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*Dear Mr Cole,*

I take pleasure in forwarding to you herewith a copy of Umelco 1982 Annual Report which depicts the role and work of the Unofficial Members of both the Executive and Legislative Councils of Hong Kong during the year 1982.

It is hoped that you and your colleagues at 10 Downing Street will find it useful in preparing briefs on Hong Kong for the Prime Minister.

With personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

S Y Chung  
Senior Unofficial Member  
Executive Council

Enclosure: A copy of Umelco Annual Report 1982





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*From the Private Secretary*

30 August 1983

In Mr. Coles's absence from the office, I am writing to thank you for your letter of 25 August, with which you enclosed a copy of Umelco 1982 Annual Report. I am sure Mr. Coles will be interested to see this.

(TIMOTHY FLESHER)

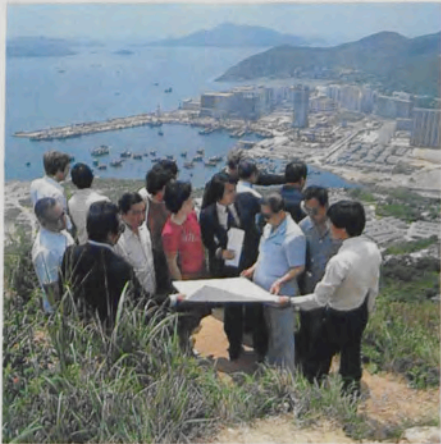
The Hon. Sir Sze-yuen Chung, CBE.



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UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE  
EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS  
OF HONG KONG

1ST SEPTEMBER 1981

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1 UMELCO Members inspect reclamation work and development plans in Chai Wan.

2 The Governor, Sir Edward Youde, delivers his acceptance speech after being sworn in at the City Hall as the 26th Governor of Hong Kong.

3 Sir S.Y. CHUNG and Mr. R.H. Lobo, Sir Unofficial Members of ExCo and LegCo, greet the Governor, Sir Edward Youde, on his arriving at the UMELCO Office.

4 UMELCO Members visit an industrial machine sewing class at the Social Welfare Department's Lek Yuen Sheltered Workshop.

5 The British Prime Minister, Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, and party leaving the UMELCO Office.

6 UMELCO Members discuss handicraft activities with residents of the Tung Group's Ma Hing Chow Hostel for Elderly.

7 Briefing of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association delegates in the UMELCO Conference Room.

8 The Governor, Sir Edward Youde, presides at a meeting of the Legislative Council.

9 UMELCO Members return from a visit to a patrol screen maintained by Marine Unit of the Royal Hong Kong Police Force.

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FOREWORD

The Unofficial Members of the Executive and Legislative Councils banded themselves together in 1963 to form the body known in short as "UMELCO" and the UMELCO Office was established to provide logistical support for their work.

As far as the UMELCO is concerned, it was a modest start. There was some expansion in the 1960's, but the real growth occurred in the 1970's when the number of Unofficial Members of both Councils increased from 18 to 31 and the number of staff in the UMELCO Office went up from 19 to 54. More importantly, the role and work of UMELCO have diversified significantly.

H.E. the Governor, Sir Edward Youde, in his first Annual Address in the Legislative Council on 6 October 1982 gave a brief but very clear account of the role and work of UMELCO. He said:

".... The involvement of Unofficial Members (of both the Executive and Legislative Councils) in all aspects of the administration of Hong Kong would, I suspect, come as a surprise to overseas observers; and I doubt that it is wholly comprehended by our own people. Their contribution begins in the formulation of policy in the Executive Council. They are our partners in the making of legislation in this (Legislative) Council. They are our masters in Finance Committee and in the Public Accounts Committee. During the last session of this (Legislative) Council, Finance Committee met 21 times, and its two subcommittees 11 times. Between them they considered more than 1,000 agenda items and papers. Unofficial Members are their own

masters, with a right to be heard on behalf of the people of Hong Kong on any issue, internal or external, which in their judgement touch upon the well-being of the community. They are our watchdogs over the administrative process, with a right to call attention to any form of maladministration or public grievance. The public called their attention to over 3,000 such complaints during the term of the last (1981/82) session. They are our monitors on the (UMELCO) Panels which review progress in major policy areas, which met 44 times during the last session, and they are our conscience in the meetings of the ICAC Complaints Committee and the UMELCO Police Group...."

The First UMELCO Annual Report appeared in 1971 and it has been produced in much the same style for eleven years. It is perhaps time for a change and the UMELCO Annual Report for 1982 has a new look and format. We hope it will be more readable and will contribute to a better understanding of the role and work of UMELCO.

S.Y. CHUNG  
 Senior Unofficial Member  
 of the Executive Council





The Governor, Sir Edward Youde, presides at a meeting of the Legislative Council. Mr. R.H. Lobo, Senior Unofficial Member is addressing the Council.

## CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

".... Territories outside the United Kingdom which are dependencies of the British Crown are ruled pursuant to the Royal Prerogative, of which Letters Patent and Orders in Council are legislative manifestations. But, in the constitutional monarchy that is the United Kingdom, the Crown acts on the advice of the Prime Minister and Government of the day; and they are responsible to Parliament. So it is the British Foreign Secretary who answers today to Parliament for the affairs of Hong Kong; he it is the 'one of our Principal Secretaries of State' referred to in Article II of the Hong Kong Letters Patent.

Hong Kong, unlike the United Kingdom, has a written constitution, though the legal basis on which the Government of Hong Kong rests is remarkably laconic. The Letters Patent and Royal Instructions, first enacted in 1843 as a Royal Charter, the present form of which, passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, dates from February 14, 1917, and which has been amended a dozen times since, most recently in 1982, provide the essential structure: ....."

Hon. John Griffiths, QC, "Hong Kong 1983"

The Letters Patent prescribe that:

'I. There shall be a Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our Colony of Hong Kong and its Dependencies ...

II. We do hereby authorise, empower, and command Our said Governor and Commander-in-Chief ... to do and execute all things that belong to his said office, according to the tenor of these Our Letters Patent and of any Commission issued to him under Our Sign Manual and Signet, and according to such Instructions as may from time to time be given to him, under our Sign Manual and Signet, or by Order in Our Privy Council, or by Us through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, and to such laws as are now or shall hereafter be in force in the Colony.'

The Letters Patent also provide for two Councils to assist the Governor:

'V. There shall be an Executive Council in and for Hong Kong, and the said Council shall consist of such persons as We shall direct by Instructions under our Sign

Manual and Signet ...

VI. There shall be a Legislative Council in and for Hong Kong and the said Council shall consist of such persons as we shall direct by Instructions ...

VII. The Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council, may make laws for the peace, order and good government of Hong Kong.'

The Executive and Legislative Councils are thus Hong Kong's two major Councils of Government. They include both Official and Unofficial Members. The Official Members are normally heads of major government branches and departments and the Unofficial Members are private citizens selected by the Governor from a wide spectrum of society.

There are nine Unofficial, non-government, Members on the Executive Council and five also serve on the Legislative Council. Totally, 27 Unofficial Members serve on the Legislative Council, and on both the Executive and the Legislative Councils the Unofficial, non-government, Members significantly outnumber the official representatives.

The 31 Unofficial Members of the Executive and Legislative Councils (UMELCO) accordingly play a key role in the administration of Hong Kong. They advise on the formulation of Government policies, participate in the enactment of legislation, consider complaints by members of the public against Government departments and monitor the effectiveness of public administration. Between them, the Unofficial Members hold some 300 seats in other committees and boards dealing with public and community affairs.

### Councils Business

The Executive Council is primarily a consultative body. Its functions are similar to those of the Cabinet in Britain and its proceedings are confidential. The Executive Council meets in private, usually once a week, to advise the Governor on all matters of importance. Occasionally, extra meetings are held for matters requiring urgent attention. The decision on any matter which comes before the Executive Council is that of the Governor, but if he decides to act against the advice given



by his unofficial advisers he must report his reasons for doing so to the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs in London.

The main functions of the Legislative Council are to enact laws, control public expenditure, and debate matters of public concern. The Legislative Council meets in public every fortnight throughout most of the year in the Council Chamber adjoining the Central Government Offices in Lower Albert Road. The procedures of the Legislative Council are broadly similar to those of a parliament and questions may be asked by the Unofficial Members on any matter for which the Government is responsible. Question time also provides an opportunity for Unofficial Members to seek an explanation of official actions and intentions in regard to topical issues. The questions — numbering between 15 and 20 at each sitting — stem from the Unofficial Members' wide public contacts, as well as from complaints and representations made to the UMELCO Office, and points arising from regular district visits. The views of the Unofficial Members, as expressed in the Legislative Council, are a strong influence on Government policies.

**UMELCO Business**

The Unofficial Members of the Executive and Legislative Councils meet frequently in the UMELCO Office. The Office has been established to assist the Unofficial Members with their Council duties and to deal with public complaints, appeals and representations under their direction. The Office is headed by the Secretary General and is located on the 12th floor of Swire House, above the MTRC Central Station.

**Departure of Sir Murray MacLehose, GBE, KCMG, KCVO (now Lord MacLehose of Beoch)**

On 8th May 1982 Sir Murray MacLehose vacated the office of Governor of Hong Kong, a position he had filled with distinction since November 1971. The term of Sir Murray's governorship was a decade of remarkable economic and social progress and his concern for the welfare of the people of Hong Kong and for the development of a fair and just society had won him the esteem of all.

It was a matter of great regret that Sir Murray's sudden illness shortly before his departure denied the community the opportunity to bid farewell and pay tribute to Sir Murray in happier circumstances. However, all Hong Kong welcomed the conferment of a life barony on Sir Murray and his return to good health. The MacLehose Fund was established from public donations (see page 27) and Sir Murray continues to work for the good of Hong Kong both within and outside the House of Lords.

**Arrival of Sir Edward Youde, GCMG, MBE**

Sir Edward Youde arrived in Hong Kong on 20th May 1982 and was sworn in as the 26th Governor of Hong Kong. At the ceremony in the City Hall,

Sir S.Y. CHUNG, representing the Unofficial Members of the Executive and Legislative Councils and the community at large, welcomed Sir Edward and Lady Youde on behalf of the Hong Kong community. In his speech, Sir S.Y. CHUNG underlined the remarkable achievements of Hong Kong which had been made possible by a stable government, an enterprising, resilient and hard-working community, and by maintaining a business environment conducive to investment. He emphasised that continued economic prosperity and social stability depended on the confidence which the people of Hong Kong, and our overseas trading partners had in the long-term future of Hong Kong. He therefore urged the Governor to accord first priority to this question and pledged the wholehearted support of the Unofficial Members.

In reply, the Governor paid tribute to all those who had contributed to Hong Kong's success, in particular, his predecessor, Lord MacLehose, and affirmed the commitment of Her Majesty's Government to Hong Kong and its people. He acknowledged that Hong Kong would need to maintain confidence in its future; but there was good reason for confidence to remain high. He stressed that the omens were good and that there was a common recognition of the vital importance of the continued prosperity and stability of Hong Kong and the common wish to preserve them. He promised to do all he could to make the future of Hong Kong a bright one.



The Governor, Sir Edward Youde, delivers his acceptance speech after being sworn in at the City Hall as the 26th Governor of Hong Kong.



The British Prime Minister, Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, visits the UMELCO Office and is greeted by Mr. R.H. Lobo, Senior Unofficial Member of LegCo.



The Governor accompanied by Sir S.Y. CHUNG, Senior Unofficial Member of ExCo, has a first-hand look at the UMELCO redress system.





UMELCO Members being briefed on the training facilities at the Prince Philip Dental Hospital.



UMELCO Members join one of the classes for physically handicapped children at the John F. Kennedy Centre in Sandy Bay.

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## CHAPTER II EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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The Royal Instructions designate five ex officio Members of the Executive Council: the Commander British Forces, the Chief Secretary, the Attorney General, the Secretary for Home Affairs and the Financial Secretary. There is, however, no limit set by the Royal Instructions on the number of members other than ex officio Members. In 1978, the number of Unofficial Members was increased to nine. During the year 1981-82, they were

- Sir S.Y. CHUNG, CBE, JP  
*(Senior Unofficial Member of ExCo)*
- Mr. O.V. CHEUNG, CBE, QC, LL.D. JP
- Mr. R.H. Lobo, CBE, JP
- Mr. LI Fook-wo, CBE, JP
- Dr. Harry S.Y. FANG, CBE, JP
- Mr. M.G.R. Sandberg, CBE, JP
- Mr. LO Tak-shing, CBE, JP
- Rev. Patrick T. McGovern, OBE, SJ, JP
- Mr. D.K. Newbigging, OBE, JP

Five Members of the Executive Council also served, concurrently, on the Legislative Council: Mr. R.H. Lobo, Dr. Harry S.Y. FANG, Mr. LO Tak-shing,

Rev. Patrick T. McGovern and Mr. D. K. Newbigging. Provisional appointments to the Executive Council, from Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council, were made from time to time when a seat was temporarily vacated by a substantive Unofficial Member of ExCo. Five Legislative Council Unofficial Members served on the Executive Council in these circumstances during the year:

- Dr. Francis Y.H. TIEN, OBE, LL.D. JP
- Mr. Alex S.C. WU, OBE, JP
- Rev. Joyce M. Bennett, OBE, JP
- Mr. CHEN Shou-lum, OBE, JP
- Miss Lydia DUNN, OBE, JP

As ExCo meetings are secret, an account of the work of Unofficials on the business of ExCo cannot be given. However, ExCo normally meets weekly and no legislation, Government policy or change in policy can be made without its prior advice and agreement. There were 48 formal meetings of ExCo during the 12 months period covered by this report.





UMELCO Members study development plans for Tuen Mun New Town.



UMELCO Members receive a briefing on the functions and organisation of the Marine District of the Royal Hong Kong Police Force.



Sir S.Y. CHUNG, Chairman of the UMELCO Steering Group accepts a cheque for \$1.6 millions from Mrs. Clare Kwok of Jardine, Matheson & Co., Limited for the MacLehose Fund.

## CHAPTER III LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

The Legislative Council consists of the Governor and the persons for the time being lawfully discharging the functions of Chief Secretary, Attorney General, Secretary for Home Affairs and Financial Secretary, who are referred to as ex-officio Members. In addition, in 1980, the number of Official and Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council was increased to not more than 22 and 27 persons respectively. During the year 1981-82, the Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council were:

Mr. R.H. Lobo CBE, JP  
(Senior Unofficial Member of LegCo)  
Dr. Harry S.Y. FANG, CBE, JP  
Mr. LO Tak-shing, CBE, JP  
Dr. Francis Y.H. TIEN, OBE, LL.D., JP  
Mr. Alex S.C. WU, OBE, JP  
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Mr. Peter C. WONG, OBE, JP  
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Mr. W.C.L. Brown, OBE, JP  
Mr. CHAN Kam-chuen, JP  
Mr. J.J. Swaine, OBE, QC, JP  
Mr. Stephen CHEONG Kam-chuen, JP  
Mr. Benton CHEUNG Yan-lung, MBE, SBSTJ, JP  
Mrs. Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yeec, JP  
Miss Maria TAM Wai-chu, JP

### Business of the Legislative Council

There were 25 public sittings of the Legislative Council during the 1981-82 Session. In the Legislative Council two major parliamentary events each year are the Governor's opening address at the commencement of the

Session and the annual budget debate. It is the custom for the Governor to review Government plans and development proposals annually, at the first meeting of the Session, usually in the first week of October, and the opportunity is taken by Unofficial Members to debate matters of public concern and all facets of Government business. At the time of the annual budget presentation, groups of Unofficials analyse and study in depth the Government's expenditure proposals.

### Annual Policy Debate

The Governor delivered his annual policy address at the opening of the Legislative Council on 7.10.81. Twenty-three Unofficials spoke to the Motion of Thanks on 28.10.81 and 29.10.81 and the Officials replied on 11.11.81. The subjects\* covered by the Unofficial Members included:

#### Administration

The public sector should not be the market leader in determining wages and salaries; the Government may have lost control over growing public expenditure; the consultative process must be properly co-ordinated to reduce delays in enacting important legislation; review the timing and the method by which public sector pay awards are determined.

#### Economy and Finance

Reconvene the Advisory Committee on Diversification to report progress on the implementation of its 1979 recommendations; concern at the weakness of the Hong Kong dollar.

#### Education

Call for extra posts for Deputy Principals, Careers Counsellors and for remedial work in the senior classes of secondary schools; criticism of the Government's reluctance to further improve the educational system; provide a unified system for entry into institutions at the tertiary level, such as the British Universities Central Council on Admission system; introduce whole day

\* The speeches delivered in the course of the debate are reported in the Hong Kong Hansard 1981-82.



schooling to alleviate pressures on teachers, parents and students; upgrade the standard of English teaching at primary school level to foster bilingualism; schools should employ a teacher to organise and co-ordinate all extra-curricular activities, giving priority to those with community service value, so as to nourish a sense of civic duty and moral responsibility in students.

#### *Housing*

Make living conditions in the squatter areas tolerable for those who wait for public housing; call for more positive efforts to arrest and prosecute those who build and sell squatter huts; call for realistic supervision over squatters until enough land can be produced to rehouse them; impose stricter rules to prohibit the resale of Home Ownership Scheme units; allow reasonable increases in the plot ratio for re-development schemes.

#### *Industry and Trade*

Lack of progress in establishing a statutory body to implement the manpower training schemes recommended by the Hong Kong Training Council; revive the pioneer spirit of the manufacturing industry; provide long-term and low-interest credit facilities to local industries to purchase capital plant; improve and simplify procedures to improve productivity in the building industry; launch a "Buy Hong Kong" campaign to increase production, ease unemployment and reduce trade deficits; re-train skilled and technical personnel to produce high technology goods; Hong Kong must not ignore its persistently widening visible trade "gap"; plea for more public industrial buildings for small factories; set up a central fund to provide low-interest loans to industry and to finance important new industrial projects; stop industrialists reaping huge profits by selling their factory sites for redevelopment into domestic or commercial premises; assist the manufacturing sector by making more private treaty grants or by setting the sale price of industrial land below market value; call for a two-tier system of interest rates for export-oriented industries; Government's "free economy" and "non-intervention" policies have thrown medium and small manufacturers into confusion; set up an industrial aid agency to give aid and advice to medium and small industries with regard to land, labour, capital, organisation and management.

#### *Land*

Plea for a single over-riding authority to co-ordinate the development of new towns; the lands "arm" of the newly-established Lands and Works Branch should be given the total responsibility for all land matters; mobilise the Government's and the private sector's resources in a co-operative way to speed up the production of land; the Government must ensure for the purpose of land resumption compensation that land north and south of Boundary Street is treated alike.

#### *Law and Order*

A tougher line is required to combat increasing juvenile crime; reorganise the correctional institutions for juvenile offenders; probation work and correctional institutions run by the Social Welfare Department should be fully integrated with the Prisons Department; call for separate institutions for juvenile delinquents and for those non-delinquents who require care and protection.

#### *Medical and Health*

The Government should encourage private hospitals to help meet the target of providing an extra 15,000 hospital beds by the end of the decade; private employers should provide for the medical needs of their employees through insurance; concern at the high wastage rate of doctors from the public sector; senior ranking Government medical officers on pensionable establishment should be allowed limited private practice.

#### *Social Welfare*

Finance subvented residential child care agencies to improve services; draw up a code of practice for children's homes to protect the welfare of underprivileged and maladjusted children; Government should highlight the merits of foster homes; subsidize privately-leased accommodation for child care services and increase the incentive allowance for the foster parents; adopt a social audit system to check against corporate social irresponsibility as well as measure corporate conscience.

#### *Miscellaneous*

Government departments and public organisations should set an example in keeping Hong Kong clean; put the entire Highways Office under the Transport Branch; corporate tenants should be excluded from rent protection; criticism of the Government for condoning the proliferation of off-course betting centres against the wishes of the local community; provide more cultural and recreational facilities for young people; the people of Hong Kong should treat 1997 not as a terminal date but as a milestone; the UK Government's handling of the Nationality Bill was inept and short-sighted as was its decision to raise tuition fees for Hong Kong students; the public should be discouraged from taking too many pleasure trips abroad and spending lavishly on non-essential consumer goods; call for a Council for Occupational Safety; pay more attention to the long-time residents of the New Territories who are victims of "catastrophic" upheavals because of the NT's rapid development; plea by New Territories residents for higher-quality emergency medical services, improvements in electricity supplies, licences to build homes on their own land and a better water supply system; the Government should retain control over broadcasting to ensure that there is the right balance between light and serious programmes; assimilate "Green Seal" identity card holders as members of the Hong Kong community.

#### *Annual Budget Debate*

The Financial Secretary introduced the Appropriation Bill 1982 into the Legislative Council on 24.2.82. Twenty-two Unofficial Members spoke on 24.3.82 and 25.3.82 on the Government's fiscal policies and budget proposals. The Officials replied on 14.4.82 and 15.4.82.

The subjects\* covered by the Unofficial Members included:

#### *Administration*

The unrestrained growth of both the civil service and public expenditure must be curbed; all future applications for supplementary provision by Government departments should be accompanied by an assessment of their implications for the Government's budgetary strategy; Hong Kong is in danger of being over-regulated and over-governed by a sprawling bureaucracy; the Government should set priorities when dealing with public affairs so as to keep the growth of public expenditure under restraint; call for an analytical review of the principles and methodology employed in the calculation of civil service remuneration; the Government's efforts at localisation stand in danger of being eroded unless it has a more coherent and better co-ordinated manpower planning and training programme; provide better opportunities for professional officers in the civil service to acquire the necessary managerial and administrative skills to move forward in their careers; make the most effective use of the available staff resources in the civil service; freeze the 16,000 posts to be created in the civil service in 1982-83 until the bulk of the current 15,000 vacancies have been filled; concern over the rather "unfair" job security that all civil servants seem to enjoy; the success or failure of the District Board system depends on the sympathetic and active co-operation of all Government officials and departments.

#### *Economy*

Hong Kong should follow the example of the United States and the United Kingdom where the rate of expansion of public sector expenditure is being reduced as a means of correcting inflationary and recessionary trends; exercise caution and restraint in keeping a balance between the projected growth rate of the economy and the growth rate of public spending.

#### *Education*

Amalgamate the four Government Colleges of Education so that their costs are more clearly defined; suspect the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of the Junior Secondary Education Assessment method of filling Form IV places; Hong Kong is trailing far behind in the provision of higher education; set up a committee to plan for a third university for Hong Kong; improve the quality of the three-year junior secondary education course, and expand technical education and training facilities to cope with the considerable industrial diversification which Hong Kong needs; improve the quality of secondary

school teaching; the Government should take a more positive and active role in curriculum development.

#### *Housing and Land*

Award additional points to those families who are prepared to live with and look after their elderly relatives when allocating public housing; combine the Private Sector Participation Scheme and the Letters B Exchange Scheme in a bid to increase public housing stocks and speed up the discharge of Letter B commitments; public housing tenants who have prospered above the ceiling of eligibility should have their tenancies terminated; the hand-over of authority to the new Lands Department should not delay the processing of development projects.

#### *Industry and Trade*

The Government should help small-scale industries by sponsoring the building of factories on lines similar to those adopted for the Home Ownership Scheme; call for the establishment of a research council to sponsor research into areas of vital community and industrial concern; call for a planned and systematic policy of promoting Hong Kong's products, service and expertise in China, especially in the Special Economic Zones; Hong Kong should play a more active role in introducing into China the internationally accepted business practices, the up-grading of managerial and industrial efficiency, product design and control; the Government should make more use of interest rates to control inflation, and adopt an aggressive exporting programme to alleviate the burdens faced by manufacturers.

#### *Labour*

Set up a central Government pension scheme to provide for the present and future needs of Hong Kong's workers; introduce a centrally-administered semi-voluntary contributory benefit scheme to protect workers against prolonged sickness, injury at work and to provide for their retirement.

#### *Public Works and Utilities*

Streamline the procedures for granting approval of building plans and the issuing of occupation permits; introduce a new ordinance under which architects, engineers, surveyors and all professional are made responsible for the professional work in their respective fields; warning from industrialists about increases to electricity and water charges; criticism of the "rather negative" attitude adopted by many civil servants towards property developers; set up a building industry advisory board to advise the Government on matters affecting the building industry and to keep the Government informed about the impact of Government policies; the Government should reassess its reliance on land sales to pay for the public works programme; extend the present

\* The speeches delivered in the course of the debate are reported in the Hong Kong Hansard 1981-82.



network of covered elevated walkways, serviced by escalators; support the provision of a capital works reserve fund.

