>

2. Government lands let by way of short-term tenancies and granted by way of temporary government land allocations (28 June 2017)

Background: The question is to ask the Government for information regarding the current number of government lands which are let by way of short-term tenancies (STTs) and their total area (with a breakdown by District Council district); and the specific locations and areas of the lands which are not smaller than one hectare and are currently , granted to various government bureaux and departments by way of temporary government land allocations or let by way of STTs?

- Full question and reply from Secretary for Development:

<http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201706/28/P2017062800439.htm>

B. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- June 23, 2017 FCR(2017-18)14 31.898 Billion Dollars for Kai Tak Sports Park (passed)
- July 14, 2017 FCR(2017-18)13 \$286.2 Million Dollars for South Island Line (East) – essential public infrastructure works (passed)

C. BILL COMMITTEES IN ACTION

Stamp Duty (Amendment) Bill 2017

- Amend the Stamp Duty Ordinance to introduce a new flat rate for the ad valorem stamp duty payable on certain instruments dealing with residential property; and to provide for related matters.

- Details: <http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr16-17/english/bills/b201701272.pdf>

Waterworks (Amendment) Bill 2017

- Amend the Waterworks Ordinance and the Waterworks Regulations to revise the requirements relating to the carrying out of works on fire services and inside services.

- Details: <http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr16-17/chinese/hc/papers/hc20170428ls-56-c.pdf>

D. ACTIVITIES

25 June 2017 - We visited the farms nearby Fanling Hok Tau on 25 June 2017 to understand how the farms operate to achieve Zero-Waste.



26 June 2017 - I participated in Clean Air Network's Press Conference, the government should tighten the Air Quality Objectives to reduce emission. I mentioned that I have had discussion with the administration regarding the Electronic Toll System.



29 June 2017 – A meeting with government officials on “EFLS for Kowloon East“. We regret that the Government's proposal failed to consider more on pedestrian friendly and air quality improvement measures. We urge the Government to reconsider the development with our “Smart and Zero-Car Transport System for Kowloon East“ alternative proposal.

4 July 2017 - Along with various Environmental Groups, we held a Press Conference to disclose government items which a tender process is initiated prior to the approval by LegCo. This has caused the Government not to amend their application to LegCo, due to a potential risk of creating extra expenditure. I have suggested that the Government should submit a conceptual document to LegCo before starting the tender process.

12 July 2017 - 24 Lawmakers including myself co-signed a petition under Rule 20 of the Rules of Procedure of LegCo in our concern to Nobel Peace Prize Winner Liu Xiaobo's health condition. We urge the Beijing authority to compassionate release Liu, so that he can have treatment overseas.

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E. Termination of the Legislators

On July 14, 2017, Mr Justice Thomas Au Hing-cheung of the High Court quashed the decision of the President of the Legislative Council on my oath taking. According to SCMP, he “based his ruling on both common law principles and a controversial interpretation of the city’s mini-constitution by China’s top legislature on my cases”. The case name and numbers are “Chief Executive of the HKSAR, Secretary for Justice v. President of the LegCo and Yiu Chung Yim, 14 July 2017, HCAL226/2016, HCMP 3378/2016”.