

LegCo to resume Second Reading debate for withdrawal of Fugitive Offenders and Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Legislation (Amendment) Bill 2019

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

The Legislative Council (LegCo) will hold a meeting tomorrow (October 23) at 11am in the Chamber of the LegCo Complex.

During the meeting, the Secretary for Security will resume the Second Reading debate on the Fugitive Offenders and Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Legislation (Amendment) Bill 2019 for the purpose of making an announcement of the withdrawal of the Bill under Rule 64(2) of the Rules of Procedure. Under Rule 64(3) of the Rules of Procedure, the Secretary for Security may address the Council on matters relevant to the withdrawal of the Bill but no debate may arise on such an address.

The Second Reading debate on the Inland Revenue (Amendment) (Tax Concessions) Bill 2019, the Judicial Officers (Extension of Retirement Age) (Amendment) Bill 2019 and the Electoral Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2019 will 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 Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes (Amendment) Bill 2019, the Rating (Amendment) Bill 2019, and the Freight Containers (Safety) (Amendment) Bill 2019 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 Members' Bill, the St. John's College (Amendment) Bill 2019 will be introduced into the Council for the First Reading and the Second Reading. The Second Reading debate on the Bill will be adjourned.

On Members' motions, Members will debate a motion under Article 73(9) of the Basic Law to form an independent investigation committee to investigate the charges against the Chief Executive for serious breach of law and/or dereliction of duty. The motion, jointly initiated by Mr Alvin Yeung, Mr James To, Mr Leung Yiu-chung, Prof Joseph Lee, Ms Claudia Mo, Mr Wu Chi-wai, Mr Charles Mok, Mr Chan Chi-chuen, Mr Kenneth Leung, Dr Kwok Ka-ki, Mr Dennis Kwok, Dr Fernando Cheung, Dr Helena Wong, Mr Ip Kin-yuen, Mr Andrew

Wan, Mr Chu Hoi-dick, Mr Lam Cheuk-ting, Mr [Shiu] [Ka]-[chun], Ms [Tanya] [Chan], Mr Hui Chi-fung, Dr [Cheng] [Chung-tai], Mr [Kwong] [Chun-yu], Mr [Jeremy] Tam, Mr Gary [Fan] and Mr [Au] Nok-hin (25 Members), is to be moved by Mr Yeung. The motion is set out in Appendix 1.

Dr Kwok will move a motion under Rule 49B(1A) of the Rules of Procedure to censure Dr [Junius] Ho. The motion is set out in Appendix 2.

Mr Kwok will move a motion under Article 73(5) and (10) of the Basic Law to summon persons concerned to produce papers and testify. The motion is set out in Appendix 3.

Dr Kwok will also move a motion under Article 73(5) and (10) of the Basic Law to summon a person to produce papers and testify. The motion is set out in Appendix 4.

Mr Au will move a motion under the Legislative Council (Powers and Privileges) Ordinance to appoint a select committee to conduct an inquiry. The motion is set out in Appendix 5.

In addition, Mr Yeung, Dr Kwok and Dr Cheung will move separate motions under Article 73(5) and (10) of the Basic Law to summon persons to produce papers and testify. The motions are set out in Appendices 6-8 respectively.

Mr Wan, Mr Tam, Ms Mo, Ms Chan, Dr Kwok, Mr Lam and Mr Kwong will move separate motions under the Legislative Council (Powers and Privileges) Ordinance to appoint select committees to conduct inquiries. The motions are set out in Appendices 9-17 respectively.

Meanwhile, Mr Kwok will move a motion on no confidence in the Fifth Term Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region as set out in Appendix 18. Ms Mo will move an amendment to Mr Kwok's motion.

Mr Ho Kai-ming will move a motion on ensuring children's right to play for them to grow up happily. The motion is set out in Appendix 19. Mr Ip, Dr Kwok, Dr Cheung, Dr Chiang Lai-wan and Mr Hui will move separate amendments to Mr Ho's motion.

On Government's motions, the Chief Secretary for Administration will move two proposed resolutions under Article 73(7) of the Basic Law and section 7A of the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal Ordinance (Cap. 484) on appointment of judges. The two motions are set out in Appendices 20-21.

During the meeting, Mr Abraham Shek and Mr Jeffrey Lam will address the Council on the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Annual Report 2018 and Reports of ICAC Advisory Committees, as well as the ICAC Complaints Committee Annual Report 2018 respectively.

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). Please note that the agenda is subject to change, and the latest information about the agenda could be found on the LegCo Website.

Members of the public are welcome to observe the proceedings of the meeting from the public galleries of the Chamber of the LegCo Complex. They may reserve seats by calling 3919 3399 during office hours. Members of the public can also watch or listen to the meeting via the "Webcast" system on the LegCo Website.