#### *Social Welfare*

The Government must recognise the value of incentives to voluntary agencies engaged in the social services field; the Government's attempt to extend complete control over subvented agencies has "alarmed" the sponsoring bodies; more action should be taken to cope with child abuse; the accumulative shortfall in trained social workers has reached crisis proportions; empower the Inter-departmental Child Abuse Co-ordinating Committee to initiate and review policies, and monitor programme effectiveness in safeguarding the welfare of battered children; create a new rank of Social Work Practitioner to induce graduate social workers to stay on to provide direct and specialist services; expansion of day care centres for the elderly should be given priority to provide relief for hard pressed families; set up an advisory board to bring improvements to the social security system; call for a streamlining of responsibilities in the areas of housing and transport for the disabled; use financial resources to develop manpower resources in the social services field.

#### *Tax Concessions*

Provide tax relief for genuine home seekers in the open property market; call for further tax concessions for new and high technology industries necessary for Hong Kong's diversification programme; exempt interest payable on the purchase of small domestic flats from taxation; separate taxation for husbands and working wives deserves serious consideration.

#### *Transport*

Transfer all operational jobs involving land traffic matters and the grade of Traffic Warden to the Transport Department; contain the growth rate of vehicles and vehicular traffic; improve Hong Kong's transport links with the Special Economic Zone in China; criticism of the lack of a comprehensive parking policy for lorries and heavy-duty industrial trailers; construct multi-storey car parks for lorries in selected industrial and other areas to facilitate the loading and unloading of cargoes.

#### *Miscellaneous*

Hong Kong people must work together to make it a better place to live in; warning against the growing trend in the Government towards adopting disincentive policies as a method of population control; tenant farmers should be offered alternative sites not earmarked for immediate development to continue farming; call for a new name and new terms of reference for the Agriculture and Fisheries Department in view of the diversification of the department's responsibilities.

#### **Bills**

During the 1981-82 Session, 75 bills were passed by the Legislative Council; see Appendix XI. Nineteen bills were amended in the course of their passage through the Council, mainly in response to representations made to UMELCO and pursued by the Unofficial Members. Some of the more important items passed are reported in the following paragraphs:

#### **Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation) (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 1981**

*First Reading: 25.11.81*

*Second and Third Readings: 9.12.81*

The bill sought to implement a number of recommendations from the Report of the Committee of Review on the Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation) Ordinance. It aimed to provide "reasonable security of tenure to tenants of premises excluded from rent control" by expanding the jurisdiction of the Lands Tribunal. In essence, the Lands Tribunal would decide whether a further tenancy should be granted and the terms of the new tenancy, where agreement could not be reached between landlord and tenant. The bill also extended to sub-tenants of post-war premises the same degree of rent control as that enjoyed by principal tenants.

Representations on the bill were received from the Hong Kong Land Co. Ltd., the Real Estate Developers Association and Hsin Chong Properties Ltd. An ad hoc group of Unofficials was convened by Mr. Peter C. WONG to study the bill and the public representations received. The group met twice, once amongst themselves and on the second occasion with a team of senior Government officials. A special delegation of Unofficials, led by the Senior Member, Mr. R.H. Lobo, also met with the Chief Secretary, the Attorney General and the Secretary for Housing on 4.12.81 to discuss the principles underlying the bill. As a result of these meetings, the following main changes were agreed by the Government:

(i) to exclude from rent control fixed term tenancies of five years or more created after 18.12.81 with no provision for earlier termination or rent increases;

(ii) to incorporate into the bill a definition of "fair market rent";

(iii) to set penalties for landlords and tenants making false representations or concealing material facts; and

(iv) to prohibit people who had obtained possession for self-occupation or rebuilding to re-let or assign the premises for a period of two years from the date of the re-possession order.

Five Unofficials spoke on the bill at the resumption of the second reading debate. Mr. Peter C. WONG asked the Government to consider extending legal aid to the Lands Tribunal to cover landlord and tenant matters. He also hoped the Government would reprint the revised ordinance quickly, and that the complete overhaul of the ordinance recommended by the Committee of

Review would not wind up being "pigeon-holed". The Rev. Patrick T. McGovern expressed reservations over the proposed five-year fixed term tenancy which, he said, might become the rule rather than the exception and thus provide a means by which all controlled tenancies might be changed into uncontrolled ones.

Mr. W.C.L. Brown expressed misgivings at the speed with which the bill was being passed because, he said, "it has left little time to consider its possible consequences, not only to landlords and tenants, but also to the overall investment climate and the economy as a whole". Mr. CHAN Kam-chuen thought the retention of rent control was a disincentive to land investors and developers and would eventually strangle the supply of private-sector rented accommodation. Even if available, the first or fresh lettings would be set at extremely high levels to take into account the controlled returns on rent and high inflation, he said. Miss Maria TAM Wai-chu supported the main provisions of the bill, but was worried by the clause which stipulated that "where a landlord applies to the Lands Tribunal for an order for possession on the ground that he requires it for his own use, he cannot sell or let out the premises for two years without the prior consent of the Tribunal, even if he settles the case with his tenant out of court and the tenant delivers up vacant possession of the premises". In her view, it was imposing protection on tenants who did not need it and would restrict both landlords and tenants who wished to solve their own problems without litigation.

Members' remarks in the debate prompted the Secretary for Housing to explain and clarify many of the controversial issues. He assured Members that the rent control provisions would be kept under constant review, and that changes would be made when appropriate with a view to achieving the long term objective of freeing rented domestic accommodation from all controls.

#### **Miscellaneous Licences (Amendment) Bill 1981**

*First Reading: 23.12.81*

*Second and Third Readings: 6.1.82*

The purpose of this bill was to plug loopholes in the law which had been extensively exploited by automatic machine operators and to provide better control of video game establishments. It introduced, inter alia, amendments to take account of technological developments so as to bring such establishments within Government's licensing policy.

On publication, the bill was warmly welcomed by the public but objections were received from the Hong Kong Amusement Machines Association which also complained about the delay in the processing of their members' applications for licences. The Duty Roster Members, Rev. Patrick T. McGovern and Miss Maria TAM Wai-chu interviewed the Association's representatives whose views were subsequently discussed at a full in-house meeting of Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council.

At the resumption of the second reading debate,

Mr. Andrew SO Kwok-wing, Mr. CHAN Kam-chuen and Mr. Stephen CHEONG Kam-chuen spoke in support of the Bill. Mr. SO noted that the bill would enable the law to keep pace with technological developments and that the effects on operators of up-to-standard automatic machine centres should be minimal. However, he voiced concern that the centres could become the haunts of "undesirable elements". Mr. CHAN described the licensing conditions as fair and necessary. He did not think there was a need to allow unlicensed operators a grace period as they were knowingly taking advantage of a technical loophole in the legislation. But he recommended the swift processing of applications to eliminate any grounds for complaint. Mr. CHEONG spoke of the need to regulate the mushrooming growth of games centres, which disregarded public safety. He urged continuous enforcement against illegal operations.

In replying to Members, the Secretary for Home Affairs assured Members that the subject matter of all games would be considered when considering licence applications. As regards the length of time required for the processing of applications; the Secretary was able to assure Members that this could be carried out within two months, a month less than originally anticipated.

#### **Vocational Training Council Bill 1982**

*First Reading: 6.1.82*

*Second and Third Readings: 10.2.82*

The purpose of this bill was to establish the Vocational Training Council, to improve industrial training and technical education to suit the developing needs of Hong Kong. Proposals in the bill came from recommendations made by the Advisory Committee on Diversification and the Committee to Review Post-Secondary and Technical Education. The bill also provided for the establishment of a new department of Government through which the Council would discharge its functions.

An ad hoc group, convened by Dr. Francis Y.H. TIEN, studied the bill in detail. Following a meeting with the Secretary for Education, two amendments were agreed to clear the intention regarding directions to the Council from the Governor-in-Council and to remove ambiguities regarding the provision of executive support from the Government.

At the resumption of the second reading, 11 Members spoke on the bill. Dr. Francis Y.H. TIEN said the new Vocational Training Council would ensure, through a steady supply of trained manpower, that Hong Kong's commerce, industry and specialised services were properly catered for. He suggested that a broadly-based group of representatives, with substantial general business and administrative experience, should be appointed to the Council. Mr. Alex S.C. WU spoke of the importance of having good executive support for the Council and called on the Government to clarify the exact relationship between the Council and the new department to be formed. The Rev. Joyce M. Bennett



urged the Government to rationalise teacher training at the non-graduate level to improve efficiency. Mr. CHEN Shou-lum opined that the Council, empowered as it would be to employ the remunerate its own staff, should have under its control a mixture of civil servants and directly employed staff. He thought that the long-term objective must be for the Council, and its executive secretariat, to become wholly detached from the Government and function along the lines of the Polytechnic Council and the Polytechnic. Mr. WONG Lam suggested that the Council should pay special attention to shorter courses.

Dr. Rayson Lisung HUANG raised doubts regarding the function of the Council to train "technologists" and said clarification was needed to avoid duplication of service provided by the universities and the polytechnic. Dr. HO Kam-fai suggested that planners of vocational training should balance the training content so that students would learn to think, judge and make appropriate decisions. Mr. Allen LEE Peng-fei said Hong Kong must upgrade its products and provide adequate training for its labour force in order to compete. Mr. WONG Po-yan said an important priority of the new Council should be to ensure a balance between its short, medium and long-term objectives. Echoing his view, Mr. CHAN Kam-chuen said vocational training programmes should be supplemented with training to encourage community spirit, civic responsibility and industrial safety. Mr. Stephen CHEONG Kam-chuen believed that the future success or failure of the Council would to a large extent depend on its Chief Executive. He therefore urged that the person appointed to the post must have considerable professional stature and be capable of providing the professional leadership required.

An assurance was given by the Administration that the points raised would be conveyed to the new Council. The Secretary for Education also confirmed that the new department to be formed would serve as the executive arm of the Council, to facilitate the implementation of the policies the Council would be drawing up.

#### Miscellaneous Licences (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 1982

*First, Second and Third Readings: 10.3.82*

This bill was passed by the Legislative Council at one sitting to block a fresh loophole in the law relating to the licensing of video games centres. It rendered licensable video-game machines which had been deliberately adjusted so as not to register any score. The bill introduced a new and all-embracing definition which would unarguably cover these machines. A schedule to the principal ordinance was introduced to allow for the inclusion of any new machines by order of the Governor-in-Council.

Three Unofficials spoke in support of the bill. Mr. Allen LEE Peng-fei noted that illegal video-game establishments were highly profitable and this was

attributable to the willingness of unscrupulous operators to compromise over the safety and well-being of community members, especially the very young. He therefore welcomed the bill which would provide a significant deterrent to those who persisted in illegal operations in the pursuit of quick profit. Mr. Andrew SO Kwok-wing reiterated the plea made earlier that the Government should process the applications for video-game licences speedily. Mr. CHAN Kam-chuen said recent events indicated some unscrupulous video-game operators did not accept the spirit of the legislation, but chose to play around with words, thinking they could outwit the law. This was to be deplored.

#### Police Force (Amendment) Bill 1982

*First Reading: 10.2.82*

*Second and Third Readings: 10.3.82*

The bill sought to streamline the disciplinary procedures and awards of the Royal Hong Kong Police Force and to render them more consistent with those applicable to the civil service as a whole. The main provision of the bill permitted disciplinary action to be taken against a police officer following his conviction of an offence by the courts, irrespective of whether the conviction was recorded. It also provided for the disciplinary punishment of officers convicted of a criminal offence outside Hong Kong. In addition, the bill introduced a further power of punishment by compulsory retirement with or without a reduction in an officer's retirement benefits. These provisions reflected the UMELCO Police Group's recommendations to the Governor that a means should be provided for enforcing the retirement of officers adjudged manifestly unfit to serve in the Police Force.

Speaking in support of the bill at its second reading, Mr. LO Tak-shing, Chairman of the UMELCO Police Group, said it was a step in the right direction. However, he noted that while the bill could be employed to enforce the retirement of inspectors and junior ranks adjudged manifestly unfit, the position of gazetted officers remained unchanged and unsatisfactory.

#### Kowloon-Canton Railway Bill 1982

*First Reading: 10.3.82*

*Second and Third Readings: 14.4.82*

The object of the bill was to repeal the existing Kowloon-Canton Railway Ordinance and to replace it with legislation which was "more up-to-date in its wording, more logical in its presentation and easier to administer". One important change was that certain powers, formerly exercised by or with the authority of the Governor-in-Council, would become the province of the Governor. It also provided for the introduction of electrified KCR services.

The Legislation Scrutiny Group, convened by Mr. Peter C. WONG, closely examined the bill. Following discussions with the Deputy Secretary for Transport, the Senior Assistant Law Draftsman and the General Manager, Railway, the Government agreed to make a

number of amendments involving certain terms and phrases which the Group found to be ambiguous.

Two Unofficials spoke during the bill's second reading. Mr. Peter C. WONG pointed out that the Government had further agreed to re-draft 25 of the proposed 116 new regulations to be made under the new Ordinance. Mr. Benton CHEUNG Yan-lung cautioned that in modernizing the various facilities in the New Territories, the Government must not lose sight of the established practices and the traditional way of life of New Territories residents.

#### Offences Against the Person (Amendment) Bill 1982

*First Reading: 28.4.82*

*Second and Third Readings: 19.5.82*

The purpose of this bill was to increase the maximum sentence for kidnapping from 14 years to life imprisonment. The proposal stemmed mainly from the Judiciary's view that in the light of the increasing incidence and severity of this type of crime, the existing maximum sentence no longer provided a sufficient deterrent.

An ad hoc group was set up, under the chairmanship of Mr. LO Tak-shing, to study the implications of the bill. While all Members were united in their condemnation of the crime of kidnapping, they were divided on the question of whether such an increase in penalty was necessary or even advisable. Mr. LO considered that by raising the penalty to life imprisonment, the Government was removing the main deterrent preventing kidnapers from murdering their victims in order to avoid detection. A meeting was held with the Attorney General to discuss the reasons behind the amendment, but Mr. LO remained unconvinced of the prudence of introducing this change.

Speaking at the second reading stage, Mr. LO pointed out that he could only support the bill if Hong Kong brought back the enforcement of the death penalty for murder. He pointed out that the imposition of life imprisonment as the maximum sentence for kidnapping would effectively remove the distinction between the penalty for kidnapping and that for murder. In these circumstances, as all kidnapers would know that their chances of discovery were far greater if the victim was allowed to go free, he said, the bill could increase the chances of a kidnapper killing his victim.

Dr. HO Kam-fai and Mr. CHAN kam-chuen supported the bill. Dr. HO believed that the increased penalty provided a significant deterrent to the would-be kidnapper and might make him think again before committing such an abhorrent crime. Mr. CHAN noted the proposed increase was necessary to deter criminals from committing such an offence. He said that it was important to remove such cancerous criminals from our society for as long as possible.

#### Motor Vehicles (First Registration Tax) (Amendment) Bill 1982

#### Road Traffic (Registration and Licensing of Vehicles) Regulations (Amendment) Bill 1982

#### Dutiable Commodities (Amendment of Duty on Light Oils) Bill 1982

*First Reading: 5.5.82*

*Second and Third Readings: 2.6.82*

These bills were taken through the Legislative Council at the same time. They represented a package of proposals aimed at reducing congestion on the roads of Hong Kong. Specifically, the bills sought to double the first registration tax of private cars and motor cycles, to increase their annual licence fees three-fold, and to raise the duty on light oils by 70 cents per litre.

On publication, the bills sparked off strong reactions from car owners from the motor trade as well as from the media. Whilst most agreed it was necessary to restrain the growth in motor vehicles, doubts were expressed as to whether increasing car taxes and fees was the best way of going about it. The bills were originally scheduled to receive their second and third readings on 19.5.82, but were deferred at the request of the Unofficials to allow further time for discussions.

The Community Services Working Group, convened by Miss Lydia DUNN, held long discussions among themselves and with the Secretary for Transport and other senior Government officials. Views were exchanged on the likely effectiveness of the proposed measures and the various alternatives suggested, such as zero growth of vehicle numbers, controlled growth by ballot, no car ownership without parking space and so forth. Members were assured that the Government would continue to search for better ways to improve the transportation system in Hong Kong.

At the resumption of the second reading debate, 16 Unofficials spoke on the bills, with six eventually voting against the proposals. Speaking in support, Miss Lydia DUNN questioned why the Government did not impose direct restraints if it was really serious in wishing to cut back on the number of private cars on the roads. There seemed to be a reluctance to get to the heart of the problem leading to a retreat into "piecemeal half-measures". Dr. Harry S.Y. FANG called for concessions in first registration tax for disabled drivers. Mr. LO Tak-shing urged the Government to reduce the use of official cars by civil servants who would be protected from the fiscal pressure proposed. Mr. Peter C. WONG thought that other options must continue to be examined and, most important of all, greater effort should be made to improve the public transport system. Mr. WONG Lam said the Government should continue to look for fairer and more effective means which should be directed at curbing usage rather than ownership. Mr. CHAN Kam-chuen felt that should an upturn in the economy scuttle the fiscal restraint plan, the Government should try quantitative control instead of further tax increases.



Mr. Stephen CHEONG Kam-chuen believed that the only effective way of containing the problem was to place a limit on future growth. Mr. Benton CHEUNG Yan-lung suggested that the expected annual revenue of \$1 billion should be used to finance the expansion and improvement of the Mass Transit Railway and Kowloon-Canton Railway systems. Miss Maria TAM Wai-chu accepted the proposed package as the only feasible proposal at the present time, but stressed that a great deal more needed to be done to alleviate the traffic congestion problems.

Mr. Alex S.C. WU, Rev. Joyce M. Bennett, Mr. CHEN Shou-lum, Rev. Patrick T. McGovern, Mr. Charles YEUNG Siu-cho and Mrs. Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye spoke against the bills. Mr. WU warned that the proposals "put us on a slippery slope" and offered no real solution. Miss Bennett described the measures as "inflationary" and called for draconian methods to restrict the number of motor vehicles on the road. Mr. CHEN favoured the allocation of new vehicles only to genuine first time owners who were in need of a car. Fr. McGovern labelled the policy the PPMP — the "Persecution of the Private Motorist Package". Mr. YEUNG expressed misgivings about the Government employing the power of the Public Revenue Protection Ordinance to curb the growth of cars. Mrs. CHOW criticised the Government for failing to involve motorists in the discussion of possible control measures.

Three Officials spoke in reply in the second reading debate. The Acting Financial Secretary said that the additional revenue which would arise from the proposals would be treated with the Government's usual prudence; and the Attorney General stressed that it was for the sole purpose of protecting the public revenue that the Public Revenue Protection Orders had been made.

In response to Mr. Stephen CHEONG Kam-chuen's remarks; the Secretary for Transport confirmed that the development of the MTR and the modernization of KCR would continue, with the active direction and encouragement of Government and of the Transport Advisory Committee. He assured Miss Maria TAM Wai-chu that a continuing effort was being made into increasing residential coach services and into the further development of maxicab routes. On Dr. FANG's proposal about reducing the first registration tax for disabled car owners; the Secretary for Transport undertook to examine the suggestion with the Secretary of Social Services. Mrs. CHOW and Mr. LO were assured that a strict watch would continue to be kept on the use of, and proposed additions to the Government's fleet of saloon cars. As regard Mr. LO's remarks about the use of such official cars by civil servants; their protection from the fiscal pressures proposed would be drawn to the attention of the Standing Committee on Directorate Salaries and Conditions of Service.

The bills were eventually carried by a majority of votes.

### Ferry Services Bill 1982

*First Reading: 5.5.82*

*Second and Third Readings: 2.6.82*

The purpose of the bill was to replace the three existing ordinances on ferry services and to cover all the transport, franchise and licensing aspects necessary for the conduct of ferry operations.

The bill drew some criticisms from the ferry companies. Both the Star Ferry Co. Ltd., and the Hong Kong and Yaumati Ferry Co. Ltd., feared that in exercising control over the detailed day-to-day operations of ferry services, the Government would remove the flexibility which permitted the companies to operate efficiently and swiftly to meet traffic demands and that they might be directed to act contrary to prudent commercial principles. These views and the bill itself were examined in detail by the Community Services Working Group under the chairmanship of Miss Lydia DUNN. Following a meeting with the Secretary for Transport and other Government officials, the Government agreed to include, with other amendments, improved provisions relating to tendering procedures for licence applicants and a channel of appeal for those who were unsuccessful. As regards the ferry companies' worries over operational interference, Members were assured that in exercising any powers of direction, there would be close consultation with the companies concerned.

Three Unofficials, Miss Lydia DUNN, Mr. Alex S.C. WU and Mr. HU Fa-kuang, spoke during the second reading stage. Both Miss DUNN and Mr. HU supported the bill in its final form. However, Miss DUNN expressed concern over the number of Government departments involved in the operation of ferries and suggested that the legitimate interests of the departments concerned be co-ordinated in such a way that the ferry companies' operational requirements, were met expeditiously. Mr. HU drew attention to the potential problems of succession. Under the bill the Government would not be in a position to intervene if a new principal share-holder was of dubious or unknown background.

Mr. WU declared his interest as a director of a ferry company and abstained from voting. However, he spoke of the general effect which the proposals could have on the future of waterborne public transport. He urged the Government to actively engage in the development of waterborne public transport since "at least half a million people are already taking the waterways as their highways".

In his reply, the Secretary for Transport assured Miss DUNN that the number of departments involved in the administration of ferry services would be kept to the minimum, and operational coordination would rest with the Commissioner for Transport under the policy supervision of the Transport Branch. He also pledged the continuing commitment of the Government to encouraging the development of ferry services as an important mode of public transport.

### Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) Bill 1982

*First Reading: 10.3.82*

*Second Reading: 2.6.82*

*Third Reading: 16.6.82*

The bill sought to provide within one ordinance a comprehensive code to deal with all matters connected with the development of new roadworks. Under the bill, no compensation would be payable in respect of noise, dust, vibration, loss of view or amenity, or diminution of value arising from the carrying out of roadworks. Compensation would only be awarded under ten specific conditions relating mainly to actual physical damage to land or buildings or arising from the resumption of land.

The bill was the subject of considerable controversy and UMELCO received strong representations on its provisions. Most of the objections centred on the compensation criteria which were considered too narrow and on the apparent absence of any avenue for public objections to gazetted road schemes.

An ad hoc group, convened by Mr. CHEN Shou-lum, met 11 times to scrutinise the bill and study the representations received. Following a series of discussions with Government officials, 18 amendments were made to the original bill. The changes were recommended by the ad hoc group in the light of the views represented to them by community and business interests. An important amendment was to make the date of enactment the effective date of the bill. The Government had intended to make 19.2.82 — the day the bill was made public — the effective date. Another change was to make explicit the Governor-in-Council's power to refer any extensive roadworks schemes and objections to the Town Planning Board whether or not there was a town plan in existence for the subject area.

At the bill's second reading, Mr. CHEN said his group, having regard to Hong Kong's expanding population and economy, and the need to improve and develop the road system, considered the compensation provisions generally "fair and just". The Unofficials felt the Government should not be in a worse position than a private developer when it came to awarding compensation. However, Mr. CHEN suggested that such controversial bills should in future be published well beforehand to enable members of the public to make representations and to ensure there was full consultation before they were introduced into the Legislative Council. Two other Unofficials, Mr. Charles YEUNG Siu-cho and Mr. J.J. Swaine, also spoke in support of the bill. Mr. YEUNG called on the Government to continue the practice of making ex-gratia payments when resuming land. He also urged the Secretary for Lands and Works to consult, as a matter of policy, local people such as the district boards and rural committees before authorising any road closure. Mr. Swaine confined his comments to the proposed amendments. He said the power to refer any road works plan and any objections to the Town Planning Board was an important provision because it would ensure a proper hearing of objections.

In reply, the Attorney General undertook to consider Mr. CHEN's proposal to publish controversial bills well before their introduction, but observed that there was obvious merit in some cases in a bill being considered against the background of the Administration's reasons for bringing it forward.

Due to the lack of time at the sitting on 2.6.82, the committee stage and the third reading of the bill were adjourned until 16.6.82.

