

LegCo to consider Sex Discrimination (Amendment) Bill 2020

The following is issued on behalf of the Legislative Council Secretariat:

The Legislative Council (LegCo) will hold a meeting on Wednesday (March 17) at 11.30am (or immediately after the meeting for the Chief Executive's Question Time to be held at 11am) in the Chamber of the LegCo Complex. During the meeting, the Second Reading debate on the Sex Discrimination (Amendment) Bill 2020 will resume. If the Bill is supported by Members and receives its Second Reading, it will stand committed to the committee of the whole Council. After the committee of the whole Council has completed consideration of the Bill and its report is adopted by the Council, the Bill will be set down for the Third Reading.

The Second Reading debate on the Arbitration (Amendment) Bill 2021 and the Stamp Duty (Amendment) Bill 2020 will also resume. If the Bills are supported by Members and receive their Second Reading, they will stand committed to the committee of the whole Council. After the committee of the whole Council has completed consideration of the Bills and their reports are adopted by the Council, the Bills will be set down for the Third Reading.

Meanwhile, the Employment (Amendment) Bill 2021, the Revenue (First Registration Tax and Licence Fees for Motor Vehicles) Bill 2021, the Public Offices (Candidacy and Taking Up Offices) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2021, the Revenue (Stamp Duty) Bill 2021 and the Revenue (Tax Concessions) Bill 2021 will be introduced into the Council for the First Reading and the Second Reading. The Second Reading debate on the Bills will be adjourned.

On Member's Bill, the Waterworks (Waterworks Regulations) (Amendment) Bill 2021 will also be introduced into the Council for the First Reading and the Second Reading. The Second Reading debate on the Bill will be adjourned.

On Government motions, the Secretary for Labour and Welfare will move three proposed resolutions under the Employees' Compensation Ordinance, the Pneumoconiosis and Mesothelioma (Compensation) Ordinance and the Occupational Deafness (Compensation) Ordinance respectively. The proposed resolutions are set out in Appendices 1-3 respectively.

The Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury will move a proposed resolution under the Public Finance Ordinance. The proposed resolution is set out in Appendix 4.

On Members' motions, Mr Paul Tse will move a motion on examining the amendment of the Protection of the Harbour Ordinance and implementing the Kwun Tong Typhoon Shelter reclamation works. The motion is set out in Appendix 5. Mr Frankie Yick will move an amendment to Mr Paul Tse's motion.

Mr Chan Hak-kan will move a motion on supporting the unemployed and underemployed. The motion is set out in Appendix 6. Dr Priscilla Leung, Mr Luk Chung-hung and Mr Shiu Ka-fai will move separate amendments to Mr Chan Hak-kan's motion.

Members will also ask the Government 22 questions on various policy areas, six of which require oral replies.

The agenda of the above meeting can be obtained via the LegCo Website (www.legco.gov.hk). Members of the public can watch or listen to the meeting via the Webcast system on the LegCo Website. To observe the proceedings of the meeting at the LegCo Complex, members of the public may call 3919 3399 during office hours to reserve seats.