### Dangerous Drugs (Amendment) Bill 1982

*First Reading: 28.4.82*

*Second and Third Readings: 16.6.82*

The bill was enacted to facilitate the prosecution of persons engaged in "diluting" or "cutting" dangerous drugs. This would be achieved by redefining the term "manufacture" under the Ordinance. The bill also made clear that any quantities of dangerous drugs, however small, were regarded as dangerous drugs. Furthermore, it provided a means for dealing with suspects carrying drugs in body cavities.

After publication of the bill, strong representations were received from the Hong Kong Bar Association which took the view that the bill constituted a serious violation of human rights and that the proposed powers could only be justified if they were absolutely necessary. The Association suggested that there must be efficient safeguards before such powers were exercised. They also regarded as unjustified the proposal to give blanket immunity to any doctor conducting a body cavities search even though he might cause serious personal injury or damage to the subject through some negligent act.

The Legislation Scrutiny Group, under the con- venership of Mr. Peter C. WONG, examined the bill in great detail. After lengthy discussions with the Secretary for Security, the Attorney General and the Hong Kong Bar Association, the following amendments to the bill were agreed:

(i) only a police officer or a member of the Customs and Excise Service of or above the rank of Inspector could request a search of body cavities;

(ii) body search would be conducted by a person of the same sex, unless the suspect otherwise consented; and,

(iii) the proposed blanket immunity for any doctor conducting an authorised body cavities search would be deleted.

In the resumed debate on the bill, Mr. Peter C. WONG said his group agreed that drug trafficking and abuse still represented a great threat to the community. However, he cautioned that the right to conduct a search of body cavities must not be construed to carry with it the right to authorise surgery on the suspected person. Mr. J.J. Swaine expressed concern about the provision that any quantity of a dangerous drug should be a dangerous drug for the purposes of the Ordinance, although the quantity was insufficient to be



measured or used. He called on the Government to avoid the absurdity of charging someone with possessing "microscopic" quantities of dangerous drugs. Both points were noted by the Administration and an assurance was given that the powers involved would be exercised with the utmost care.

#### Immigration (Amendment) Bill 1982

*First, Second and Third Readings: 30.6.82*

As a result of the continuing influx of Vietnamese refugees and the growing difficulty of finding resettlement places, the Government proposed amendments to the Immigration Ordinance to discourage refugees from setting out from Vietnam in the first place. The bill sought to authorise the detention in closed camps of Vietnamese refugees arriving in Hong Kong on or after 2.7.82 and also to place in closed camps those trouble makers who had abused Hong Kong's hospitality by their unruly behaviour and unlawful activities.

Speaking in support of the bill, on behalf of all Unofficial Members, Mr. R.H. Lobo said that despite having serious over population problems, Hong Kong had nonetheless done its best and had set an example to the world. But hospitality had its limits and it was sadly noted that other countries had become increasingly reluctant to ease Hong Kong's burden. Mr. Lobo went on to say:

*".... there is a real danger that many of the so-called refugees themselves who have been here for some time are coming to look upon Hong Kong as a place for permanent residence and that others may be thinking of joining them. This must be discouraged at all costs and all reasonable steps taken to deter further arrivals.*

*"Unpleasant though it may be — and the measures proposed have not been decided on lightly — the confinement of newcomers to closed camps is seen as a necessary step towards this end. This is no more than many countries have done from the outset. However, I am pleased that an amendment is to be introduced at the Committee Stage to provide within this bill a safeguard against unlawful detention.*

*"There are other refugees who have been here for some time and have shown they would abuse our hospitality and would turn their open camps into battlefields. The community has no sympathy for these trouble makers and they have no right to freedom here. We therefore fully endorse the Government's intention to confine such persons to closed centres."*

This bill was read three times and enacted at one sitting.

#### Smoking (Public Health) Bill 1982

*First Reading: 14.7.82*

*Second and Third Readings: 28.7.82*

This bill was introduced to restrict smoking in certain places and to require health warnings and tar group ratings to be reported on cigarette packets and in cigarette advertisements. Places where smoking was pro-

hibited included public lifts and public transport vehicles; and the manager of a cinema, theatre, concert hall, train or ferry service was required to set aside at least half of his seating capacity as a "no smoking" area and was empowered to treat any offender as a trespasser. Furthermore, the bill authorised the Television Authority to prescribe codes of practice covering cigarette advertising and prescribed penalties for non-compliance.

The bill attracted strong public support. Four Unofficials spoke in favour of the bill when the second reading debate was resumed. Mr. WONG Lam urged the Government to impose strict control over all cigarette advertisements. He hoped that further steps would be taken to ban cigarette advertising by the mass media altogether. Dr. HO Kam-fai described the proposed legislation as being "fairly well balanced in that it sought to protect non-smokers and still leave smokers with certain places to smoke". However, he thought the Government should engage in more aggressive anti-smoking education and publicity, especially aimed at the younger generation. He also called for more public financial support for sports activities for the young, to offset the possibly "misleading" influence of tobacco company-sponsored sporting events.

Mr. CHAN Kam-chuen spoke of the hazards associated with smoking and suggested that the tax on tobacco should be increased substantially. He urged the Government to take action against smokers violating the provisions of this bill and to increase anti-smoking publicity. Mrs. Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye said there were an estimated 888,400 smokers in Hong Kong. This was not a small minority and they deserved some consideration.

In reply to the Unofficials, the Secretary for Social Services said that more effective action would be taken to promote the public health education, and he assured Members that particular attention would be paid to the younger members of the community. He also said that a tighter code of practice for cigarette advertising on radio, television and in the cinema would be introduced in 1983.

#### Education (Amendment) Bill 1982

##### Child Care Centres (Amendment) Bill 1982

*First Reading: 14.7.82*

*Second and Third Readings: 28.7.82*

These two bills were taken through the Legislative Council together. They were enacted to enable the Government to implement the proposals set out in the White Paper on Primary Education and Pre-primary Services, published in July 1981, with regard to kindergarten education and child care services. The main provisions on the education side included the lowering of the age of admission to kindergartens from four years to three years and eight months, and matters relating to the appointment of school supervisors and managers. The Child Care Centres (Amendment) Bill sought to redefine the age structure of children attending child care centres

and to make it clear that children (under the age of six) of operators of child care centres were counted for the purpose of defining the number of children in care. It also empowered the Director of Social Welfare or an inspector or medical officer to enter and inspect any child care centre.

Following the publication of the bill, UMELCO received representations from an alliance of six education groups, together with 45,000 signatures from parents, forwarded through 161 kindergartens, reported to be in support of their cause. Their main concern was the implication that kindergartens running nursery classes for three-year-olds, after the enactment of the bills, would have to be re-registered as child care centres. They also feared that many kindergartens might not be able to qualify due to the more stringent requirements they would be required to meet. The representatives of the alliance were interviewed by the Social Services Group of Unofficial Members, under the convenership of Dr. Harry S.Y. FANG, and their anxieties were conveyed to the Education and Social Welfare Departments. A series of consultation meetings followed, between the Government and the interested bodies, in the course of which the various misunderstandings were satisfactorily clarified.

Three Unofficial Members spoke on both bills at the resumption of the second reading debate. Dr. Harry S.Y. FANG urged the Government to set up a formal advisory body on pre-primary education services drawing on professional expertise from the voluntary and private sectors. He suggested that the body should be charged with the responsibility of advising the Government on the policy in this very important area of education and on care for the young child. This view was shared by Mr. CHAN Kam-chuen and Mrs. Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye who expressed concern over the quality of existing pre-primary services for children in Hong Kong. In reply, the Administration undertook to continue consultations with kindergarten and child care centre operators with a view to ironing out any implementation difficulties which might arise.

#### Questions

Unofficial Members put down for answer a total of 157 questions. In addition, 271 supplementary questions were asked, arising from the official replies; see Appendix VIII. The subject matter of the questions and the dates on which they were asked are reported at Appendix IX.

#### Finance Committee

The composition and powers of the Finance Committee are given in paragraph 60 of the Standing Orders of the Legislative Council. It consists of all the Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council plus the Chief Secretary, who is the chairman, the Financial Secretary and the Secretary for Lands and Works. All matters before the Committee are decided by a majority vote, but no ex officio Member or Official Member has a vote.

Therefore, effectively, the business of Finance Committee is totally in the hands of the Unofficial Members.

The examination of the budget and all proposals for additional public funds, arising during the financial year after the Appropriation Bill has been passed, are the main functions of the Finance Committee.

Two weeks before the Financial Secretary presented his budget speech in the Legislative Council on 24.2.82, copies of the draft Estimates of Expenditure 1982-83 were made available to Members. To facilitate their examination of the Estimates, five Study Teams were formed by the Unofficial Members. The teams and conveners appointed were:

<i>Study Team</i>	<i>Convener</i>
Social Services	Dr. Harry S.Y. FANG
Economic Services	Dr. Francis Y.H. TIEN
General Services	Mr. CHEN Shou-lum
Community Services	Miss Lydia DUNN
Common Supporting Services/Unallocatable Expenditure	Mr. Peter C. WONG

As a result of these studies, written replies to 65 questions were sought from 20 heads of departments as Controllers of heads of expenditure. In addition, two special meetings of the Finance Committee were held on 3/4.3.82 when a total of 23 heads of departments/branches appeared before the Committee to answer some 103 questions raised by Members and innumerable supplementaries.

At the resumption of debate on the Appropriation Bill on 24/25.3.82, 22 Members expressed their views on the budget. Two weeks later on 14/15.4.82, nine Official Members spoke in reply to the points raised by the Unofficial Members.

During the year, the Finance Committee met on 21 occasions, normally immediately after the open sessions of the full Legislative Council. The Committee examined a total of 419 applications for expenditure and raised formal queries on 163 items. As a result of Members scrutiny or queries, eight items were either deferred or withdrawn by the Administration. Altogether, Members approved 411 items involving \$6,749 millions.

Members also took the opportunity at Finance Committee meetings to raise other matters of public interest for discussion with the Administration and 73 ex-agenda matters were discussed in these circumstances.

The Finance Committee has two sub-committees: the Establishment Sub-Committee and the Public Works Sub-Committee. The Establishment Sub-Committee reviews the staffing needs of departments and the Public Works Sub-Committee keeps a check on the Government building programme and decides the degree of priority to be given to individual projects.

#### Establishment Sub-Committee

*Contributed by Hon. LO Tak-shing, Chairman*

The Establishment Sub-Committee is one of the two



major sub-committees of the Finance Committee. It was formed in July 1961 to examine requests for staff increases in the 1962-63 Estimates. The terms of reference of the Sub-Committee are:

(i) *Annual draft Estimates of Expenditure*

To advise the Government whether its preliminary proposals for the provision of additional posts should be included under the personal emoluments subheads of the draft Estimates of Expenditure.

(ii) *Supplementary provision in respect of the personal emoluments subheads of the approved estimates*  
To examine all supplementary provision put forward by the Government during the financial year for the creation of posts or for the regrading of existing posts involving increased expenditure, and to make recommendations on them to the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council.

The Sub-Committee is composed of thirteen Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council, one of whom is the Chairman, and two Government officials.

With effect from 1.4.80 new arrangements were made for the creation of posts. Under these arrangements, a figure was specified for each department as the departmental establishment ceiling for the financial year, and Controlling Officers were authorized to create or delete posts in existing non-directorate ranks provided that the net additional number of posts created did not cause the departmental establishment ceiling to be exceeded, and provided that adequate funds were available within the personal emoluments subhead to meet resulting expenditure for the remainder of the year for both the new posts and posts already approved.

In each department a Departmental Establishment Committee (DEC) was set up to advise the Controlling Officer in the exercise of his delegated powers to create posts. Finance Branch and Civil Service Branch are represented on DEC's. With a few specified exceptions, posts may only be created by a Controlling Officer after obtaining the advice of the DEC, but the Controlling Officer may redeploy approved posts freely without reference to the DEC. This procedure has speeded up the creation of essential posts and has enabled the emphasis of the Sub-committee's work to be shifted towards regular meetings to discuss the reviews of departmental establishments prepared by the Finance Branch. The Sub-Committee still considers requests for the creation and deletion of posts at directorate level and for the creation of all new ranks.

The size of the Civil Service has expanded rapidly in recent years, from 86,268 permanent posts in 1971-72 to 144,259 in 1981-82. In 1981-82 approximately 18 per cent of Government's total revenue of \$34,313 million was spent on the direct and indirect emoluments of the Civil Service. Membership of the Sub-Committee is reported at Appendix V.

**Public Works Sub-Committee**

*Contributed by Hon. Lydia DUNN*

From the earliest days of British administration in Hong Kong, there has been a committee with Unofficial Members on it to review the progress of public works. At the beginning of this century, the Government was proposing wide-ranging schemes for improving road communications between Kowloon and the New Territories and further into Guangdong Province; and Unofficial and Official Members of the Public Works Committee of the Legislative Council, as it was then known, took an active part in the consultative process.

For the financial year 1902-03, for instance, the Public Works Committee was consulted on expenditure on on-going and new projects amounting to \$1,279,189. Projects under construction in that year included the Central Law Courts, estimated to cost \$50,000, and Western Market at an estimated cost of \$30,000.

Nowadays, the progress of public works is watched over by the Public Works Sub-Committee of Finance Committee. In 1982-83, it is estimated that the spending on on-going projects in the Public Works Programme will be about \$7,500 million. The new Supreme Court building currently under construction in Wanchai is estimated to cost \$215 million, while a new market for a developing New Town costs around \$13 million. Improvements of New Territories roads and cross-border links to Guangdong Province still featured prominently as items on the agenda in 1982.

In dollar terms, public works items form the lion's share of items of Government expenditure looked at by the Finance Committee each year, and the Public Works Sub-Committee plays an important part in examining the detailed proposals and justifications for each project.

The Public Works Sub-Committee is chaired by the Financial Secretary, and members of Finance Committee who are particularly interested in public works elect to sit on it. At present there are 16 Unofficial Members on the committee. On the official side, besides the Financial Secretary, the Secretary for Lands and Works is the only full member. The heads of departments responsible for building development, engineering development (including highways), New Territories development and water works, as well as a representative of the Finance Branch of the Government Secretariat, attend each meeting to answer any questions members may have.

The Public Works Sub-Committee meets about once a month, after Finance Committee meetings. All projects for which Government wants to start detailed design and planning, or for which Government wishes to enter into a financial commitment, must be put to the Sub-Committee. If the item is agreed, then it is referred to Finance Committee for formal endorsement. Once a project has started, it may be necessary to change the estimate of the cost of the works involved and, again, the Sub-Committee is consulted and its approval sought.

Many of the Unofficials who choose to sit on the Public Works Sub-Committee have a business background, and they are quick to point out when proposed

works do not provide value for money. Other members with backgrounds in community work, education and medicine seek to ensure that the social value as well as the financial value of proposals is given its due weight.

Each item to be considered at a Sub-Committee meeting is supported by a paper prepared by the Government, setting out the details of the proposals and the justifications behind them. At the end of each financial year, the Sub-Committee publishes an annual report in which all the papers they have considered are reproduced.

Members often question the validity of the policy of providing a certain type of facility and ask for an information paper stating why such a policy exists, when it was last reviewed, and whether it is still thought to be valid. For example, during 1982, Members sought information papers on the reason for the delay in the opening of the Aberdeen Tunnel; the current state of water supplies to Sai Kung and the plans for improving them; the justification of a proposal to set up more toll booths at the Lion Rock Tunnel; the anticipated demand for niches in the Sha Tin columbarium and the provision of primary school places in Tuen Mun. Membership of the Sub-Committee is reported at Appendix V.

**Public Accounts Committee**

*Contributed by Hon. CHEN Shou-lum, Chairman*

The Public Accounts Committee was established by Resolution of the Legislative Council on 10.5.78. It is a standing committee responsible for studying the report of the Director of Audit on the accounts of the Government and, where the Committee considers necessary, to call for explanations from public officers on matters referred to in the report. The Committee consists of a chairman and six members, all of whom are Unofficial Members nominated by the President of the Legislative Council.

Mr. CHEN Shou-lum succeeded as Chairman of the Committee when Mr. LI Fook-wo retired from the Legislative Council on 31.8.81. Mr. LI Fook-wo had served as Chairman of the Committee since its formation. Membership of the Committee is reported at Appendix V.

During the year ended 31.3.81, the Committee held four meetings, at two of which evidence from a total of ten branch secretaries and heads of departments was heard. The conclusions and recommendations of these hearings are contained in the Report of the Public Accounts Committee which was issued in December 1981.

Mr. CHEN Shou-lum made a statement when the Report was laid before the Legislative Council on 6.1.82. He stressed that it was important for the Committee to monitor progress on remedying weaknesses in the bureaucratic machinery and the decision-making processes, which were brought to light in the Annual Report of the Director of Audit and the Committee's Report, in order to ensure that everything that could be done was being

done. He also expressed concern over the fact that, because of recruitment difficulties, the degree of check applied in many areas by the Director of Audit was much lower than what was desirable. In addition, he suggested that more attention should be given to the performance of the vast number of public bodies and voluntary agencies, who were sharing a fairly substantial slice of the public expenditure and who were also accountable to the taxpayers for the expenditure of their funds.

Instead of investigating in detail every observation contained in the Director of Audit's report, the Committee confined its attention to the more serious irregularities on shortcomings reported.

The response of the Administration to the comments of the Committee was contained in the Government Minute laid before the Legislative Council on 24.3.82. The remedial measures promised by the Administration included the following major items:

(i) *Government computer installations* — the Director of Audit reported on the lack of co-ordination among data preparation centres and the inadequacy in scheduling data processing work in Government. On the recommendations of the Committee, the Administration decided to undertake a study of the administration of data preparation centres in Government in mid 1982-83. The Administration also advised that with improved management in the centres, idle capacity was utilized, resulting no need for data processing service to be contracted out in 1981-82.

(ii) *Unauthorized excess expenditure and poor vote control in Medical and Health Department* — the Committee noted that it was the third successive year that the Director of Audit had observed inadequacies in the control on expenditure, for medical drugs in particular, in the Medical and Health Department. In response to the comments of the Committee, the Treasury assigned two Senior Treasury Accountants and one Treasury Accountant to conduct a comprehensive review of the budgeting and accounting procedures in the Medical and Health Department with a view to tightening up the system.

(iii) *Subvention of medical and health agencies* — from the case of an over-payment of subvention to a subvented medical and health organization identified by the Director of Audit, the Committee studied the broader issue of the medical subvention system. The Committee recommended a thorough review of the system and its rules, together with a review of the adequacy of staff support. The recommendation was accepted by Government, which agreed to set up an Internal Audit Unit in the Medical and Health Department to strengthen the administration of medical subventions and to ensure compliance with the rules of subvention.

(iv) *Hong Kong Airport runway — suspension of contract* — as a result of the study by the Committee into the causes leading to the suspension of contract on improvement works on the airport runway, which resulted



in extra costs to the Government of a reported \$4 million. The Government noted the need for closer liaison between the client and work departments in drawing up major development contracts. The Director of Engineering Department had subsequently also issued instructions for specified completion times to be included in contracts of similar nature.

(v) *University and Polytechnic Student Finance* — on the recommendation of the Committee, the Government undertook a one-year survey, which commenced in January 1982, on expenditure patterns of full-time students at the two universities, the Polytechnic, and post-sixth form students of the Baptist College. The results of the survey would be analysed to provide an assessment of the academic and living expenses borne by students of the four institutions. The assessment would enable new levels of assistance based on genuine need to be determined and used in the 1983-84 fund allocation. In addition, from the 1982-83 academic year, the Government would require students to produce documentary evidence in support of their applications.



UMELCO Members inspect the construction of two pair-trawlers financed by loans from the Fisheries Development Loan Fund, in a Shau Ki Wan boatyard.



UMELCO Duty Roster Members Mr. LO Tak-shing and Mr. Benton CHEUNG Yan-lung receiving representations from community organisations.



UMELCO Members being briefed on the telecommunication services and facilities provided by Cable and Wireless (HK) Ltd.





UMELCO Members are told of environmental problems arising from the operations of the Shek Lung Street Wholesale Fruit Market in Yau Ma Tei.



A deputation meets Duty Roster Members Mr. LI Fook-wo and Dr. HO Kam-fai to press for closer control of public utilities.

## CHAPTER IV UMELCO ACTIVITIES

### UMELCO Business

The Unofficial Members of both the Executive and Legislative Councils (UMELCO) usually meet at least twice a month in the UMELCO Office to discuss topical issues, important public representations and matters concerning the administration of the Office. In 1981-82 they formed 14 panels to deal with Government business and public administration. These panels met with Government officials regularly to discuss future plans and current problems in areas such as the civil service, transport, housing, education, medical and health, industrial relations, cultural affairs and the Government's Chinese language policy.

### UMELCO Panels

*Chinese Language Policy Panel, Convener, Mr. WONG Lam.*

This Panel, formed in December 1978, aims to assist the Chinese Language Division of the Home Affairs Branch to implement more effectively the Government's Chinese language policy. The Panel's terms of reference are:

- (i) to monitor progress in implementing the Government's Chinese language policy;
- (ii) to advise on areas where the use of Chinese should be further extended in official business; and
- (iii) to advise on how the standard of the Government's translation and interpretation services could be improved.

The Panel held two meetings with senior officials of the Home Affairs Branch during the year and reviewed progress and matters arising in the Panel's sphere of interest. The subjects discussed included the use of simplified Chinese characters in public examinations, the provision of simultaneous interpretation facilities for District Board meetings, the establishment and strength of the Chinese Language Officer grade, progress in teaching pu-tung-hua in the 20 monitored primary schools, and the pu-tung-hua programmes produced by Radio Television Hong Kong.

*Civil Service Panel, Convener, Mr. LO Tak-shing.*

This Panel met on 22.1.82 with the Secretary for the Civil Service to discuss a number of topical civil service issues.

These included the role of the Civil Service Branch in improving staff management and staff relations, the re-organisation of the Government Secretariat and departments, the method of calculating pay adjustments and the ways in which the expansion of the civil service might be better controlled.

A second meeting with the Secretary for the Civil Service took place on 9.7.82 when the Government's attempts to control the growth of the public sector were discussed further. Views were also exchanged on the feasibility of contracting out such jobs as street sweeping and labouring, the hiving-off of the Kowloon-Canton Railway as an independent corporation, and the No. 8 Report of the Standing Commission on Civil Service Salaries and Conditions of Service.

*Cultural Affairs and Recreation Panel, Convener, Mr. Alex S.C. WU.*

This Panel formerly known as the Cultural Affairs Panel, was hitherto mainly concerned with the development of music training and cultural activities in Hong Kong. Following the change in name, the Panel's terms of reference were extended to cover recreation and sports activities.

Two meetings were held with the Secretary for Home Affairs, the Commissioner for Recreation and Culture, the Music Administrator, the Government Music Adviser and the Director of Broadcasting. The main topics discussed were the establishment of a new Recreation and Culture Department, the proposed International Symposium on East/West Exchanges in Music and the Performing Arts, which was held in Hong Kong in March 1982, and the proposal to set up an Academy for the Performing Arts. Members of the Panel were also briefed on audience reactions to the change in classical music programming on RTHK and progress in constructing the cultural complex in Tsim Sha Tsui.

*Economic Services and Monetary Affairs Panel, Convener, Mr. LI Fook-wo.*

The announcement at the end of 1981 that electricity charges were to be increased aroused wide and diverse public reactions. Two major delegations — the



"Coalition to Fight for the Monitoring of Power Companies" and the "Federation of Hong Kong Industries and Hong Kong Textile and Clothing Industries Joint Conference" — attended the UMELCO Office on 11.12.81 to air their views on the issue.

The Panel met with the Secretary for Economic Services and the Chief Treasury Accountant in charge of the Government's Financial Monitoring Unit on 16.12.81 to obtain details of the "confidential" Schemes of Control governing the operations and tariffs of the two power companies. Members later held several meetings amongst themselves to examine the implications of the issue and the various representations received. The subject was also discussed at several full UMELCO meetings and in response to representations made by Members, the Administration finally agreed to publish the Schemes of Control.

*Education Panel, Convener, Rev. Patrick T. McGovern.* The UMELCO Education Panel held two meetings during the year with the international Panel of Visitors who were appointed by the Government to conduct an overall review of Hong Kong's education system. The Panel of Visitors consisted of Sir John Llewellyn (Chairman), Dr. Greg Hancock (Rapporteur), Dr. Karl Roeloffs and Professor Michael W. Kirst (Members). At the meetings, held on 2.11.81 and 30.3.82, the UMELCO Members discussed with the Visitors education policy in the context of the Government's general policy on the subject and the needs of the community. Discussions also examined the relationship between education and industrial and economic development, the role of kindergartens in education, the importance of mathematics, the decline in language standards, quality of teachers and their professional development, and the value of moral education.

The Education Panel also met with the Director of the Overseas Students' Trust (OST), Mr. Martin Kenyon, on 17.3.82. The OST is an educational charity that disburses funds for the improvement of facilities for overseas students in Britain. The Trust also sponsors and publishes appropriate research. At the request of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Mr. Kenyon was undertaking a study of the effects of the increase in overseas students fees with a view to recommending new approaches and policy options for aid to overseas students in the United Kingdom. Mr. Kenyon was fully briefed on Members' views by the Panel.

*Housing Panel, Convener, Mr. R.H. Lobo.*

The Panel continued its regular six-monthly meetings with the Secretary for Housing and senior officials of the Housing Department. At the meetings, on 10.12.81 and 27.5.82 views were exchanged on a variety of subjects, including a proposal to empower the Director of Marine to license and control dwelling boats, the criteria for rehousing fire victims, squatter control, sale prices of

Home Ownership Scheme flats, policy on clearance of non-indigenous villages, and the effects of the exclusion from rent control of new buildings and luxury premises.

Arising from an interview with a group of squatters from the Tai Hom Wor Village, Wong Tai Sin, who refused to move into certain New Territories temporary housing areas (THAs), the Panel visited three THAs in the New Territories on 26.7.82 to gain a better understanding of the basic facilities and community services provided in such areas.

*Public Relations Panel, Convener, Mr. O.V. CHEUNG.* The UMELCO Public Relations Panel is mainly concerned with the relationship between the Government and the people, as reflected by the media, and with public liaison at all levels. The Panel usually meets every two months with the Secretary for Home Affairs, the Secretary for City and New Territories Administration, the Regional Secretaries, the Director of Information Services, the Director of Broadcasting and the Commissioner for Television and Entertainment Licensing to discuss topics of current interest. It also meets in turn all City and New Territories District Officers every other month to listen to their reports on the progress of development works in their areas of responsibility.

Nine meetings were held during the year. Included in the subjects discussed were the implementation of the District Administration Scheme, measures to prevent any recurrence of the Christmas and New Year's Eve disturbances, reorganisation of the Home Affairs Department and the New Territories Administration, conditions in squatter areas, TV standards, film censorship and overseas publicity for Hong Kong.

*Security Panel, Convener, Mr. LO Tak-shing.*

Two meetings were held during the year with the Commissioner of the Independent Commission Against Corruption and heads of the various ICAC departments. Members received progress reports on all areas of ICAC activity. Following the meeting held at the ICAC headquarters on 15.12.81, Members were also shown around the Community Relations and Corruption Prevention departments in Hutchison House and the Operations department in the Murray Road Car Park Building.

Two further meetings were held with the Secretary for Security and the Director of Immigration on 15.1.82 and 23.7.82 when Members were briefed on arrangements for issuing new identity cards, the control of legal immigrants and on progress in resettling Vietnamese refugees. Discussions also touched on the scale of criminal activity in squatter areas, increasing reports of shopkeepers being subjected to criminal extortion, the presence of suspected illegal immigrants and suspicious junks in the Sai Kung district and the effectiveness of the current legislative controls applicable to illegal gambling and vice establishments.

*Social Services Panel, Convener, Dr. Harry S.Y. FANG.* The principal task of this Panel during the year was to examine in depth the various problems and difficulties facing the subvented medical sector with a view to upgrading their standards of services and facilities. The Panel met on 9.6.82 with the senior management of the three major subvented hospitals, namely the Caritas Medical Centre, the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals and the United Christian Hospital. Two further meetings were held on 18.6.82 and 23.6.82 with representatives of the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals' doctors and nursing staff associations, to hear their views on the staffing position, conditions of service and the subvented sector's administrative problems.

At a meeting on 24.6.82, attended by the Secretary for Social Services and the Director of Medical and Health Services, the Government's views on the role and performance of subvented hospitals were sought. Points raised with them included the feasibility of setting up a statutory body to oversee and co-ordinate the policy, planning and provision of hospital services generally, Government policy with regard to the remuneration and training of clinical staff in subvented hospitals, and the possibility of granting subvented hospitals a triennial block sum, as favoured by the University and Polytechnic Grants Committee, to enable them to better plan and implement their approved programmes and activities. At the end of the year, the issue was still being actively studied by the Panel.

*Transport Panel, Convener, Miss Lydia DUNN.*

This Panel continued to hold periodic meetings with the Government to discuss various traffic and transport problems. It met with the Secretary for Transport, the Commissioner for Transport and the Deputy Director (Traffic) of the Royal Hong Kong Police Force on 14.12.81 and 24.5.82. Topics discussed included the progress of works to improve the Tsing Yi Bridge, malpractices in taxi trade, congestion in and approaching the Cross Harbour Tunnel, the proposed elevated road above Connaught Road, and the extension of New Territories taxi boundaries. Views were also exchanged on the reorganisation of the Transport Branch and the Transport Department, the development of freight links between Hong Kong and the Special Economic Zones in China, the effects of the new KCR/MTR arrangement on other public transport modes and the comprehensive review in progress into the operations of the two bus companies.

A meeting was held with the Chairman of the Mass Transit Railway Corporation on 31.3.82 when Members of the Panel were briefed on the proposed interchange facilities after the opening of the MTR Tsuen Wan Extension in May 1982.

*Other UMELCO Studies.*

Apart from the Panel activities reported above, UMELCO Members also monitored developments in the

fields of Administration and Environmental Affairs, and activities in the Lands and Works area. In addition, two further UMELCO groups dealt with UMELCO Staff and House matters, and the full UMELCO met regularly each month with the Chief Secretary to discuss Government business generally. A full list of UMELCO Panels and Groups is reported at Appendix V.

#### **The MacLehose Fund**

Early in 1982 the Unofficial Members proposed the establishment of a fund to commemorate the distinguished service of Sir Murray MacLehose as the Governor of Hong Kong from 1971 to 1982. It was proposed that the fund should be used for the benefit of Hong Kong as decided by the Governor of the day in his sole discretion and that legislation should be enacted to provide for its administration.

Sir Murray gave his approval to the use of his name in the title of the fund, and a UMELCO Steering Group was set up to invite public donations. The Group was chaired by Sir S.Y. CHUNG and consisted of Mr. R.H. Lobo, Mr. M.G.R. Sandberg, Mr. D.K. Newbigging, Mr. HU Fa-kuang, Mr. W.C.L. Brown, Mr. Benton CHEUNG Yan-lung and Mrs. Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye. The Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr. D.C. Bray, was appointed Treasurer to the fund. The public contributed generously and at 31.8.82 the sum of \$23.7 millions had been contributed or was pledged to the fund. The Sir Murray MacLehose Trust Fund Ordinance was enacted on 19.5.82.

#### **The South Atlantic Fund**

In July 1982, Hong Kong contributed two million pounds sterling to the South Atlantic Fund which was set up by Britain in the aftermath of the Falklands dispute with Argentina. The contribution was proposed by the Unofficial Members of the Executive and Legislative Councils and was unanimously approved by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council. The Fund had been launched to help servicemen and civilians who had been engaged in operations in the Falklands and South Atlantic, including Hong Kong Chinese personnel, and their dependents.

The decision to make a Hong Kong contribution to the Fund drew diverse comments from both the public and the media. There was criticism that the donation was too generous and that the money could have been put to better use locally. Others noted however that Hong Kong was a member of the British Commonwealth and valued its British connection; the British Government had appealed for public donations and it was not Hong Kong's way to ignore the appeals of its friends.

#### **UMELCO Groups Appointed by the Governor**

*ICAC Complaints Committee, Chairman, Sir S.Y. CHUNG.*

This Committee was first appointed by the Governor in



December 1977 and has the following terms of reference:

(i) to monitor and where it considers appropriate to review the handling by the ICAC of complaints by anyone against the ICAC and officers of the ICAC;

(ii) to identify any faults in ICAC procedures which lead or might lead to complaints; and

(iii) when it considers appropriate to make recommendations to the Commissioner of the ICAC or, when considered necessary, to the Governor.

Membership of the Committee is reported at Appendix V and includes a Law Officer appointed by the Governor. During the period under review, the Committee considered 21 complaints against the ICAC and its officers.

*UMELCO Police Group, Chairman, Mr. LO Tak-shing.* This Group was also established in 1977. It provides an independent non-police element in the machinery for investigating complaints against the Police. Appointments to the Group are made by the Governor and the Group's terms of reference are:-

(i) to monitor and where it considers appropriate to review the handling by the Police of complaints by the public;

(ii) to keep under review statistics of the types of conduct by Police officers which lead to complaints by members of the public;

(iii) to identify any faults in Police procedure which lead or might lead to complaints; and

(iv) when it considers appropriate, to make recommendations to the Commissioner of Police or when necessary to the Governor.

In addition to regular monthly meetings with the Director of Management and Inspection Services of the Royal Hong Kong Police Force, the Group held several meetings amongst themselves during the year to discuss matters of policy and procedure and to examine case review reports prepared by the UMELCO Office. The Group also met with the Commissioner of Police to exchange views on progress and policy issues, and held a meeting with the Secretary for the Civil Service to discuss, with other matters, the powers available to the Government to deal with unsatisfactory police officers.

The Group's annual report for 1981 was tabled in the Legislative Council on 28.7.82. During that 12-month period, Members considered 2,954 investigation reports completed by CAPO and questioned 176 case reports at meetings with the Director of Management and Inspection Services. The results in 95 of these cases were modified following enquiries initiated by the Group. Further reports were sought in respect of 93 cases. In addition, 24 cases were referred to the Legal Department for examination or re-examination, on the instructions of the Attorney General. In five of these cases, the results were also subsequently modified.

#### UMELCO Visits

UMELCO Members continued their programme of

regular visits to various districts in the urban area and in the New Territories to keep in touch, not only with new developments, but also with the problems, views and aspirations of the district communities. Informal discussions with local representatives is an important feature of these visits.

Points raised either by the representatives or the Unofficials themselves are recorded and referred to the Chief Secretary for comments and recommendations are added by the Unofficials as appropriate. These reports and the Chief Secretary's comments are later circulated to all Unofficials, so that those who did not participate in a particular visit may be kept informed of territory-wide problems and developments.

Visits cover both Government departments and private institutions, and last year a total of 18 such visits were made, including one to the Shenzhen and Shekou Special Economic Zones in China. Other visits included:

#### *Agriculture and Fisheries Department visited on 7.9.81.*

To see the construction of two pair-trawlers in Shauiwan which were financed by loans from the Fisheries Development Loan Fund; view the mariculture activities in Tin Ha Wan, Sai Kung; inspect the new purpose-built fisheries research vessel, Tai Shun.

#### *Yau Ma Tei City District visited on 28.9.81.*

To see the environmental problems in and around the Shek Lung Street Wholesale Fruit Market; view Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Shelter reclamation scheme from the rooftop of a high-rise building; observe the living conditions of boat dwellers in Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Shelter; exchange views with community leaders of Tsim Sha Tsui East District on current problems.

#### *Royal Hong Kong Regiment (The Volunteers) visited on 8.10.81.*

To see the Volunteers who were on anti-illegal immigration patrol duties in the border area; meet the Volunteers at Sha Tau Kok, Man Kam To and Pak Hok Chau and discuss their operational problems.

#### *Marine District of the Royal Hong Kong Police Force visited on 9.11.81.*

To discuss the formation and responsibilities of the Marine District with its Commander; talk to the officer-in-charge of the Marine Criminal Investigation Department and the Illegal Immigration Intelligence Bureau; visit the District Command and Control Centre which operates radio links with Police posts on outlying islands, Police launches and with the Royal Navy patrol boats; observe the patrol screen system in the Western Harbour approaches from a Police launch.

#### *Sai Kung District visited on 23.11.81.*

To discuss the function and features of the High Island West Coffey Dam; visit the Po Leung Kuk Pak Tam Chung Holiday Camp and the Recreation and Sport Service's Lady MacLehose Holiday Camp; inspect the various facilities at the Sai Kung Outdoor Recreation Centre; view the Junk Bay Development project from a vantage point; discuss district problems with local

representatives.

#### *Education Department visited on 7.12.81.*

To discuss with the Director of Education broad educational policy, including curriculum development and the teaching of the English language in schools; inspect the Grantham College of Education; visit the Mary Rose School for mid-grade mentally-handicapped children; tour Lee Wai Lee Technical Institute.

#### *Tuen Mun District visited on 28.12.81.*

To view Tuen Mun New Town development from various look-out points; inspect progress in constructing the new power station at Tap Shek Kok; visit So Kwun Wat to see the marina development project; exchange views with senior Government officials on district problems.

#### *Prisons (now Correctional Services) Department visited on 18.1.82.*

To discuss the work and the future plans of the department with the Commissioner; tour Siu Lam Psychiatric Centre at Tai Lam Chung, which provides advanced psychiatric treatment for the criminally insane and for convicted prisoners of a dangerous or violent nature; inspect the drug treatment centre and other facilities at the Tai Lam Centre for Women.

#### *Social Welfare Department visited on 8.2.82.*

To visit the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals' Ma Hing Chow Hostel for the Elderly in Lek Yuen Estate, Sha Tin; tour the Lek Yuen Sheltered Workshop, run by the Social Welfare Department, which provides sheltered work for about 100 disabled persons.

#### *Shenzhen Special Economic Zone and Shekou Industrial Zone visited on 11.3.82, 20.3.82 and 1.4.82.*

To attend a briefing by the Mayor of Shenzhen, Mr. LIANG Shiang, and his senior officials on the various development plans for the areas; see a microwave communications station, and electronics factory and a printing factory; inspect the expansion works planned for the Shumchun Reservoir which, upon completion in 1995, will increase the supply of water available to Hong Kong.

#### *Prince Philip Dental Hospital visited on 26.4.82.*

To discuss the organisation and services provided by the various clinical and academic departments of the Hospital; visit the units dealing with children's dentistry and orthodontics, conservative dentistry, prosthetic dentistry, oral surgery and oral medicine, and periodontology and public health; observe the students at work and the "walk in" service available to the general public.

#### *Castle Peak Power Station visited on 13.5.82.*

To discuss construction works in progress at the station with the Site Manager and the Station Manager; inspect the off-loading facilities for colliers; visit the boiler room, the turbine hall, the main control room and the 400 KV switchhouse.

#### *Jubilee Sports Centre visited on 17.5.82.*

To view the facilities of the Centre which occupies a 41-acre reclaimed area beside the Sha Tin Race Course; inspect the five-lane covered track for all weather sprint

and hurdle training, an ozone-treated indoor swimming pool and a 250-metre cycle velodrome, tour the indoor sports halls, the glass-backed squash courts, an eight-lane Olympic track, and residential accommodation for athletes in training.

#### *Eastern City District visited on 24.5.82.*

To view developments from Sai Wan Fort; observe progress of reclamation works which will eventually allow the construction of a cargo handling basin, housing estates, schools, recreational parks and industrial developments; tour the Lee Chung Street hawker bazaar and the Chai Wan Park; exchange views with community leaders on local affairs.

#### *Cable and Wireless (HK) Ltd visited on 14.6.82.*

To discuss the organisation of the company which took over all Hong Kong's external telecommunication services from Cable and Wireless PLC, London, on 1.10.81; tour the Message and Subscribers Switching Centres, the International Maintenance Centre, the Automatic Telex Exchange and the Training Centre in Headquarters; visit the Submarine Coaxial Cable Terminal at Deep Water Bay and the Satellite Earth Station at Stanley.

#### *Kowloon-Canton Railway visited on 28.6.82.*

To discuss the electrification and various safety aspects of railway operations with the General Manager and senior staff of the KCR; visit the signal control centre at Kowloon Terminus and the interchange station at Kowloon Tong; inspect the mechanical washing plant for cleaning the exterior of trains and the new rolling stock maintenance depot at Ho Tung Lau.

#### *Immigration Department visited on 30.6.82.*

To visit the department's new headquarters in Tsim Sha Tsui; inspect the various sections in operation; tour the computer floor which houses two computers, one for the immigration file index and the other for the new identity card scheme.

#### *Environmental Protection Agency visited on 23.8.82.*

To discuss with the Commissioner various pollution problems and plans to protect the environment; observe the waste management planning, water quality, air quality and noise and vibration groups at work; tour the Kennedy Town Incinerator and see the installation of two high voltage electrostatic precipitators designed to reduce the amount of dust emitted from the chimneys.

#### UMELCO Representations

During 1981-82 UMELCO addressed representations to the Government on a wide variety of topics. Opportunities were also taken to invite visiting Members of Parliament and senior UK Government officials to meetings in the UMELCO Office where views were exchanged on local affairs and matters connected with Hong Kong's overseas interests; see Appendix VII. A few of the major issues pursued with the Government are reported below:

#### Future of Hong Kong

The future of Hong Kong preoccupied UMELCO throughout the year at meetings with the Governor



and visiting UK Ministers. On 4.9.82 prior to the Prime Minister's visit to China, five Members — Sir S.Y. CHUNG, Mr. R.H. Lobo, Mr. LI Fook-wo, Miss Lydia DUNN and Mr. CHAN Kam-chuen — accompanied the Governor to London to represent to the UK Government the views of Hong Kong people. In addition to attending a meeting with the Prime Minister, Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, the visiting party also held meetings with the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, Mr. Francis Pym and with Lord Belstead, Minister of State. Other meetings were held with Lord MacLehose and other friends of Hong Kong in London.

On 24.9.82, at the conclusion of the Prime Minister's visit to Beijing, Britain and China issued a Joint Statement on the future of Hong Kong with emphasis on the common aim of maintaining the stability and prosperity of Hong Kong. The Statement read,

*"Today the leaders of both countries held far-reaching talks in a friendly atmosphere on the future of Hong Kong. Both sides made clear their respective positions on this subject.*

*They agreed to enter talks through diplomatic channels following the visit with the common aim of maintaining the stability and prosperity of Hong Kong."*

Returning to the UK through Hong Kong, the Prime Minister attended a meeting with Members on 21.9.82 in the UMELCO Office and assured Members she would keep in close touch with them during the course of the talks with the Chinese Government. Following the Governor's address to the Legislative Council on 6.10.82, ten Members made reference to the future of Hong Kong in their speeches to the motion of thanks and UMELCO maintains the closest liaison with the Government on this vital subject.

#### British Nationality Act 1981

The British Nationality Act was passed into law by the UK Parliament on 30.10.81. At that time, despite strong UMELCO pressure, the question of including a clear statement of British Nationality in Hong Kong British passports remained unresolved.

During the visit of Mr. Humphrey Atkins, the then Lord Privy Seal, in January 1982, UMELCO Members pressed the matter further. However, events in the UK were over-shadowed by the Falklands crisis and it was not until May 1982 that further advice was received. Her Majesty's Government then advised that for legal reasons only the designation British Dependent Territories Citizen (BDTC) could appear in BDTC (Hong Kong) passports. Neither UMELCO nor the Administration accepted this view and pressed for further consideration to be given to the matter. The Attorney General submitted that it was lawful and indeed appropriate to describe in a passport not only the holder's category of citizenship, but also the relationship which gave rise to the right to protection, i.e. nationality, and this argument was presented to London.

In September 1982 when the Prime Minister, Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, visited Hong Kong, Members stressed afresh the importance Hong Kong people attached to retaining a nationality description in the new BDTC passports. The Prime Minister promised to look into the matter personally.

On 24.11.82, the Chief Secretary reported to the Legislative Council that Her Majesty's Government had agreed that the description "British" would appear opposite the word "Nationality" on the first page of all British Dependent Territories passports. This decision was welcomed by Members although it scarcely represented a concession and merely restored the nationality description which Hong Kong's British subjects had enjoyed prior to the enactment of the British Nationality Act.

In November 1982, an unopposed amendment to the British Nationality Act was moved in the House of Lords which aimed to afford Falkland Islanders the right to British Citizenship. Lord MacLehose spoke to the Falklands Bill in the House of Lords, and observed:

*".... The British Nationality Bill's treatment of dependent territories was bitterly resented, not least in Hong Kong. It is true the door to the United Kingdom was closed to residents of dependent territories in 1962, but the Nationality Bill appeared, gratuitously, to double-lock the door. Similarly the change in name of citizenship was regarded as explicable only as an act of political disengagement.*

*".... I do not think that Hong Kong people themselves would wish to carry their resentment to the point of opposing doing something for the Falkland Islanders.*

*"Furthermore, if this Bill becomes law the Government will have accepted, admittedly in this very special case, the need to amend the Act's provisions over a dependent territory, within the limits of what is necessary and numerically possible, when justified by special circumstances."*

On 22.12.82, the Immigration (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 1982, the British Nationality Act 1981 (Consequential Amendments) Bill 1982, the Immigration (Amendment) (No. 3) Bill 1982 and the British Nationality (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) Bill 1982 were passed by the Hong Kong Legislative Council. These Bills effected changes to Hong Kong legislation consequent upon the enactment of the British Nationality Act, and brought to a conclusion the extended negotiations which UMELCO had vigorously conducted to protect the interests of Hong Kong's British subjects during the Act's formulation and passage through Parliament. These actions were reviewed by the Senior Member, Mr. R.H. Lobo, in the Legislative Council on 22.12.82. In reply to Mr. Lobo, the Secretary for Security made the following remarks:

*"Finally, Sir, the speech of my honourable Friend, Mr. Lobo. I certainly would like to recommend it to the press and to suggest that it should appear on the front pages of all tomorrow's editions. I would also like to*

*recommend very strongly that the public of Hong Kong should read it, this being a very remarkable example of the remarkable way in which the honourable Members of the Executive Council and this Council fight for the interests of the Hong Kong community. And I am thankful that we have been at least in part successful."*

The British Nationality Act 1981 came into operation on 1.1.83.

#### UK Tuition Fees for Hong Kong Students

Differential tuition fees for overseas and home students were first introduced in the United Kingdom in 1967-68. From October 1980 onwards, however, students from Hong Kong studying in the UK, with other Commonwealth and foreign students, were required to pay "full cost" fees. Mr. O.V. CHEUNG, Mr. W.C.L. Brown and Mr. CHAN Kam-chuen met representatives of the UK Federation of Hong Kong Students on several occasions to discuss the position. Representations were made by UMELCO to the Hong Kong Government urging the Government to press Her Majesty's Government to restore home student status to Hong Kong students or make other special arrangements for students from Hong Kong. It was invidious that Hong Kong and other Commonwealth students should be treated precisely the same as alien students.

In the face of UK intransigence, the Hong Kong Government decided to establish a student emergency loan fund to assist Hong Kong students in the UK who were adversely affected by the tuition fee increases. A long-term loan scheme for full-time Hong Kong students on first degree or equivalent courses at polytechnics in the UK was also introduced, in September 1981.

At the request of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the Overseas Students' Trust (OST) in Britain undertook a study of the effects of the increase in overseas students fees, with a view to recommending new approaches and policy options for giving aid to overseas students in the UK. Members of the UMELCO Education Panel conveyed their views and concern over the issue to two members of the OST who visited Hong Kong in mid-March 1982. In June 1982, the OST published its Report which recommended, inter alia, that students from British dependent territories should pay the home level of fees, with the student's parent Government possibly sharing the difference between home and overseas costs with Her Majesty's Government.

The subject was pressed further at the UMELCO meeting with the Prime Minister, Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, when she visited Hong Kong in September 1982. The present position, as revealed by the Prime Minister in replying to a parliamentary question from Sir Paul Bryan on 2.12.82, is that Her Majesty's Government is considering the fifty-fifty cost sharing arrangement proposed by the Hong Kong Government. In response to a further parliamentary question on the subject from Mr. Robert Parry on 20.12.82, the Prime Minister advised that a decision would be reached as soon as possible.

#### Schemes of Control for Public Utilities

The two power companies announced their intention to increase tariffs in November 1981. The China Light and Power Co. Ltd. proposed to increase its basic tariff charges for most consumers by about ten per cent while the Hong Kong Electric Company intended to fix its new tariff at the then current basic electricity charge, plus 17 cents, and to do away with the controversial and variable "fuel clause" surcharge. The announcement attracted immediate sharp criticism both from major industrial consumers and community bodies.

The issue was discussed at a full UMELCO meeting at the end of November 1981 and a detailed briefing paper was requested from the Secretary for Economic Services. The paper examined the background to the profit control schemes which applied to the two power companies and explained the role of the Government's Financial Monitoring Unit and the operation of the fuel cost adjustment formulae.

In mid-December 1981 representatives of the Federation of Hong Kong Industries, the Hong Kong Textile and Clothing Industries' Joint Conference, and the Coalition to Fight for the Monitoring of the Power Companies were interviewed by the UMELCO duty roster Members and three other Unofficials. The representatives urged that electricity tariffs be frozen, pending an in-depth review of the existing Schemes of Control. The representations were discussed at a full UMELCO meeting and the UMELCO Economic Services and Monetary Affairs Panel was asked to study the issue in depth. At the request of the Senior Member, Sir S. Y. CHUNG, a copy each of the Government's Scheme of Control agreements with the power companies was made available for Members' examination in the UMELCO Office.

UMELCO continued to receive representations opposing the increases and representatives of the Coalition to Fight for the Monitoring of the Power Companies urged UMELCO to press for a standing monitoring body to be set up. A series of meetings were held with the Secretary for Economic Services, the Chief Treasury Accountant in charge of the Financial Monitoring Unit and the Secretary for Home Affairs. The observations and recommendations of the UMELCO Panel were conveyed to the Government and, in mid-August 1982, UMELCO was informed that the Government was prepared to make available to the public the details of the Schemes of Control which applied to the various public utility companies, subject to the agreement of the companies concerned. The different Schemes of Control agreements were eventually published in full on 8.11.82 and the Government has undertaken to engage consultants to advise on the adequacy of its monitoring of the power companies under the existing Schemes of Control.

#### UMELCO Redress System

As noted earlier in this Report, one of the main functions of the Unofficials is the operation of the UMELCO



Redress System. Unlike the statutory grievance systems operating in some countries, the UMELCO redress system is neither defined nor confined by the law. It handles both appeals from people objecting to Government decisions and complaints alleging maladministration on the part of Government departments. Under the system Unofficials Members have three rights. The first is the right to information, including access to Government files and correspondence, policies, procedures and instructions. The second is of access to senior Government officers and, third, the Unofficials may challenge a department's actions. All heads of departments and government officers are required to co-operate with UMELCO in operating the complaints system.

Members of the public may put forward their problems by telephone, letter or personal visit. In most cases they are interviewed by an officer of the UMELCO Office Complaints Division who endeavours to obtain all relevant information. It is also sometimes necessary to visit the site of a complaint to understand it fully. A report is prepared on every interview; and together with any site visit report these form the basis of future enquiries and action.

The next step is to study the case in the light of Government policies and procedures. Some general information is usually available in the UMELCO Office. But it is often necessary to ask the Government department concerned to comment on a case or to supply additional papers or files for reference. In important cases involving a matter of principle or policy, or containing special features, and in all cases where a head of department's explanation appears to be inadequate or unsatisfactory, the Secretary General of the UMELCO Office may refer the case to an Unofficial Member to consider what further action should be taken.

Inevitably some grievance cases brought to UMELCO fall outside the jurisdiction of Unofficial Members. These are disputes between private individuals, disputes between employers and employees, including individual civil servants, matters which are sub-judice or may involve possible criminal charges, matters over which a statutory appeal has already been initiated or on which the Governor or the Governor in Council has made a decision, and matters for which a foreign Government is responsible. In these cases, nevertheless, the staff of the UMELCO Office may still be able to offer advice and assistance, and always endeavour to do so, such as making enquiries or arranging appointments for the aggrieved party.

Anyone who wishes to do so may ask to see a duty roster Member. Each week one Unofficial Member of the Executive Council and one Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council take it in turn to be on call. The duty roster Members are there not only to interview those who ask to see them, but also to deal with important cases brought to their notice by the staff of the UMELCO Office.

The availability of the UMELCO Office as a

channel for the redress of grievances is regularly advertised in the Chinese press. During the year a total of 3,478 complaints were received compared with 2,456 the preceding year. Senior members of the UMELCO Office staff often give talks on the redress system to community groups and clubs, and also participate regularly in Chinese radio phone-in programmes.

#### Successful Cases

The success rate achieved by UMELCO in dealing with public complaints compares favourably with countries where a statutory ombudsman system operates. In over 70 per cent of the cases handled during 1981-82, UMELCO was able to offer advice or assistance in one form or another. A detailed statistical breakdown of the complaints cases handled and completed by the UMELCO Office is at Appendix XIII. The following are typical successful cases handled during the year.

#### *Advance compensation to shop operators in Lee Garden Road (C 1360/81)*

Eleven shop operators who suffered losses of business as a result of the closure of Lee Garden Road for the construction of the MTR Island Line appealed to UMELCO in July 1981 for an increase in advance compensation. At an interview with the duty roster Members, they claimed that their business had dropped substantially since the closure of the Road but the amount of advance compensation they could apply for was not sufficient to cover their losses; in particular they had to pay high rents for their shop premises.

In examining this appeal, the duty roster Members noted that the formula for calculating an advance of compensation was based on the rateable values of the affected properties as assessed in April 1977. In view of the substantial increase in commercial rents since 1977, the Members felt that the present level of advance compensation was unrealistic in the face of the rents the shop operators were now required to pay.

The case was discussed at two full UMELCO meetings in August 1981 and it was decided to ask the Government to review the advance compensation scheme on the ground that the approved formula for assessing advance compensation was inappropriate. In the light of UMELCO's representations the Government eventually proposed that the advance compensation scheme be revised along the following lines:

(i) the shop operators would be paid a monthly advance of compensation equivalent to 50 per cent of their rent with retrospective effect from the date when the road was first closed in July 1981; and,

(ii) to assess the actual losses, the shop operators would be required to submit a staged claim within three months of receiving an advance of compensation under the revised scheme; and,

(iii) after a staged claim was made, payments would continue under the revised formula until such time as the claim had been assessed; and,

(iv) if, following this assessment, it was established that over-payments had been made, future payments would be adjusted accordingly.

The matter was discussed again at a full UMELCO meeting in April 1982. Although Members found the Government's proposals reasonable, they were concerned about the time taken by the Administration to deal with this appeal. It was noted that one shop had already closed, another had applied for staged compensation with a view to winding up, and five operators were allegedly facing legal action by their landlords. The Government was accordingly urged to introduce the revised proposals as a matter of urgency. The revised scheme, which the shop operators welcomed, was finally approved by Finance Committee in June 1982.

#### *Appeal against decision of Medical Examination Board (C 1372/81)*

The appellant petitioned UMELCO against the decision of the Chairman of the Medical Examination Board that he was medically unfit for appointment as a driver in the civil service. Three fingers of his left hand were permanently damaged as a result of a burn he had suffered as a young man. On the recommendation of a private medical practitioner, he had taken a driving test for a private car in 1968 and had passed the examination. Thereafter, he obtained additional licences for driving taxis, public cars, goods vehicles, private and public omnibuses. According to the appellant, he had been a professional driver for most types of vehicles since 1972.

In December 1980, he applied successfully for the post of motor driver in the civil service and was appointed on day-to-day terms pending a medical examination. However, after attending a medical examination in March 1981, he was found by the Chairman of the Medical Examination Board to be unfit for driving a normal vehicle. His services had therefore been terminated.

The appellant was interviewed by Dr. Harry S.Y. FANG who recommended that the Director of Medical and Health Services should arrange for a review. At the request of UMELCO, the Director made arrangements for the appellant to be re-assessed by an orthopaedic consultant who, after medically examining the appellant, found that his "present deformity should not stop him from driving motor-cycles, cars and heavy vehicles which he had been doing anyway for several years". He was accordingly reinstated in his former post and confirmed as a motor driver.

#### *Captioned television programmes for the deaf (C 2247/81)*

Representatives of the Hong Kong Society for the Deaf appealed to UMELCO for the provision of captions on Chinese TV programmes for the benefit of the deaf. They contended that despite the many pleas made by the Society to Government and to the two commercial television companies, there was up until now nothing more

than a weekly half-hour news review with sign language interpretation produced by RTHK. The representatives stressed that 36,000 people suffering from impaired hearing were being denied full access to television.

The duty roster Members who interviewed the representatives considered the Government should take the lead and should provide captions for all official programmes on television. A question was asked in the Legislative Council in December 1981 and the Secretary for Home Affairs replied that the two TV stations had already indicated that they were unable to accede to the request due to financial and manpower difficulties. He went on to explain that apart from the existing weekly news review, other constraints such as time, manpower and resources, did not readily permit RTHK to expand their range of captioned programmes.

After studying the issue further, UMELCO drew the Government's attention to the fact that Chinese subtitles were normally added to films screened on the English television channels but sub-titling was not provided on the Chinese channels. The Government was urged to consider the matter further and at the request of the Commissioner for Television and Entertainment Licensing, the two television companies agreed to look into the possibility of captioning main news headlines once a day. Both stations subsequently introduced Chinese captions covering their main evening news broadcasts beginning from July 1982.

#### *Noise nuisance at the Lee Garden Road MTR construction site (C 1167/82)*

Two complaints were received from residents in Lee Garden Road about the noise nuisance from the nearby MTR construction site. They alleged that power equipment such as pneumatic drills, air compressors, cranes, generators and bulldozers were operating around the clock, and blasting operations were shattering their peace.

To understand the situation more fully, staff members of the UMELCO Office visited the site and the home of one of the complainants. It was found that a high-rise hopper was located only a few feet from the windows of domestic flats and a crane with a suspended steel container was being used for dumping earth and rocks into the hopper. Following a discussion with the site engineer of MTRC and the Regional Secretary (Hong Kong & Kowloon), the MTRC agreed to re-locate the hopper immediately and the contractor was asked to discontinue blasting and dumping operations at night.

Subsequently, a fully-enclosed concrete mucking tower standing about six-storeys high was erected on the opposite side of Lee Garden Road to replace the high-rise hopper. Diesel-driven compressors and generators were exchanged for electric ones, and the two large air compressors were re-housed in an insulated structure similar to the mucking tower.



**UMELCO Office**

The UMELCO Office was established in 1963 to provide logistic support to Members. It is located on the 12th floor of Swire House in the Central District of Hong Kong immediately above the Central MTR terminus. Although financed under the Government Estimates, Head 112, the UMELCO Office is not a Government department. It comprises a Members Division, a Complaints Division and an Administration Division.

The UMELCO Office has a staff of 54 and is headed by the Secretary General who is responsible to the Senior Unofficial Members of the two Councils for the work of the Office. Because of the need for a full understanding of Government procedures and policies, some of the staff are seconded Government officers. However, other members of the staff are employed directly by UMELCO. An organisation chart showing the establishment and the deployment of posts in the UMELCO Office is at Appendix XV.

The *Members Division* assists Members in all their official activities, except those concerning the handling of public complaints. Its staff arrange and attend all meetings of Members. They carry out research, prepare information papers, keep minutes, and take follow-up action arising from meetings. They also undertake studies of draft legislation and help to organise, and participate in, all UMELCO visits. Representations by public bodies and other interest groups on draft legislation or other public business are also handled administratively by the Members Division.

The *Complaints Division* supports Members in the operation of the UMELCO Redress System. It receives complaints from 8.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Mondays to Fridays and from 8.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays. Its staff interview complainants, research cases and prepare reports, and conduct all correspondence arising from complaints. The charter rights of UMELCO, as a channel for the redress of grievances, and the UMELCO complaints system are described earlier in this Chapter.

The *Administration Division* provides general office services and looks after the house-keeping functions of the UMELCO Office. It also undertakes the translation of all in-coming letters in Chinese and the translation of correspondence from UMELCO in response to representations made in Chinese. In addition, the division maintains liaison with the media for all matters connected with the work of UMELCO.

**APPENDIX I****MEMBERS' BIOGRAPHIES***(as at 31.8.82)***Sir Sze-yuen CHUNG, CBE, DSC, JP**

b.: 3.11.1917

**Executive Council:**Senior Unofficial Member (since 1.9.80)  
Member (1.7.72-31.8.80)**Legislative Council:**Member (1.7.68-30.6.74)  
Senior Unofficial Member (1.7.74-31.8.78)**Education:**B.Sc. (Eng.) (1st Class Honours), University of Hong Kong  
Ph.D. (Engineering Science), University of Sheffield  
D.Sc. (Honoris Causa), University of Hong Kong  
British Council Research Scholar  
Chartered Mechanical & Production Engineer in the UK  
Fellow, Institution of Mechanical Engineers, London  
Fellow, Institution of Production Engineers, London  
Companion, British Institution of Management**Principal Occupation:**Chairman and Chief Executive Officer,  
Sonca Industries Ltd**Public Service:**Chairman, Council of the Hong Kong Polytechnic  
Chairman, Planning Committee for the Second Polytechnic  
Chairman, Standing Commission on Civil Service Salaries and Conditions of Service  
Chairman, ICAC Complaints Committee  
Chairman, Hong Kong/Japan Industrial Development Working Committee  
Convener, UMELCO Staff Steering Group  
Member, Hong Kong/Japan Business Co-operation Committee  
Member, Council of University of Hong Kong  
Member, Industrial Development Board  
Member, Hong Kong Branch Executive Committee of Hong Kong Association  
Member, Po Leung Kuk Advisory Board  
Member, Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Advisory Board  
Vice Patron, Community Chest of Hong Kong  
Honorary Life President, Federation of Hong Kong Industries**Mr. CHEUNG Oswald Victor,**

CBE, QC, LLD, JP

b.: 1922

**Executive Council:**

Member (since 1.7.74)

**Legislative Council:**Member (21.7.70-31.8.78)  
Senior Unofficial Member (1.9.78-31.8.81)**Education:**Diocesan Boys' School, Hong Kong  
University of Hong Kong  
B.A., M.A., University College, Oxford  
LL.D. (Honoris Causa), University of Hong Kong  
Fellow, International Academy of Trial Lawyers**Principal Occupation:**

Queen's Counsel

**Public Service:**Convener, UMELCO House Committee  
Convener, UMELCO Lands and Works Panel  
Convener, UMELCO Public Relations Panel  
Director, Mass Transit Railway Corporation  
Member, Court of University of Hong Kong  
Steward, Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club**Mr. Lobo, Rogerio Hyndman,**

CBE, LLD, JP

b.: 15.9.1923

**Executive Council:**

Member (since 1.9.78)

**Legislative Council:**Member (1.7.72-31.8.81)  
Senior Unofficial Member (since 1.9.81)**Education:**Escola Central, Macao  
Seminario de S. Jose, Macao  
Liceu Nacional Infante D. Henrique, Macao  
La Salle College, Hong Kong  
LL.D. (Honoris Causa), University of Hong Kong**Principal Occupation:**

Chairman, P.J. Lobo &amp; Co. Ltd.

**Public Service:**Chairman, Advisory Committee on Corruption of the ICAC  
Commissioner, Civil Aid Services  
Convener, UMELCO Housing Panel  
Member, Court of University of Hong Kong  
Member, Hong Kong Housing AuthorityMember, ICAC Complaints Committee  
Member, Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation) Review Committee  
Member, LegCo General Services Working Group  
Member, Medical Development Advisory Committee  
Member, Tenancy Tribunal Panel  
Member, UMELCO Public Relations Panel  
Member, UMELCO Security Panel  
Member, UMELCO Social Services Panel  
Member, UMELCO Staff Steering Group**Mr. LI Fook-wo, CBE, DSSC, JP**

b.: 26.9.1916

**Executive Council:**

Member (since 1.9.78)

**Legislative Council:**

Member (1.7.73-31.8.81)

**Education:**Queen's College, Hong Kong  
St. Joseph's College, Hong Kong  
B.S. (Business Administration), Boston University  
Master of Commercial Science, New York University  
Harvard University  
D.S.Sc. (Honoris Causa), Chinese University of Hong Kong  
Fellow, Institute of Bankers**Principal Occupation:**

Director, The Bank of East Asia Ltd.

**Public Service:**Chairman, Hong Kong Industrial Estates Corporation Board  
Chairman, Project Board of the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts  
Chairman, Working Group on Indebtedness in the Civil Service  
Convener, UMELCO Economic Services and Monetary Affairs Panel  
Deputy Chairman, Board of Stewards, Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club  
Member, Economic Review Committee  
Member, Industry Advisory Board  
Member, Jubilee Sports Centre Board  
Member, Standing Committee on Directorate Salaries and Conditions of Service  
Member, UMELCO Security Panel



**Dr. FANG, Harry Sin-yang,**  
CBE, LLD, JP

b.: 2.8.1923

**Executive Council:**  
Member (since 1.9.78)**Legislative Council:**  
Member (since 1.7.74)**Education:**  
King's College, Hong Kong  
M.B., B.S., University of Hong Kong  
Master Degree in Orthopaedic Surgery,  
University of Liverpool  
Fellow, Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh  
Fellow, American College of Surgeons  
Fellow, Royal Australasian College of  
Surgeons  
Fellow, British Orthopaedic Association  
Fellow, Société Internationale de Chirurgie  
Orthopédique et de Traumatologie  
LL.D. (Honoris Causa), University of  
Hong Kong**Principal Occupation:**  
Practitioner in Orthopaedic Surgery**Public Service:**  
Chairman, Central Co-ordinating Committee  
for the International Year of Disabled Persons  
Chairman, Medical Development Advisory  
Committee  
Chairman, Rehabilitation Development  
Co-ordinating Committee  
Vice-Chairman, School Medical Service  
Board  
Convener, LegCo Social Services Working  
Group  
Convener, UMELCO Social Services Panel  
Member, Council of the Chinese University of  
Hong Kong  
Member, Court of University of Hong Kong  
Member, Hong Kong Auxiliary Medical  
Service  
Member, UMELCO Civil Service Panel  
Member, UMELCO Staff Steering Panel**Mr. Sandberg, Michael Graham**  
**Ruddock, CBE, JP**

b.: 31.5.1927

**Executive Council:**  
Member (since 1.9.78)**Education:**  
St Edward's, Oxford**Principal Occupation:**  
Chairman, The Hong Kong and Shanghai  
Banking Corporation**Public Service:**  
Chairman, Board of Stewards,  
Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club  
Vice-Chairman, Hong Kong Arts Festival  
President, Community Chest of Hong Kong  
President, Duchess of Kent's Children's  
Hospital at Sandy Bay  
Treasurer, University of Hong Kong  
Trustee, The China Fleet Club  
Member, Exchange Fund Advisory  
Committee  
Member, General Committee, Hong Kong  
General Chamber of Commerce  
Member, Hong Kong/Japan Business  
Co-operation Committee  
Member, UMELCO Economic Services and  
Monetary Affairs Panel  
Member, UMELCO House Committee**Mr. LO, Tak Shing, CBE, MA, JP**

b.: 23.1.1935

**Executive Council:**  
Member (since 1.4.80)**Legislative Council:**  
Member (since 1.7.74)**Education:**  
Lingnam Primary School, Canton Lingnam  
Middle School, Hong Kong  
King's College, Taunton  
Wadham College, Oxford**Principal Occupation:**  
Solicitor & Partner, Lo & Lo Solicitors**Public Service:**  
Chairman, Establishment Sub-Committee of  
the Finance Committee, Legislative Council  
Chairman, Transport Advisory Committee  
Chairman, UMELCO Police Group  
Convener, LegCo General Services Working  
Group  
Convener, UMELCO Civil Service Panel  
Convener, UMELCO Security Panel  
President, Hong Kong Playground  
Association  
Member, Court of University of Hong Kong  
Member, English Schools Foundation  
Member, Law Reform Commission  
Member, Legal Practitioners Disciplinary  
Committee Panel  
Member, LegCo Legislation Scrutiny  
Working Group  
Member, UMELCO Staff Steering Panel  
Member, UMELCO Transport Panel**The Rev. McGovern, Patrick**  
**Terence, OBE, SJ, JP**

b.: 28.10.1920

**Executive Council:**  
Member (1.9.80-31.8.82)**Legislative Council:**  
Member (since 1.9.76)**Education:**  
Belvedere College, Dublin  
B.A., University College Dublin, National  
University of Ireland  
Ecclesiastical Degrees in Philosophy and  
Theology**Principal Occupation:**  
Catholic Priest**Public Service:**  
Convener, UMELCO Education Panel  
Deputy Convener, LegCo General Services  
Working Group  
Member, Action Committee Against Narcotics  
Addiction Treatment Centre  
Appeal Board  
Member, Court of University of Hong Kong  
Member, Economic Review Committee  
Member, LegCo Ad Hoc Group on Review of  
Correctional Institutions Managed by  
Social Welfare Department  
Member, LegCo Economic Services Working  
Group  
Member, LegCo Legislation Scrutiny  
Working Group  
Member, Public Accounts Committee  
Member, Standing Commission on Civil  
Service Salaries and Conditions of Service  
Member, UMELCO Housing Panel  
Member, UMELCO Police Group  
Member, UMELCO Security Panel  
Member, UMELCO Social Services Panel  
Member, UMELCO Transport Panel**Mr. Newbigging, David Kennedy,**  
OBE, JP

b.: 19.1.1934

**Executive Council:**  
Member (since 2.12.80)**Legislative Council:**  
Member (1.9.78-31.8.82)**Education:**  
Educated in Canada and at Oundle School,  
England**Principal Occupation:**  
Chairman and Senior Managing Director,  
Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.  
Chairman and Managing Director,  
The Hong Kong Land Co., Ltd.**Public Service:**  
Chairman, Hong Kong Tourist Association  
Board of Management  
Chairman, The Hong Kong General  
Chamber of Commerce  
Convener, LegCo Monetary Policy Working  
Group  
Trustee, The China Fleet Club  
Member, Aviation Advisory Board  
Member, Economic Review Committee  
Member, Jubilee Sports Centre Board  
Member, LegCo Economic Services Working  
Group  
Member, University and Polytechnic Grants  
Committee  
Member, UMELCO Civil Service Panel  
Member, UMELCO Economic Services and  
Monetary Affairs Panel  
Member, UMELCO Security Panel  
Member, UMELCO Staff Steering Panel  
Steward, Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club**Dr. Tien, Francis Yuan-hao,**  
OBE, LLD, JP

b.: 25.9.1915

**Legislative Council:**  
Member (since 1.7.74)**Education:**  
Certificate, Lester Technical School,  
Shanghai, China  
Matriculation Certificate (External),  
London University  
Diploma in Mechanical Engineering,  
Henry Lester Institute of Technical  
Education, Shanghai, China  
Practical Training, Mechanical Engineer,  
Metropolitan Vickers Electrical  
Co. Ltd, Manchester, England  
Fellow, Clothing and Footwear Institute,  
London  
Fellow, Hong Kong Institution of Engineers  
Hon. Fellow, Royal College of Surgeons,  
Edinburgh  
LL.D. (Honoris Causa), University of  
Hong Kong**Principal Occupation:**  
Founder, Chairman and Managing Director,  
Manhattan Garments Ltd.**Public Service:**  
Chairman, Clothing Industry Training  
Authority  
Chairman, Extra-Mural Studies Advisory  
Board, Chinese University of Hong KongChairman, Vocational Training Council  
Chairman, Clothing Industry Training Board  
Hon. Chairman, Hong Kong Garment  
Manufacturers Association  
International Vice-President, Clothing &  
Footwear Institute, London  
Convener, LegCo Economic Services Working  
Group  
Member, Council of the Chinese University of  
Hong Kong  
Member, Council of the Hong Kong  
Polytechnic  
Member, Court of University of Hong Kong  
Member, UMELCO Economic Services and  
Monetary Affairs Panel  
Member, UMELCO Education Panel**Mr. WU, Alex Shu-chih, OBE, JP**

b.: 14.9.1920

**Legislative Council:**  
Member (since 1.7.75)**Education:**  
Yale-in-China, Changsha, Hunan, China  
Customs College (Marine School),  
Shanghai, China  
National South West Associated University,  
Kunming, China  
Fellow, British Institute of Management**Principal Occupation:**  
Chairman, Fidelity Management Ltd.**Public Service:**  
Chairman, Council for the Performing Arts  
Chairman, Duke of Edinburgh's Award  
Committee  
Chairman, Printing Industry Training Board  
Chairman, Provisional Council of the  
Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts  
Chairman, Supplementary Medical  
Professions Council  
Chairman, Working Party on the  
Development of a Chinese Language  
Foundation  
Chairman, Working Party on the Pharmacy  
and Ancillary Matters  
Deputy Chairman, Vocational Training  
Council  
Convener, UMELCO Cultural Affairs and  
Recreation Panel  
Member, UMELCO Chinese Language Policy  
Panel  
Member, UMELCO Civil Service Panel  
Member, UMELCO Education Panel  
Member, UMELCO Security Panel  
Member, LegCo General Services Working  
Group  
Member, Aviation Advisory Board  
Member, Board of Education  
Member, Industry Advisory Board  
Member, Po Leung Kuk Advisory Board  
Member, Stamp Advisory Committee  
Member, Tung Wah Group of Hospitals  
Advisory Board  
Member, University and Polytechnic Grants  
Committee**The Rev. Bennett, Joyce Mary,**  
OBE, JP

b.: 22.4.1923

**Legislative Council:**  
Member (since 1.9.76)**Education:**  
B.A. (History), University of London  
Diploma in Education, University of London  
Diploma in Theology, University of London**Principal Occupation:**  
Principal, St. Catharine's School for Girls,  
Kwun Tong**Public Service:**  
Convener, LegCo Ad Hoc Group on the  
Review of Correctional Institutions  
Managed by the Social Welfare  
Department  
Deputy Convener, LegCo Social Services  
Working Group  
Member, Advisory Committee on Corruption  
of the ICAC  
Member, Court of the University of  
Hong Kong  
Member, Education Sub-Committee of the  
Rehabilitation Development Co-ordinating  
Committee  
Member, English Schools Foundation  
Member, LegCo General Services Working  
Group  
Member, UMELCO Administration and  
Environmental Affairs Panel  
Member, UMELCO Chinese Language Policy  
Panel  
Member, UMELCO Civil Service Panel  
Member, UMELCO Cultural Affairs and  
Recreation Panel  
Member, UMELCO Education Panel  
Member, UMELCO Police Group  
Member, UMELCO Security Panel  
Member, UMELCO Social Services Panel**Mr. CHEN, Shou-lum, OBE, JP**

b.: 30.8.1925

**Legislative Council:**  
Member (since 1.9.76)**Education:**  
M.Sc. (Engineering), University of London  
Fellow of Imperial College, University of  
London  
Fellow, Institution of Electrical,  
Engineers, London  
Hon. Fellow, Hong Kong Institution of  
Engineers  
Senior Member, Institute of Electrical and  
Electronic Engineers of U.S.A.**Principal Occupation:**  
Director and General Manager, The Hong  
Kong Electric Co. Ltd.  
Director, Hong Kong Electric Holdings Ltd.  
Director, Cable & Wireless (Hong Kong) Ltd.**Public Service:**  
Chairman, Public Accounts Committee  
Deputy Chairman, Council of the Hong Kong  
Polytechnic  
Chairman, Academic Planning and  
Development Sub-Committee of the Planning  
Committee of the Second Polytechnic  
Deputy Convener, LegCo Community Services  
Working Group  
Convener, UMELCO Administration and  
Environmental Affairs Panel  
Member, Advisory Committee on Corruption  
of the ICAC  
Member, Advisory Committee on  
Diversification  
Member, Committee to Review Post-Secondary  
and Technical Education  
Member, Council of the Chinese University of  
Hong Kong  
Member, Hong Kong Industrial Estates  
Corporation Board  
Member, LegCo Economic Services Working  
Group  
Member, UMELCO Civil Service Panel  
Member, UMELCO Economic Services and  
Monetary Affairs Panel  
Member, UMELCO Social Services PanelMember, UMELCO Transport Panel  
Member, Vocational Training Council  
Member, Standing Commission on Civil  
Service Salaries and Conditions of Service**Miss DUNN, Lydia, OBE, JP**

b.: 29.2.1940

**Legislative Council:**  
Member (since 1.9.76)**Education:**  
St. Paul's Convent School, Hong Kong  
B.S. (Business Administration), University of  
California**Principal Occupation:**  
Executive Director, Swire Pacific Ltd.  
Director, John Swire & Sons (HK) Ltd.**Public Service:**  
Chairman, Special Committee on Land Supply  
Chairman, Board of Governors of the Prince  
Philip Dental Hospital  
Chairman, Textile Sub-Committee, Federation  
of Hong Kong Industries  
Chairman, Editorial Board Textile & Clothing  
Joint Conference  
Chairman, Working Group on Private Sector  
Participation (in land production)  
Convener, LegCo Community Services Working  
Group  
Convener, UMELCO Transport Panel  
Director, Mass Transit Railway Corporation  
Member, Council of World Wildlife Fund  
Member, Council of Chinese University of  
Hong Kong  
Member, Clothing Institute  
Member, Council of the Hong Kong  
Management Association  
Member, Council of the Trade Policy Research  
Centre, London  
Member, Economic Review Committee  
Member, General Committee of the Federation  
of Hong Kong Industries  
Member, ICAC Complaints Committee  
Member, Land Development Policy Committee  
Member, LegCo Economic Services Working  
Group  
Member, Public Accounts Committee  
Member, Textiles Advisory Board  
Member, UMELCO Economic Services and  
Monetary Affairs Panel  
Member, UMELCO House Committee  
Member, UMELCO Lands and Works Panel



**Dr. HU, Henry Hung-lick, OBE, JP**

b.: 15.1.1920

**Legislative Council:**  
Member (since 1.9.76)**Education:**  
Ph.D., Paris University  
Diploma of High Studies in International Law  
and International Affairs, Paris University**Principal Occupation:**  
Barrister-at-Law**Public Service:**  
Chairman, Board of Review (Education)  
Member, Hong Kong Housing Authority  
Member, Hong Kong Playground Association  
Member, LegCo Ad Hoc Group on Review of  
Correctional Institutions Managed by Social  
Welfare Department  
Member, LegCo Legislation Scrutiny Working  
Group  
Member, LegCo Monetary Policy Working  
Group  
Member, LegCo Social Services Working Group  
Member, UMELCO Administration and  
Environmental Affairs Panel  
Member, UMELCO Chinese Language Policy  
Panel  
Member, UMELCO Civil Service Panel  
Member, UMELCO Cultural Affairs and  
Recreation Panel  
Member, UMELCO Education Panel  
Member, UMELCO Housing Panel  
Member, UMELCO Public Relations Panel  
Member, UMELCO Security Panel  
Member, UMELCO Social Services Panel**Mr. WONG, Peter C., OBE, JP  
(Peter Chak-cheong WONG)**

b.: 19.9.1922

**Legislative Council:**  
Member (since 1.9.76)**Education:**  
Solicitor, England  
Solicitor, Hong Kong  
Notary Public, Hong Kong  
Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators,  
England  
Fellow, Association of Business Executives,  
England  
Fellow, British Institute of Management  
B.A., University of Hong Kong  
Part I, Engineering Degree Course, University  
of Hong Kong  
Final Part II (Hons.), Australian Institute of  
International Accountants  
Certificate of Education**Principal Occupation:**  
Solicitor, Notary Public and Chartered Arbitrator**Public Service:**  
Convener, LegCo Legislation Scrutiny Working  
Group  
Member, Board of Widows' and Children's  
Pensions Scheme  
Member, Council of the University of  
Hong Kong  
Member, Court of University of Hong Kong  
Member, Hong Kong Tourist Association Board  
of Management  
Member, Landlord and Tenant  
(Consolidation) Review Committee  
Member, Lands Tribunal Panel  
Member, Legal Practitioners Disciplinary  
Committee Panel  
Member, Public Accounts CommitteeMember, UMELCO Civil Service Panel  
Member, UMELCO Lands and Works Panel  
Member, UMELCO Public Relations Panel  
Member, UMELCO Security Panel  
Member, UMELCO Social Services Panel  
Member, UMELCO Staff Steering Panel**Mr. WONG Lam, OBE, JP**

b.: 23.7.1919

**Legislative Council:**  
Member (since 1.9.76)**Education:**  
Ellis Kadoorie School, Hong Kong  
Kwong Chung Middle School, Canton**Principal Occupation:**  
Public Relations Manager, Kowloon Motor Bus  
(1933) Ltd.**Public Service:**  
Convener, UMELCO Chinese Language  
Policy Panel  
Member, Fish Marketing Advisory Board  
Member, Fisheries Development Loan Fund  
Advisory Committee  
Member, Kwun Tong District Board  
Member, Marine Fish Scholarship Fund  
Advisory Committee  
Member, LegCo Community Services Working  
Group  
Member, LegCo General Services Working  
Group  
Member, LegCo Social Services Working Group  
Member, UMELCO Civil Service Panel  
Member, UMELCO Housing Panel  
Member, UMELCO Police Group  
Member, UMELCO Public Relations Panel  
Member, UMELCO Security Panel  
Member, UMELCO Social Services Panel  
Member, UMELCO Transport Panel**Dr. HUANG, Rayson Lisung,  
CBE, DSC, JP**

b.: 1.9.1920

**Legislative Council:**  
Member (since 1.9.77)**Education:**  
B.Sc., University of Hong Kong  
D. Phil., University of Oxford  
D.Sc., University of Oxford  
D.Sc., University of Malaya  
D.Sc. (Hon.), University of Hong Kong**Principal Occupation:**  
Vice-Chancellor, University of Hong Kong**Public Service:**  
Chairman, Council of the Association of  
Commonwealth Universities  
President, Association of Southeast Asian  
Institutions of Higher Learning  
Member, Board of Trustees of the Croucher  
Foundation  
Member, Council of the Chinese University  
of Hong Kong  
Member, ICAC Complaints Committee  
Member, LegCo Social Services Working  
Group  
Member, UMELCO Administration and  
Environmental Affairs Panel  
Member, UMELCO Education Panel  
Member, Windsor Education Foundation**Mr. YEUNG, Charles Siu-cho,  
OBE, JP**

b.: 19.12.1934

**Legislative Council:**  
Member (since 1.9.77)**Education:**  
LL.B., University of London**Principal Occupation:**  
Solicitor and Notary Public**Public Service:**  
Member, Appeals Board (Education)  
Member, Board of Education  
Member, Council for Recreation and Sport  
Member, Country Parks Board  
Member, Court of University of Hong Kong  
Member, Fight Crime Committee  
Member, Heung Yee Kuk  
Member, Keep Hong Kong Clean Campaign  
Steering Committee  
Member, Legal Practitioners Disciplinary  
Committee Panel  
Member, LegCo Community Services Working  
Group  
Member, LegCo General Services Working  
Group  
Member, LegCo Legislation Scrutiny Working  
Group  
Member, LegCo Monetary Policy Working  
Group  
Member, Po Leung Kuk Advisory Board  
Member, Public Accounts Committee  
Member, UMELCO Civil Service Panel  
Member, UMELCO Cultural Affairs and  
Recreation Panel  
Member, UMELCO Lands and Works Panel  
Member, UMELCO Public Relations Panel  
Member, UMELCO Security Panel  
Member, Yuen Long District Board**Dr. HO, Kam-fai, OBE, JP**

b.: 10.6.1933

**Legislative Council:**  
Member (since 1.9.78)**Education:**  
Postgraduate Diploma in Social Study,  
University of Hong Kong  
M.S.W., Columbia University  
D.S.W., Columbia University**Principal Occupation:**  
Senior Lecturer in Social Work, the Chinese  
University of Hong Kong**Public Service:**  
Member, Board of Widows' and Children's  
Pensions Scheme  
Member, Fight Crime Committee  
Member, Law Reform Commission of  
Hong Kong ("Community Service Orders"  
— Topic 7)  
Member, LegCo Ad Hoc Group on Review of  
Correctional Institutions Managed by Social  
Welfare Department  
Member, LegCo Economic Services Working  
Group  
Member, LegCo General Services Working  
Group  
Member, LegCo Social Services Working  
Group  
Member, Medical Development Advisory  
Committee  
Member, Social Welfare Advisory Committee  
Member, UMELCO Chinese Language Policy  
Panel  
Member, UMELCO Civil Service PanelMember, UMELCO Cultural Affairs and  
Recreation Panel  
Member, UMELCO Education Panel  
Member, UMELCO Lands and Works Panel  
Member, UMELCO Public Relations Panel  
Member, UMELCO Security Panel  
Member, UMELCO Social Services Panel  
Member, Vocational Training Council  
Member, Working Party on the Command and  
Management Course for Mid-Level Civil  
Servants  
Member, Working Party on the Establishment  
of the Chinese Language Foundation  
Member, Working Group on Provision of  
Aftercare Services for Ex-mental Patients**Mr. LEE, Allen Peng-fei, OBE, JP**

b.: 24.4.1940

**Legislative Council:**  
Member (since 1.9.78)**Education:**  
B.S. (Engineering Mathematics), University of  
Michigan**Principal Occupation:**  
Managing Director, Ampex World Operations,  
S.A. Hong Kong**Public Service:**  
Chairman, Hong Kong Productivity Council  
Regional Commander (Hong Kong and  
Islands), Civil Aid Services  
Member, Citizens Advisory Committee on  
Community Relations of the ICAC  
Deputy Convener, LegCo Economic Services  
Working Group  
Member, Economic Review Committee  
Member, General Committee, Federation of  
Hong Kong Industries  
Member, Industrial Development Board  
Member, Industry Advisory Board  
Member, Securities Commission  
Member, Sham Shui Po District Board  
Member, UMELCO Civil Service Panel  
Member, UMELCO Lands and Works Panel  
Member, Vocational Training Council**Mr. SO, Andrew Kwok-wing, JP**

b.: 29.3.1939

**Legislative Council:**  
Member (since 1.9.78)**Education:**  
Wah Yan College, Kowloon  
Grantham Teachers Training College,  
Hong Kong**Principal Occupation:**  
Assistant Vice-President (Asia and Africa),  
CUNA Mutual Insurance Group**Public Service:**  
Member, Citizens Advisory Committee on  
Community Relations of the ICAC  
Member, Complaints Committee of the ICAC  
Member, Environmental Protection Advisory  
Committee  
Member, LegCo Ad Hoc Group on Review of  
Correctional Institutions Managed by Social  
Welfare Department  
Member, LegCo Economic Services Working  
Group  
Member, LegCo Social Services Working  
Group  
Member, Mongkok District Board  
Member, Standing Commission on Civil Service  
Salaries and Conditions of Service  
Member, UMELCO Administration and  
Environmental Affairs PanelMember, UMELCO Civil Service Panel  
Member, UMELCO Public Relations Panel  
Member, UMELCO Social Services Panel  
Member, Working Board on the Practice of  
Pharmacy and Ancillary Matters**Mr. HU, Fa-kuang, JP**

b.: 14.2.1924

**Legislative Council:**  
Member (since 1.9.79)**Education:**  
B.Sc. (Mechanical Engineering), Chiao Tung  
University, China**Principal Occupation:**  
Chairman and Senior Managing Director,  
Ryoden Electric Engineering Co., Ltd.**Public Service:**  
Chairman, Transport Tribunal  
Member, Council for Recreation and Sport  
Chairman, Community Recreation  
Sub-committee, Council for Recreation and  
Sport  
Member, Hong Kong Housing Authority  
Chairman, Appeals Committee, Hong Kong  
Housing Authority  
Vice-President, Hong Kong Playground  
Association  
Member, Law Reform Commission of  
Hong Kong  
Member, LegCo Ad Hoc Group on Review of  
Correctional Institutions Managed by Social  
Welfare Department  
Member, LegCo Community Services Working  
Group  
Member, LegCo Economic Services Working  
Group  
Member, LegCo General Services Working  
Group  
Member, LegCo Social Services Working  
Group  
Member, Statistics Advisory Board  
Member, Transport Advisory Committee  
Member, UMELCO Cultural Affairs and  
Recreation Panel  
Member, UMELCO House Committee  
Member, UMELCO Housing Panel  
Member, UMELCO Public Relations Panel  
Member, UMELCO Social Services Panel  
Member, UMELCO Transport Panel  
Member, Urban Council  
Chairman, Culture and Entertainment Select  
Committee, Urban Council  
Vice-Chairman, Recreation Select Committee  
Urban Council  
Member, Wanchai District Board**Mr. WONG, Po-yan, OBE, JP**

b.: 5.5.1923

**Legislative Council:**  
Member (since 1.9.79)**Education:**  
B.Sc. (Chemistry), National University of  
Amoy, China**Principal Occupation:**  
Chairman and Managing Director, United  
Overseas Enterprises, Ltd.**Public Service:**  
Chairman, Advisory Committee on Applied  
Science, Hong Kong Polytechnic  
Member, General Committee, Federation of  
Hong Kong Industries  
Member, Hong Kong Industrial Estates  
Corporation BoardMember, Hong Kong Trade Development  
Council  
Member, Industry Advisory Board  
Member, Landlord and Tenant  
(Consolidation) Review Committee  
Member, LegCo Community Services Working  
Group  
Member, LegCo Economic Services Working  
Group  
Member, LegCo Monetary Policy Working  
Group  
Member, Trade Advisory Board  
Member, UMELCO Administration and  
Environmental Affairs Panel  
Member, UMELCO Economic Services and  
Monetary Affairs Panel  
Member, UMELCO Lands and Works Panel  
Member, UMELCO Public Relations Panel  
Member, UMELCO Social Services Panel**Mr. Brown, William Charles  
Langdon, OBE, JP**

b.: 9.9.1931

**Legislative Council:**  
Member (since 1.9.80)**Education:**  
Ashbourne School, Derbyshire**Principal Occupation:**  
Area General Manager, The Chartered Bank**Public Service:**  
Chairman, Hong Kong Export Credit  
Insurance Corporation Advisory Board  
Vice-Chairman, The Hong Kong Association  
of Banks  
Deputy Chairman, The Community Chest of  
Hong Kong Executive Committee  
Director, Mass Transit Railway Corporation  
Deputy Convener, LegCo Monetary Policy  
Working Group  
Member, Advisory Committee on Corruption  
of the ICAC  
Member, Banking Advisory Committee  
Member, Council for the Performing Arts  
Member, Council of the Chinese University  
of Hong Kong  
Member, Economic Review Committee  
Member, Exchange Fund Advisory Committee  
Member, Hong Kong Trade Development  
Council  
Member, LegCo Ad Hoc Group on Review of  
Correctional Institutions Managed by Social  
Welfare Department  
Member, LegCo Economic Services Working  
Group  
Member, Provisional Council of the  
Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts  
Member, Public Accounts Committee  
Member, Sir Robert Black Trust Fund  
Committee  
Member, Special Committee on Land Supply  
Member, UMELCO Cultural Affairs and  
Recreation Panel  
Member, UMELCO Economic Services and  
Monetary Affairs Panel  
Member, UMELCO Police Group



**Mr. CHAN, Kam-chuen, JP**

b.: 15.6.1925

**Legislative Council:**  
Member (since 1.9.80)

**Education:**  
La Salle College, Hong Kong  
Hendon College, London  
Cranfield School of Management,  
Bedfordshire, U.K.

**Principal Occupation:**  
Building Services Manager, Cable & Wireless  
Ltd, Hong Kong

**Public Service:**  
Chairman, KCR Ex-gratia Payment  
Assessment Panel  
Member, Fish Marketing Advisory Board  
Member, Fisheries Development Loan Fund  
Advisory Committee  
Member, Hong Kong Productivity Council  
Member, Keep Hong Kong Clean Campaign  
No. 2 Steering Committee  
Member, Labour Advisory Board  
Member, LegCo Community Services Working  
Group  
Member, LegCo Economic Services Working  
Group  
Member, LegCo General Services Working  
Group  
Member, LegCo Legislation Scrutiny Working  
Group  
Member, LegCo Social Services Working  
Group  
Member, Transport Advisory Committee  
Member, UMELCO Civil Service Panel  
Member, UMELCO Housing Panel  
Member, UMELCO Public Relations Panel  
Member, UMELCO Social Services Panel  
Member, UMELCO Transport Panel  
Member, Vocational Training Council  
Lay Assessor, Magistrates' Courts, Hong Kong

**Mr. Swaine, John Joseph,**  
OBE, QC, JP

b.: 22.4.1932

**Legislative Council:**  
Member (since 1.9.80)

**Education:**  
St. Joseph's College, Hong Kong  
B.A., University of Hong Kong  
Queens' College, Cambridge

**Principal Occupation:**  
Queen's Counsel

**Public Service:**  
Chairman, Review Sub-Committee of the  
Licentiate Committee of the Medical  
Council of Hong Kong  
Deputy Convener, LegCo Legislation Scrutiny  
Working Group  
Member, Advisory Committee on Telephone  
Services  
Member, ICAC Complaints Committee  
Member, Kowloon-Canton Railway  
Corporation Transitional Board  
Member, LegCo General Services Working  
Group  
Member, Panel of Arbitrators  
Member, Standing Committee on Directorate  
Salaries and Conditions of Service  
Member, UMELCO Civil Service Panel  
Member, UMELCO Police Group  
Member, UMELCO Security Panel

**Mr. CHEONG, Stephen**  
**Kam-chuen, JP**

b.: 31.5.1941

**Legislative Council:**  
Member (since 2.12.80)

**Education:**  
La Salle College, Hong Kong  
B.Sc. (Engineering), Imperial College, London  
M. Phil., London University  
Dip., Imperial College, London

**Principal Occupation:**  
Managing Director, Lee Wah Weaving Factory  
Ltd. and Cheong's Textile Co. Ltd.

**Public Service:**  
Chairman, Transport Complaints Unit  
Member, Aviation Advisory Board  
Member, General Committee, Federation of  
Hong Kong Industries  
Member, Hong Kong Export Credit Insurance  
Corporation Advisory Board  
Member, LegCo Community Services Working  
Group  
Member, LegCo Economic Services Working  
Group  
Member, LegCo Monetary Policy Working  
Group  
Member, Public Accounts Committee  
Member, Rice Advisory Committee  
Member, Statistics Advisory Board  
Member, Textiles Advisory Board  
Member, Town Planning Board  
Member, Transport Advisory Committee  
Member, UMELCO Economic Services and  
Monetary Affairs Panel  
Member, UMELCO Housing Panel  
Member, UMELCO Lands and Works Panel  
Member, UMELCO Police Group  
Member, UMELCO Transport Panel

**Mr. CHEUNG, Benton**  
**Yan-lung, MBE, S.B.St.J., JP**

b.: 18.4.1922

**Legislative Council:**  
Member (since 1.9.81)

**Education:**  
La Salle College, Hong Kong  
B.A., University of Dr. SUN Yat-sen, Canton

**Principal Occupation:**  
Businessman

**Public Service:**  
Chairman, North District Community Centre  
and Town Hall Management Committee  
Director, Kowloon-Canton Railway  
Corporation  
Member, Agricultural Products Scholarship  
Fund Advisory Committee  
Member, Duke of Edinburgh's Award  
Committee  
Member, Hong Kong Housing Authority  
Group  
Member, LegCo Community Services Working  
Group  
Member, LegCo General Services Working  
Group  
Member, LegCo Social Services Working  
Group  
Member, Marine Fish Scholarship Fund  
Advisory Committee  
Member, Marketing Advisory Board  
Member, North District Board  
Member, Police Cadet School Advisory Board  
Member, UMELCO Administration and  
Environmental Affairs Panel  
Member, UMELCO Chinese Language Policy  
Panel

Member, UMELCO Cultural Affairs and  
Recreation Panel  
Member, UMELCO Lands and Works Panel  
Member, UMELCO Public Relations Panel  
Member, UMELCO Social Services Panel  
Member, Vegetable Marketing Advisory Board

**Mrs. CHOW, Selina Shuk-ye**  
**(nee LIANG), JP**

b.: 25.1.1945

**Legislative Council:**  
Member (since 1.9.81)

**Education:**  
St. Paul's Co-Educational College, Hong Kong  
B.A. (English), University of Hong Kong  
Post Graduate Diploma, Rose Bruford College  
of Speech and Drama, U.K.  
L.R.A.M. in Drama (Teacher and Performer),  
A.D.B.

**Principal Occupation:**  
Director, Brainchild Ltd.

**Public Service:**  
Advisor, Against Child Abuse  
Member, Agency for Volunteer Service  
Member, Council for the Performing Arts  
Member, Executive Committee, Housing Society  
Member, Kowloon-Canton Railway  
Corporation Transitional Board  
Member, Law Reform Commission of  
Hong Kong  
Member, LegCo Ad Hoc Group on Review of  
Correctional Institutions Managed by Social  
Welfare Department  
Member, LegCo Community Services Working  
Group  
Member, LegCo General Services Working  
Group  
Member, LegCo Social Services Working Group  
Member, Mong Kok District Board  
Member, Provisional Council for the  
Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts  
Member, UMELCO Cultural Affairs and  
Recreation Panel  
Member, UMELCO Education Panel  
Member, UMELCO Housing Panel  
Member, UMELCO Public Relations Panel  
Member, Urban Council  
Member, World Wide Life Fund

**Miss TAM, Maria Wai-chu, JP**

b.: 2.11.1945

**Legislative Council:**  
Member (since 1.9.81)

**Education:**  
St. Paul's Co-Educational College, Hong Kong  
LL.B., London University  
Member of Gray's Inn

**Principal Occupation:**  
Barrister-at-Law

**Public Service:**  
Member, Action Committee Against Narcotics  
Member, Board of Education  
Member, Eastern District Board  
Member, Hong Kong Housing Authority  
Member, LegCo Community Services  
Working Group  
Member, LegCo General Services Working  
Group  
Member, LegCo Legislation Scrutiny Group  
Member, Transport Advisory Committee  
Member, UMELCO Housing Panel  
Member, UMELCO Lands and Works Panel  
Member, UMELCO Security Panel  
Member, Urban Council

**APPENDIX II**  
**OTHER PUBLIC BODIES, BOARDS**  
**AND COMMITTEES**  
**ON WHICH UMELCO MEMBERS SERVE**  
*(as at 31.8.82)*

**Action Committee Against Narcotics**  
Rev. Hon. Patrick T. McGovern *Member*  
Hon. Maria TAM Wai-chu *Member*

**Addiction Treatment Centre Appeal Board**  
Rev. Hon. Patrick T. McGovern *Member*

**Advisory Committee on Applied Science,**  
**Hong Kong Polytechnic**  
Hon. WONG Po-yan *Chairman*

**Advisory Committee on Corruption of the**  
**ICAC**  
Hon. R.H. Lobo *Chairman*  
Rev. Hon. Joyce M. Bennett *Member*  
Hon. CHEN Shou-lum *Member*  
Hon. W.C.L. Brown *Member*

**Advisory Committee on Diversification**  
Hon. CHEN Shou-lum *Member*

**Advisory Committee on Engineering,**  
**University of Hong Kong**  
Hon. Allen LEE Peng-fei *Member*

**Advisory Committee on Telephone Services**  
Hon. J.J. Swaine *Member*

**Agency for Volunteer Service**  
Hon. Mrs. Selina CHOW  
LIANG Shuk-ye *Member*

**Agricultural Products Scholarship Fund**  
**Advisory Committee**  
Hon. Benton CHEUNG Yan-lung *Member*

**Appeals Board (Education)**  
Hon. Charles YEUNG Siu-cho *Member*

**Asian Confederation of Credit Unions**  
Hon. Andrew SO Kwok-wing *Secretary*

**Associaçao Portuguesa de Socorros Mutuos**  
Hon. R.H. Lobo *Treasurer*

**Aviation Advisory Board**  
Hon. D.K. Newbigging *Member*  
Hon. Alex S.C. WU *Member*  
Hon. Stephen CHEONG  
Kam-chuen *Member*

**Banking Advisory Committee**  
Hon. W.C.L. Brown *Member*

**Board of Education**  
Hon. Alex S.C. WU *Member*  
Hon. Charles YEUNG Siu-cho *Member*

**Board of the Mass Transit Railway**  
**Corporation**  
Hon. O.V. CHEUNG *Director*  
Hon. Lydia DUNN *Director*  
Hon. W.C.L. Brown *Director*

**Board of Review (Education)**  
Dr. Hon. Henry HU Hung-lick *Chairman*

**Boys' & Girls' Clubs Association**  
Dr. Hon. HO Kam-fai *Member*  
*(Executive*  
*Committee)*  
Hon. Maria TAM Wai-chu *Member*  
*(Executive*  
*Committee)*

**Caritas — Hong Kong**  
Hon. R.H. Lobo *Chairman*

**Caritas Medical Committee**  
Dr. Hon. Harry S.Y. FANG *Chairman*

**Chinese Manufacturers' Association of**  
**Hong Kong**  
Hon. WONG Po-yan *Vice-President*

**Chinese University Student's Union**  
Hon. Maria TAM Wai-chu *Legal Adviser*

**Citizens Advisory Committee on Community**  
**Relations of the ICAC**  
Hon. Allen LEE Peng-fei *Member*  
Hon. Andrew SO Kwok-wing *Member*

**Civil Aid Services**  
Hon. R.H. Lobo *Commissioner*  
Hon. Allen LEE Peng-fei *Regional*  
*Commandant*

**Clothing & Footwear Institute, London**  
Dr. Hon. Francis Y.H. TIEN *Vice-President*

**Clothing Industry Training Authority**  
Dr. Hon. Francis Y.H. TIEN *Chairman*

**Clothing Institute**  
Hon. Lydia DUNN *Member*

**Committee to Review Post-Secondary and**  
**Technical Education**  
Hon. CHEN Shou-lum *Member*

**Community Chest of Hong Kong**  
Hon. M.G.R. Sandberg *President*  
*Vice Patron*  
Hon. Sir S.Y. CHUNG *Vice Patron*  
Hon. R.H. Lobo *Vice Patron*  
Hon. LI Fook-wo *Vice Patron*  
Hon. D.K. Newbigging *Vice Patron*  
Hon. W.C.L. Brown *Director*  
*Deputy*  
*Chairman*  
*(Executive*  
*Committee)*

**Council of Chinese University of Hong Kong**  
Dr. Hon. Francis Y.H. TIEN *Member*  
Dr. Hon. Rayson Lisung HUANG *Member*  
Hon. W.C.L. Brown *Member*

**Elected by UMELCO**  
Dr. Hon. Harry S.Y. FANG *Member*  
Hon. CHEN Shou-lum *Member*  
Hon. Lydia DUNN *Member*

**Council of the Hong Kong Polytechnic**  
Hon. Sir S.Y. CHUNG *Chairman*  
Hon. CHEN Shou-lum *Deputy*  
*Chairman*  
*(Conditions*  
*of Service*  
*Committee)*  
Dr. Hon. Francis Y.H. TIEN *Member*

**Council for the Performing Arts**  
Hon. Alex S.C. WU *Chairman*  
Hon. W.C.L. Brown *Member*  
Hon. Mrs. Selina CHOW  
LIANG Shuk-ye *Member*

**Council for Recreation & Sport**  
Hon. Charles YEUNG Siu-cho *Member*  
Hon. HU Fa-kuang *Member*

**Council of the Outward Bound Trust of**  
**Hong Kong**  
Hon. M.G.R. Sandberg *Member*



<b>Country Parks Board</b> Hon. Charles YEUNG Siu-cho	Member
<b>Court of University of Hong Kong</b> Hon. M.G.R. Sandberg Hon. Sir S.Y. CHUNG	Treasurer Member Member
Hon. Peter C. WONG	Member
Hon. O.V. CHEUNG Hon. R.H. Lobo Dr. Hon. Harry S.Y. FANG Hon. LO Tak-shing Rev. Hon. Patrick T. McGovern Dr. Hon. Francis Y.H. TIEN Rev. Hon. Joyce M. Bennett Hon. Charles YEUNG Siu-cho	Member Member Member Member Member Member Member Member
<b>Credit Union League of Hong Kong</b> Hon. Andrew SO Kwok-wing	Managing Director
<b>Croucher Foundation</b> Hon. M.G.R. Sandberg Dr. Hon. Rayson Lisung HUANG	Trustee Trustee
<b>Duke of Edinburgh's Award Committee</b> Hon. Alex S.C. WU Hon. Benton CHEUNG Yan-lung	Chairman Member
<b>Eastern District Board</b> Hon. Maria TAM Wai-chu	Member
<b>Economic Review Committee</b> Hon. LI Fook-wo Rev. Hon. Patrick T. McGovern Hon. D.K. Newbigging Hon. Lydia DUNN Hon. Allen LEE Peng-fei Hon. W.C.L. Brown	Member Member Member Member Member Member
<b>Economics Society, University of Hong Kong</b> Hon. W.C.L. Brown	Hon. Vice President
<b>English Schools Foundation</b> Hon. R.H. Lobo Hon. LO Tak-shing Rev. Hon. Joyce M. Bennett	Member Member Member
<b>Environmental Protection Advisory Committee</b> Hon. Andrew SO Kwok-wing	Member
<b>Exchange Fund Advisory Committee</b> Hon. M.G.R. Sandberg Hon. W.C.L. Brown	Member Member
<b>Federation of Hong Kong Industries General Committee</b> Hon. Sir S.Y. CHUNG Hon. Allen LEE Peng-fei Hon. Lydia DUNN Hon. WONG Po-yan Hon. Stephen CHEONG Kam-chuen	Honorary President Deputy Chairman Member Member Member
<b>Federation of Medical Societies of Hong Kong</b> Dr. Hon. Harry S.Y. FANG Dr. Hon. Francis Y.H. TIEN Hon. Peter C. WONG	Vice Patron Vice Patron Hon. Legal Adviser

<b>Fight Crime Committee</b> Hon. Charles YEUNG Siu-cho Dr. Hon. HO Kam-fai Hon. Mrs. Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye Hon. Benton CHEUNG Yan-lung	Member Member Member Member (North District) Chairman
<b>Fish Marketing Advisory Board</b> Hon. WONG Lam Hon. CHAN Kam-chuen	Member Member
<b>Fisheries Development Loan Fund Advisory Committee</b> Hon. WONG Lam Hon. CHAN Kam-chuen	Member Member
<b>Heung Yee Kuk</b> Hon. Charles YEUNG Siu-cho	Ex-officio Councillor Member (Executive Committee)
<b>Hong Kong Academy of Ballet</b> Hon. W.C.L. Brown Hon. CHEN Shou-lum Hon. HU Fa-kuang	Deputy Chairman Member Member
<b>Hong Kong Arts Centre</b> Hon. Alex S.C. WU	Member (Board of Governors)
<b>Hong Kong Arts Festival</b> Hon. M.G.R. Sandberg	Vice Chairman
<b>Hong Kong Association (Hong Kong Branch)</b> Hon. Sir S.Y. CHUNG Dr. Hon. Francis Y.H. TIEN Hon. Maria TAM Wai-chu	Member Member Member
<b>Hong Kong Association of Banks</b> Hon. W.C.L. Brown	Vice-Chairman
<b>Hong Kong Association of Business and Professional Women</b> Hon. Maria TAM Wai-chu	Member
<b>Hong Kong Association of Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists</b> Dr. Hon. Harry S.Y. FANG	President
<b>Hong Kong Auxiliary Medical Service</b> Dr. Hon. Harry S.Y. FANG	Member
<b>Hong Kong Buddhist Hospital Management Committee</b> Hon. Peter C. WONG	Supervisor
<b>Hong Kong Centre of the Institute of Bankers, London</b> Hon. W.C.L. Brown	Vice-President
<b>Hong Kong Council of Social Service (Executive Committee)</b> Dr. Hon. Harry S.Y. FANG Hon. Maria TAM Wai-chu	Member Member
<b>Hong Kong Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society</b> Hon. Charles YEUNG Siu-cho	Vice-President

<b>Hong Kong Export Credit Insurance Corporation Advisory Board</b> Hon. W.C.L. Brown Hon. Stephen CHEONG Kam-chuen	Chairman Member
<b>Hong Kong Family Planning Association</b> Hon. Mrs. Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye	Council Member
<b>Hong Kong Family Welfare Society (Executive Committee)</b> Dr. Hon. HO Kam-fai Hon. Maria TAM Wai-chu	Member Member
<b>Hong Kong Garment Manufacturers Association</b> Dr. Hon. Francis Y.H. TIEN	Hon. Chairman
<b>Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce (General Committee)</b> Hon. D.K. Newbigging Hon. M.G.R. Sandberg Hon. Allen LEE Peng-fei	Chairman Member Member Chairman (Industrial Affairs Committee)
<b>Hong Kong Girl Guides Association</b> Hon. W.C.L. Brown	Hon. Vice-President
<b>Hong Kong Heart Foundation Ltd.</b> Hon. M.G.R. Sandberg Hon. Alex S.C. WU	Vice-Chairman Member
<b>Hong Kong Housing Authority</b> Hon. R.H. Lobo Dr. Hon. Henry HU Hung-lick Hon. HU Fa-kuang Hon. Benton CHEUNG Yan-lung Hon. Maria TAM Wai-chu	Member Member Member Member Member (Operations Committee)
<b>Hong Kong Industrial Estates Corporation Board</b> Hon. LI Fook-wo Hon. CHEN Shou-lum Hon. WONG Po-yan	Chairman Member Member
<b>Hong Kong/Japan Business Co-operation Committee</b> Hon. Sir S.Y. CHUNG Hon. M.G.R. Sandberg Hon. D.K. Newbigging	Member Member Member
<b>Hong Kong Joint Council for the Physically and Mentally Disabled</b> Dr. Hon. Harry S.Y. FANG	Chairman
<b>Hong Kong Kidney Foundation Ltd. (Board of Governors)</b> Hon. CHEN Shou-lum Dr. Hon. Francis Y.H. TIEN	Vice-Chairman Member
<b>Hong Kong Management Association</b> Hon. W.C.L. Brown Hon. R.H. Lobo Hon. D.K. Newbigging Hon. Lydia DUNN	Deputy Chairman Member Member Member
<b>Hong Kong Nurses Association</b> Dr. Hon. Harry S.Y. FANG	Hon. Adviser

<b>Hong Kong Philharmonic Society Ltd.</b> Hon. HU Fa-kuang	Member
<b>Hong Kong Plastic Material Suppliers Association</b> Hon. WONG Po-yan	Chairman
<b>Hong Kong Playground Association</b> Hon. LO Tak-shing Hon. HU Fa-kuang Dr. Hon. Henry HU Hung-lick	President Vice-President Member
<b>Hong Kong Press Association</b> Hon. Maria TAM Wai-chu	Legal Adviser
<b>Hong Kong Productivity Council</b> Hon. Allen LEE Peng-fei Hon. CHAN Kam-Chuen	Chairman Member (Labour)
<b>Hong Kong Red Cross Advisory Council</b> Hon. M.G.R. Sandberg Hon. Alex S.C. WU	Member Member
<b>Hong Kong Sea Cadet Corporation</b> Hon. HU Fa-kuang	Member (Area Committee)
<b>Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation</b> Dr. Hon. Harry S.Y. FANG Hon. WONG Lam Hon. Andrew SO Kwok-wing	Vice Patron Executive Committee Member Executive Committee Member
<b>Hong Kong Sports Association for the Physically Handicapped</b> Dr. Hon. Harry S.Y. FANG	President
<b>Hong Kong Tourist Association Board of Management</b> Hon. D.K. Newbigging Hon. Peter C. WONG	Chairman Member
<b>Hong Kong Trade Development Council</b> Hon. D.K. Newbigging Hon. WONG Po-yan Hon. W.C.L. Brown	Member Member Member Chairman (Staff and Finance Committee)
<b>Hong Kong Training Council (Printing Industry Training Board)</b> Hon. Alex S.C. WU	Chairman
<b>Hong Kong War Memorial Fund Committee</b> Hon. O.V. CHEUNG	Vice-Chairman
<b>Independent Commission Against Corruption Complaints Committee</b> Hon. Sir S.Y. CHUNG Hon. R.H. Lobo Hon. Lydia DUNN Dr. Hon. Rayson Lisung HUANG Hon. Andrew SO Kwok-wing Hon. J.J. Swaine	Chairman Member Member Member Member Member
<b>Industrial Development Board</b> Hon. Sir S.Y. CHUNG	Member
<b>Industrial Relations Institute</b> Dr. Hon. Harry S.Y. FANG Rev. Hon. Patrick T. McGovern	Hon. Patron Permanent Adviser

<b>Industry Advisory Board</b> Hon. LI Fook-wo Hon. Alex S.C. WU Hon. WONG Po-yan	Member Member Member
<b>Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Inc. — Hong Kong Section</b> Hon. Allen LEE Peng-fei	Member
<b>International Stoker Mandeville Games Federation</b> Dr. Hon. Harry S.Y. FANG	Member
<b>Jaycees International Incorporation</b> Hon. Charles YEUNG Siu-cho	Senator
<b>Joint Committee on Development organised by the Hong Kong Catholic Church and the Hong Kong Protestant Churches</b> Hon. Andrew SO Kwok-wing	Member
<b>Jubilee Sports Centre Board</b> Hon. LI Fook-wo Hon. D.K. Newbigging	Member Member
<b>Juvenile Care Centre</b> Hon. Charles YEUNG Siu-cho	Adviser
<b>Keep Hong Kong Clean Campaign New Territories Advisory Committee</b> Hon. Charles YEUNG Siu-cho	Chairman
<b>Keep Hong Kong Clean Campaign Steering Committee</b> Hon. Charles YEUNG Siu-cho Hon. CHAN Kam-chuen	Member Member
<b>Kowloon Canton Railway Corporation Transitional Board</b> Hon. J.J. Swaine Hon. Mrs. Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye	Member Member
<b>Kwun Tong District Board</b> Hon. WONG Lam	Member
<b>Kwun Tong Industrial Area Committee</b> Hon. WONG Lam	Hon. President
<b>Labour Advisory Board</b> Hon. CHAN Kam-chuen	Member
<b>Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation) Review Committee</b> Hon. R.H. Lobo Hon. Peter C. WONG Hon. WONG Po-yan	Member Member Member
<b>Lands Tribunal Panel</b> Hon. Peter C. WONG	Member
<b>Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong</b> Hon. LO Tak-shing Dr. Hon. HO Kam-fai Hon. HU Fa-kuang Hon. Mrs. Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye	Member Member Member Member
<b>Legal Practitioners Disciplinary Committee Panel</b> Hon. LO Tak-shing Hon. Peter C. WONG Hon. Charles YEUNG Siu-cho	Member Member Member

<b>Lingnan Institute of Business Administration (Advisory Board), The Chinese University of Hong Kong</b> Hon. Sir S.Y. CHUNG	Member
<b>Lok Sin Tong Benevolent Society, Kowloon</b> Hon. Charles YEUNG Siu-cho	Director
<b>Marine Fish Scholarship Fund Advisory Committee</b> Hon. WONG Lam	Member
<b>Marketing Advisory Board</b> Hon. Benton CHEUNG Yan-lung	Member
<b>Medical Advisory Committee of the Duchess of Kent Children's Orthopaedic Hospital, Sandy Bay</b> Dr. Hon. Harry S.Y. FANG	Chairman
<b>Medical Council of Hong Kong (Review Sub-Committee of the Licentiate Committee)</b> Hon. J.J. Swaine	Chairman
<b>Medical Development Advisory Committee</b> Dr. Hon. Harry S.Y. FANG Hon. R.H. Lobo Dr. Hon. HO Kam-fai	Chairman Member Member
<b>Mong Kok District Board</b> Hon. Andrew SO Kwok-wing Hon. Mrs. Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye	Member Member
<b>Neighbourhood Advisory Council</b> Dr. Hon. Henry HU Hung-lick	Vice-Chairman
<b>North District Board</b> Hon. Benton CHEUNG Yan-lung	Member
<b>North District Community Centre and Town Hall Management Committee</b> Hon. Benton CHEUNG Yan-lung	Chairman
<b>Panel of Arbitrators</b> Hon. J.J. Swaine	Member
<b>Panel of Assessors</b> Hon. CHAN Kam-chuen	Member
<b>Planning Committee of the Second Polytechnic</b> Hon. Sir S.Y. CHUNG Hon. CHEN Shou-lum	Chairman Deputy Chairman (Academy Planning & Development Sub-Committee)
<b>Po Leung Kuk Advisory Board</b> Hon. Sir S.Y. CHUNG Hon. Alex S.C. WU Hon. Charles YEUNG Siu-cho	Ex-officio Member Member
<b>Prince Philip Dental Hospital</b> Hon. Lydia DUNN	Chairman (Board of Governors)
<b>Provisional Council of the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts</b> Hon. Alex S.C. WU Hon. LI Fook-wo Hon. W.C.L. Brown Hon. Mrs. Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye	Chairman Chairman of the Project Board Member Member Member



Regional Prosthetic Training Centre,  
World Rehabilitation Fund, Inc.  
Dr. Hon. Harry S.Y. FANG *Director*

Rehabilitation Development Co-ordinating  
Committee  
Dr. Hon. Harry S.Y. FANG *Chairman*  
Rev. Hon. Joyce M. Bennett *Member*  
(Education  
Sub-Committee)

Rehabilitation International  
Dr. Hon. Harry S.Y. FANG *President*

Rice Advisory Committee  
Hon. Stephen CHEONG  
Kam-chuen *Member*

Royal Hong Kong Police Cadet School  
Advisory Board  
Hon. Benton CHEUNG Yan-lung *Member*

Royal Hong Kong Police Force Junior Police  
Officers Association  
Hon. Maria TAM Wai-chu *Legal Adviser*

Sailors' Home and Missions to Seamen,  
Hong Kong  
Hon. D.K. Newbigging *Chairman*

School Medical Service Board  
Dr. Hon. Harry S.Y. FANG *Vice-Chairman*

Scout Association, Kowloon East Region  
Hon. WONG Lam *Chairman*

Securities Commission  
Hon. Allen LEE Peng-fei *Member*

Sham Shui Po District Board  
Hon. Allen LEE Peng-fei *Member*

Sir Robert Black Trust Fund Committee  
Hon. W.C.L. Brown *Member*

Social Welfare Advisory Committee  
Dr. Hon. HO Kam-fai *Member*

Society for the Relief of Disabled Children  
Hon. M.G.R. Sandberg *President*

Special Committee on Land Supply  
Hon. Lydia DUNN *Chairman*  
Hon. W.C.L. Brown *Member*

Stamp Advisory Committee  
Hon. Alex S.C. WU *Member*

Standing Commission on Civil Service  
Salaries and Conditions of Service  
Hon. Sir S.Y. CHUNG *Chairman*  
Rev. Hon. Patrick T. McGovern *Member*  
Hon. CHEN Shou-lum *Member*  
Hon. Andrew SO Kwok-wing *Member*

Standing Committee on Directorate Salaries  
and Conditions of Service  
Hon. LI Fook-wo *Member*  
Hon. J.J. Swaine *Member*

Statistics Advisory Board  
Hon. HU Fa-kuang *Member*  
Hon. Stephen CHEONG  
Kam-chuen *Member*

Supplementary Medical Professions Councils  
Hon. Alex S.C. WU *Chairman*

Tenancy Tribunal Panel  
Hon. R.H. Lobo *Member*

Textiles Advisory Board  
Hon. Lydia DUNN *Member*  
Hon. Stephen CHEONG  
Kam-chuen *Member*

Town Planning Board  
Hon. Stephen CHEONG  
Kam-chuen *Member*

Trade Advisory Board  
Hon. D.K. Newbigging *Member*  
Hon. WONG Po-yan *Member*

Trade Policy Research Centre, London  
Hon. Lydia DUNN *Council*  
*Member*

Transport Advisory Committee  
Hon. LO Tak-shing *Chairman*  
Hon. Hu Fa-kuang *Member*  
Hon. CHAN Kam-chuen *Member*  
Hon. Stephen CHEONG  
Kam-chuen *Member*  
Hon. Maria TAM Wai-chu *Member*

Transport Tribunal  
Hon. HU Fa-kuang *Chairman*

Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Advisory  
Board  
Hon. Sir S.Y. CHUNG *Ex officio*  
Hon. Alex S.C. WU *Ex officio*

United Christian Hospital  
Rev. Hon. Joyce M. Bennett *Member*

University & Polytechnic Computer Centre  
Hon. CHEN Shou-lum *Vice-Chairman*

University & Polytechnic Grants Committee  
Hon. D.K. Newbigging *Member*  
Hon. Alex S.C. WU *Member*

Urban Council  
Hon. HU Fa-kuang *Member*  
Hon. Mrs. Selina CHOW  
LIANG Shuk-ye *Member*  
Hon. Maria TAM Wai-chu *Member*

Vegetable Marketing Advisory Board  
Hon. Benton CHEUNG Yan-lung *Member*

Vocational Training Council  
Dr. Hon. Francis Y.H. TIEN *Chairman*  
Hon. Alex S.C. WU *Deputy*  
*Chairman*  
Hon. CHEN Shou-lum *Member*  
Dr. Hon. HO Kam-fai *Member*  
Hon. Allen LEE Peng-fei *Member*  
Hon. CHAN Kam-chuen *Member*

Wanchai District Board  
Hon. HU Fa-kuang *Member*

Widows' and Children's Pensions Scheme  
(Board of Directors)  
Hon. Peter C. WONG *Member*  
Dr. Hon. HO Kam-fai *Member*

Windsor Education Foundation  
Dr. Hon. Rayson Lisung HUANG *Member*

Working Party on the Pharmacy and  
Ancillary Matters  
Hon. Alex S.C. WU *Chairman*  
Hon. Andrew SO Kwok-wing *Member*

Working Group on Indebtedness in the  
Civil Service  
Hon. LI Fook-wo *Chairman*

Working Party on the Command and  
Management Course for Mid-Level Civil  
Servants  
Dr. Hon. HO Kam-fai *Member*

Working Party on the Establishment of the  
Chinese Language Foundation  
Hon. Alex S.C. WU *Chairman*  
Dr. Hon. HO Kam-fai *Member*

Working Party on Provision of After-care  
Services for Ex-mental Patients  
Dr. Hon. HO Kam-fai *Member*

World Planning Group for the Charter for  
the 80s of Rehabilitation International  
Dr. Hon. Harry S.Y. FANG *Member*

World Wildlife Fund  
Hon. Lydia DUNN *Member*  
Hon. Mrs. Selina CHOW  
LIANG Shuk-ye *Member*

Yuen Long District Board  
Hon. Charles YEUNG Siu-cho *Member*

## APPENDIX III

### HONOURS CONFERRED ON MEMBERS DURING THE YEAR

Mr. LO Tak-shing was made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) while Mr. D.K. Newbigging and Dr. HO Kam-fai were appointed Officers of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in the Queen's New Year Honours List.

Mr. M.G.R. Sandberg was made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) in the Queen's Birthday Honours List, and Mr. W. C. L. Brown and Mr. Allen LEE Peng-fei, were appointed Officers of the Order of the British Empire (OBE).

A "Man of the Year" award was conferred on Dr. Harry S.Y. FANG in London in November 1981 for his work for the disabled. Dr. FANG, who is the President of Rehabilitation International, is the first person from Hong Kong to have qualified for the award. The International Man of the Year Award, sponsored by the British credit card, Operation Access, and the Royal Association for Disability and Rehabilitation was established in 1960 and is widely respected internationally.

Mr. R.H. Lobo was awarded a Doctor of Laws (Honoris Causa) degree at the 115th Congregation of the University of Hong Kong on 4.3.82. The ceremony was conducted by the then Governor, Sir Murray MacLehose in his capacity as the Chancellor of the University.

Mr. CHEN Shou-lum was awarded an Honorary Fellowship of the Imperial College at the Colleges Commemoration Day Ceremony on 28.10.82.

Miss Maria TAM Wai-chu was appointed an Unofficial Justice of the Peace on 10.5.82.



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## APPENDIX IV

### UMELCO MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

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The Senior Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council, Mr. O.V. CHEUNG, and Mr. LI Fook-wo, retired from the Legislative Council at the close of the 1980-81 session. However, both remain Unofficial Members of the Executive Council. Upon Mr. CHEUNG's retirement, Mr. R.H. Lobo succeeded to the position of Senior Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council.

During the year, nine Unofficial Members were re-appointed to the Legislative Council for a further two years. They were

Mr. Alex S.C. WU,  
Dr. Rayson Lisung HUANG,  
Mr. Charles YEUNG Siu-cho,  
Mr. HU Fa-kuang,  
Mr. WONG Po-yan,  
Mr. W.C.L. Brown,  
Mr. CHAN Kam-chuen  
Mr. J.J. Swaine  
Mr. Stephen CHEONG Kam-chuen.

Three new Members, Mr. Benton CHEUNG Yan-lung, Mrs. Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye and Miss Maria TAM Wai-chu, were appointed to the Legislative Council to fill the seats vacated by Mr. O.V. CHEUNG and Mr. LI Fook-wo and an additional seat. These membership changes brought the overall number of Unofficial Members on the Legislative Council to 27.

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## APPENDIX V

### PANELS, COMMITTEES, WORKING GROUPS AND AD HOC GROUPS FORMED IN 1981-82

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#### I. UMELCO Panels

*Convener*

1. Administration and Environmental Affairs Hon. CHEN Shou-lum
2. Chinese Language Policy Hon. WONG Lam
3. Civil Service Hon. LO Tak-shing
4. Cultural Affairs and Recreation Hon. Alex S.C. WU
5. Economic Services and Monetary Affairs Hon. LI Fook-wo
6. Education Rev. Hon. Patrick T. McGovern
7. House Committee Hon. O.V. CHEUNG
8. Housing Hon. R.H. Lobo
9. Lands and Works Hon. O.V. CHEUNG
10. Public Relations Hon. O.V. CHEUNG
11. Security Hon. LO Tak-shing
12. Social Services Dr. Hon. Harry S.Y. FANG
13. Staff Steering Hon. Sir S.Y. CHUNG
14. Transport Hon. Lydia DUNN

#### II. ICAC Complaints Committee

*(Appointed by H.E. the Governor)*  
Hon. Sir S.Y. CHUNG *(Chairman)*  
Hon. R.H. Lobo  
Hon. Lydia DUNN  
Dr. Hon. Rayson Lisung HUANG  
Hon. Andrew SO Kwok-wing  
Hon. J.J. Swaine  
A Law Officer

#### III. UMELCO Police Group

*(Appointed by H.E. the Governor)*  
Hon. LO Tak-shing *(Chairman)*  
Hon. LI Fook-wo  
Rev. Hon. Patrick T. McGovern  
Hon. Alex S.C. WU  
Rev. Hon. Joyce M. Bennett  
Hon. WONG Lam  
Hon. W.C.L. Brown  
Hon. J.J. Swaine  
Hon. Stephen CHEONG Kam-chuen

#### IV. Legislative Council Finance Committee

1. Establishment Sub-Committee  
Hon. LO Tak-shing *(Chairman)*  
Dr. Hon. Harry S.Y. FANG  
Hon. Alex S.C. WU  
Rev. Hon. Joyce M. Bennett  
Hon. CHEN Shou-lum  
Dr. Hon. Henry HU Hung-lick  
Hon. Peter C. WONG  
Hon. WONG Lam  
Dr. Hon. HO Kam-fai  
Hon. Allen LEE Peng-fei  
Hon. D.K. Newbigging  
Hon. Andrew SO Kwok-wing  
Hon. HU Fa-kuang  
Hon. CHAN Kam-chuen  
Hon. J.J. Swaine

#### 2. Public Works Sub-Committee

Hon. R.H. Lobo  
Dr. Hon. Francis Y.H. TIEN  
Hon. CHEN Shou-lum  
Hon. Lydia DUNN  
Dr. Hon. Henry HU Hung-lick  
Rev. Hon. Patrick T. McGovern  
Hon. Peter C. WONG  
Hon. Charles YEUNG Siu-cho  
Hon. HU Fa-kuang  
Hon. WONG Po-yan  
Hon. W.C.L. Brown  
Hon. CHAN Kam-chuen  
Hon. Stephen CHEONG Kam-chuen  
Hon. Benton CHEUNG Yan-lung  
Hon. Mrs. Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye  
Hon. Maria TAM Wai-chu



**V. Legislative Council Public Accounts Committee**

Hon. CHEN Shou-lum (*Chairman*)  
 Hon. Lydia DUNN  
 Rev. Hon. Patrick T. McGovern  
 Hon. Peter C. WONG  
 Hon. Charles YEUNG Siu-cho  
 Hon. W.C.L. Brown  
 Hon. Stephen CHEONG Kam-chuen

3. Ad hoc group on the Vocational Training Council Bill 1982 Dr. Hon. Francis Y.H. TIEN

4. Ad hoc group on the Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) Bill 1982 Hon. CHEN Shou-lum

5. Ad hoc group on the Societies (Amendment) Bill 1982 Hon. Peter C. WONG

6. Ad hoc group on the Insurance Companies Bill 1982 Hon. LO Tak-shing

**VI. Legislative Council Working Groups**

- |   | <i>Convener/<br/>Deputy Convener</i>                  |
|---|---|
| 1. Community Services (Transport; communications; land; public works; water and fire)   | Hon. Lydia DUNN<br>Hon. CHEN Shou-lum                 |
| 2. Economic Services (Trade; industry; labour and housing)  | Dr. Hon. Francis Y.H. TIEN<br>Hon. Allen LEE Peng-fei |
| 3. General Services (Administration and civil service; security; city and New Territories administration; information and public relations) | Hon. LO Tak-shing<br>Rev. Hon. Patrick T. McGovern    |
| 4. Legislation Scrutiny (Legal and drafting aspects of all bills and subsidiary legislation)  | Hon. Peter C. WONG<br>Hon. J.J. Swaine                |
| 5. Monetary Policy (Finance; taxation and banking)  | Hon. D.K. Newbigging<br>Hon. W.C.L. Brown             |
| 6. Social Services (Education; medical and health; social welfare; amenities and related services)  | Dr. Hon Harry S.Y. FANG<br>Rev. Hon. Joyce M. Bennett |

**VII. Legislative Council Ad Hoc Groups**

- |  | <i>Convener</i>    |
|--|--------------------|
| 1. Ad hoc group on the Companies (Amendment) Bill 1981                                   | Hon. W.C.L. Brown  |
| 2. Ad hoc group on the Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation) (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 1981 | Hon. Peter C. WONG |

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**APPENDIX VI**  
 CPA CONFERENCES AND VISITS

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The Hong Kong Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association held its 23rd Annual General Meeting in the Legislative Council Chamber on 28.7.82, and four UMELCO Members were elected to serve on the Branch's Executive Committee. They were Mr. R.H. Lobo, Dr. Harry S.Y. FANG, Mr. LO Tak-shing and Dr. Francis Y.H. TIEN.

Some 45 representatives from the CPA branches in Australia, India, Seychelles and the United Kingdom visited Hong Kong during the year.

For their part, the Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council participated in a number of overseas conferences during the year. Mr. Andrew SO Kwok-wing attended the 16th Australasian and Pacific Regional Conference held in Rarotonga, The Cook Islands, between 25.9.81 and 3.10.81. Mr. WONG Lam and Dr. HO Kam-fai participated in the 27th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference held in Suva, Fiji, from 11.10.81 to 25.10.81. Dr. Henry HU Hung-lick attended the 31st Seminar on Westminster Parliamentary Practice and Procedures which took place in London from 2.3.82 to 20.3.82. A group of UMELCO Members, Dr. Harry S.Y. FANG, Dr. Henry HU Hung-lick, Mr. WONG Lam, Dr. HO Kam-fai and Mr. Benton CHEUNG Yan-lung, took part in the Parliamentary Seminar for South East Asia and Pacific Region held in Malaysia between 26.8.82 and 1.9.82.



**APPENDIX VII**  
*OVERSEAS VISITORS*

Distinguished visitors to Hong Kong, Members of Parliament and senior UK Government officials are usually invited to meet with UMELCO Members for an exchange of views on matters connected with Hong Kong's overseas interests. In 1981-82 discussions were held with the following visitors:

<b>The Rt. Hon. George Thomas, MP</b> Speaker of the House of Commons	4.9.81
<b>The Rt. Hon. Sir Keith Joseph, MP(C)</b> Secretary of State for Education and Science	21.9.81
<b>Sir Paul Bryan, MP(C)</b> Chairman, Anglo-Hong Kong Parliamentary Group	7.10.81
<b>Sir Percy Cradock, KCMG</b> H.M. Ambassador to Beijing	4.12.81
<b>The Rt. Hon. Michael Jopling, MP(C)</b> Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury and Government Chief Whip	4.1.82
<b>The Rt. Hon. Humphrey Atkins, MP(C)</b> Lord Privy Seal	9.1.82
<b>Sir Jack Cater, KBE</b> Commissioner, Hong Kong Government Office, London	8.3.82
<b>The Hon. Peter Blaker, MP(C)</b> Minister for the Armed Forces	16.3.82
<b>Lord Geddes</b> House of Lords	17.3.82

**APPENDIX VIII**

*NUMBER OF QUESTIONS AND SPEECHES  
IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
1957-82*

Session	Questions		Speeches	No. of Unofficials
	Original	Supplementaries		
1957/58	1	0	12	8
1958/59	1	0	9	8
1959/60	0	0	14	8
1960/61	11	1	9	8
1961/62	25	0	14	8
1962/63	2	0	14	8
1963/64	35	7	30	8
1964/65	17	12	46	13
1965/66	28	19	25	13
1966/67	5	2	44	13
1967/68	45	9	44	13
1968/69	102	66	75	13
1969/70	85	89	92	13
1970/71	135	96	98	13
1971/72	166	155	136	13
1972/73	171	96	151	14
1973/74	176	120	122	15
1974/75	118	104	111	15
1975/76	181	157	119	15
1976/77	284	318	147	22
1977/78	290	578	142	24
1978/79	163	306	126	24
1979/80	137	214	119	24
1980/81	131	231	104	26
1981/82	157*	271*	144	27

\* The subject of the questions and the dates on which they were asked are reported in Appendix IX.



## APPENDIX IX

### SUMMARIES OF QUESTIONS ASKED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL 1981-82

<i>Subject and Date(s)</i>	<i>No. of Questions and Supplementary Questions</i>	<i>Subject and Date(s)</i>	<i>No. of Questions and Supplementary Questions</i>
<b>Education</b>			
Assistance to blind students (14.10.81)	4	<b>Housing</b>	
Text-book grant for needy students (14.10.81)	2	Squatting (9.12.81)	1
Regulations governing the use of corporal punishment in schools (23.12.81)	6	Squatter fires (9.12.81)	3
Guidelines for employing teachers for remedial English and Chinese teaching (10.2.82)	4	Squatter-hut racketeers (9.12.81)	4
Principal Assistant Master rank for primary schools (10.3.82)	4	Motives behind squatter fires (20.1.82)	1
Junior Secondary Education Assessment System (10.3.82)	5	Clearance and redevelopment of squatter fire sites (20.1.82)	7
Timing of the announcement of Advanced Level and Higher Level Examinations results (28.4.82)	3	Maintenance and repainting of degenerated domestic buildings (19.5.82)	1
Number of places and vacancies available in Form III and IV (28.4.82)	6	Co-operative Housing Societies (19.5.82)	2
Education services provided by child care centres and kindergartens (5.5.82)	5	Squatters living on slopes considered to be vulnerable to landslides (16.6.82)	5
Entry to the Universities and Polytechnic (19.5.82)	4	<b>Immigration</b>	
Vacancies in special classes in aided schools (19.5.82)	2	Illegal immigration (11.11.81)	1
Cases of gas leakage affecting school children (2.6.82)	4	Policy over Vietnamese refugees (25.11.81)	2
Fee concession for HK students attending universities in the UK (16.6.82)	3	Legal immigration from China (6.1.82)	2
Plans to improve the manning scales for Special Schools (30.6.82)	3	Vietnamese refugee camps (19.5.82)	4
Study room facilities for school children (30.6.82)	2	UK entry requirements for Hong Kong passport-holders (28.7.82)	1
Holidays enjoyed by teachers in Government and aided schools (14.7.82)	2	<b>Industry and Trade</b>	
Progress in the development of senior secondary and tertiary education (28.7.82)	2	Generalised Scheme of Preferences — Hong Kong exclusion list (9.12.81)	1
Incidence of suicides among students (28.7.82)	2	Industrial safety (6.1.82)	3
<b>Economy and Finance</b>			
Counterfeit money (14.10.81)	2	Multi-Fibre Arrangement extension (6.1.82)	4
The use of the metric system in HK (25.11.81)	1	French restrictions on imports from HK (10.2.82)	3
Tax relief for retirement benefits (14.7.82)	1	Progress of promoting HK as a base for new manufacturing industries (10.2.82)	4
		Effectiveness of the Trade Description Ordinance (28.4.82)	1
		Temporary industrial areas (19.5.82)	1
		Defederalization of the Trade Industry and Customs Department (16.6.82)	6
		Training programmes for officers dealing with industrial safety in the Trade, Industry and Labour Departments (16.6.82)	2
		Textile negotiations with the EEC (30.6.82)	3

<i>Subject and Date(s)</i>	<i>No. of Questions and Supplementary Questions</i>	<i>Subject and Date(s)</i>	<i>No. of Questions and Supplementary Questions</i>
<b>Labour</b>			
Semi-voluntary contributory sickness, injury and death benefit scheme (23.12.81)	1	Farmers encouraged to protect themselves from natural disasters and their aftermath (16.6.82)	2
Employment of disabled persons (23.12.81)	1	<b>Public Order</b>	
Title of "Labour Department" (10.2.82)	3	Armed robberies (14.10.81)	4
Filipina women working as domestic helpers in Hong Kong (16.6.82)	1	"Loan Sharking" and the Money Lenders Ordinance (16.1.82)	2
Workers losing employment as a result of employers winding up business (30.6.82)	1	Protection against unscrupulous travel agents (20.1.82)	2
Complaints from workers alleging arbitrary dismissal (30.6.82)	4	Commercial crime (20.1.82)	1
		Drug offences involving young people (20.1.82)	1
		Legislation against the hawking of futures contracts (20.1.82)	2
		Legislation and Police action against vice establishments (10.2.82)	3
<b>Medical and Health</b>			
Subsidiary legislations under the Supplementary Medical Professions Ordinance (25.11.81)	2	Employment of under-aged persons in licensed premises (10.2.82)	2
Maternity benefits for woman workers (9.12.81)	1	Interviewing of rape victims by woman police (10.2.82)	1
Immunization against poliomyelitis (6.1.82)	2	Confrontation involving the Police and a group of citizens who sought to take the law into their own hands (19.5.82)	5
Quarters and private tenancy allowances for doctors of subvented hospitals (6.1.82)	2	Robberies involving the use of real or imitation firearms (19.5.82)	3
Procedure for admission to casualty wards (20.1.82)	1	The Junior Police Call (2.6.82)	2
Registration of medical practitioners in HK (10.3.82)	6	Imprisonment of civil debtors (2.6.82)	2
Customer Relations Unit of Queen Elizabeth Hospital (10.3.82)	2	Offences under the Pyramid Selling Prohibition Ordinance (16.6.82)	2
Body scanning diagnostic equipment for Government hospitals (28.4.82)	3	The JP Court System (30.6.82)	2
Prosecution of unregistrable dentists (2.6.82)	2	Offences under the Objectionable Publications Ordinance (14.7.82)	4
Number of additional personnel mobilized at the Caritas Medical Centres on 3.6.82 (16.6.82)	3	Incidents involving reporters covering the investigation of commercial crimes in Wanchai (14.7.82)	4
Counterfeiting of pharmaceutical products (30.6.82)	2	Growth of vice establishments in residential buildings (28.7.82)	5
Casualty staff level at United Christian Hospital and other subvented hospitals (30.6.82)	3	<b>Public Works and Utilities</b>	
Effects of laser-beam equipment on the human body (30.6.82)	3	Safety of gas water heaters (9.12.81)	1
Psychiatric community nursing service (30.6.82)	4	Water charges (23.12.81)	1
Number of out-patient attendances at evening clinics (30.6.82)	1	The system of monitoring major public works (23.12.81)	2
Illegal use of toxic preservatives, such as salicylic acid, by food factories (28.7.82)	3	Accidents involving lifting appliances and construction sites (6.1.82)	5
<b>New Territories</b>			
Water supply to New Territories villages (23.12.81)	3	Redesignation of Statue Square as pedestrian precinct (6.1.82)	4
New Territories District Board elections (10.3.82)	1	The use of the Lok On Pai Desalting Plant (10.2.82)	1
Landed property succession applications in the New Territories (5.5.82)	3	Defederalisation of the Public Works Department and the establishment of a Lands Department (10.3.82)	3
Government dental services in the New Territories (5.5.82)	9	Lyemun Bridge (5.5.82)	4
The role of Administration Officers in District Land Offices (5.5.82)	4	Completion of major public works projects (19.5.82)	1
Provision of transport and other facilities for Tai Po, Fanling and Shek Wu Hui areas to cope with the projected population growth (19.5.82)	1		
Grants to the New Territories farmers from the Emergency Relief Fund (2.6.82)	2		



<i>Subject and Date(s)</i>	<i>No. of Questions and Supplementary Questions</i>	<i>Subject and Date(s)</i>	<i>No. of Questions and Supplementary Questions</i>
Use of public pavements by building and public utility contractors (19.5.82)	1	Provision of metered parking spaces near public lavatories for the convenience of motorists (30.6.82)	4
Annual quantities of water supply from China (16.6.82)	3	Pak-pai operations (30.6.82)	3
Locations of the main landslip and drainage danger areas (16.6.82)	4	King's Road traffic management scheme (14.7.82)	3
List of approved geotechnical engineers (30.6.82)	2	Opening of the second tube of the Aberdeen Tunnel (14.7.82)	2
Drowning in and around open pits at construction sites (30.6.82)	4		
Land resumption programme for road construction and improvement (30.6.82)	4	<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
<b>Social Welfare</b>		Compulsory pilotage for ocean-going vessels (25.11.81)	1
Aged patients abandoned in Government and subvented hospitals by their families (9.12.81)	2	Extend legal aid to the Lands Tribunal to cover tenancy cases (23.12.81)	1
Caseloads for Family Services Caseworkers and Probation Officers (9.12.81)	3	Provision of sign language or captions to selected TV programmes for the deaf (23.12.81)	3
Street sleepers (23.12.81)	1	Lift safety (23.12.81)	5
Rehabus Scheme (10.2.82)	3	Criteria for renewal for recreation leases for private clubs (6.1.82)	2
After-care services for discharged mental patients (2.6.82)	5	Objects thrown from high-rise buildings (6.1.82)	5
Number of elderly persons awaiting admissions to infirmaries and care-and-attention homes (28.7.82)	3	Licensing of automatic game machines (20.1.82)	1
		Starting price for the sale of Crown land (20.1.82)	5
		The International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers 1978 (28.4.82)	4
		Policy regarding the briefing on Chinese and English language media editors/journalists on major Government issues (5.5.82)	4
<b>Traffic and Transport</b>		Preservation of buildings and monuments of a historic or cultural value (5.5.82)	1
Traffic accidents on the Tuen Mun Highway (14.10.81)	4	Feasibility of alternative passenger moving systems to connect the Mid-levels areas with the Central District (19.5.82)	1
Congestion in the Cross-Harbour Tunnel (14.10.81)	2	Assistance to unofficial members of District Boards (2.6.82)	2
Private light buses for school passengers (25.11.81)	2	Use of refrigerants in household appliances and air-conditioning units (2.6.82)	2
Traffic congestion in major bottlenecks (25.11.81)	6	Adequacy of public warnings issued prior to the rainstorms which resulted in some 25 dead, 115 injured and 2,800 homeless (16.6.82)	2
Private hire car permits (9.12.81)	2	Radio reception in Aberdeen, Lion Rock and the Airport tunnels (30.6.82)	2
Kowloon-Canton Railway development progress (23.12.81)	1	Use of Chinese as an official language (30.6.82)	2
Tsuen Wan Extension of the MTR (23.12.81)	8	Noise pollution (14.7.82)	1
Revision of MTR fares (6.1.82)	2	Benefits and services for ex-Far East prisoners of war and their dependents (28.7.82)	2
Urban and New Territories taxis interchange facilities (6.1.82)	3	Compulsory use of fused plugs for all domestic and industrial electrical appliances (28.7.82)	1
Dimensions and types of baggage allowed on KCR trains (28.4.82)	2		
Centralization of traffic management responsibilities (5.5.82)	1		
On-and-off street parking policy (5.5.82)	7		
Provision of additional KCR stations in the Shatin Valley (19.5.82)	2		
Steps to expedite road maintenance and repair works (19.5.82)	1		
Evaluation of the trucking industry (19.5.82)	3		
Opening of the Airport Tunnel (19.5.82)	1		
Traffic flow in Central District (2.6.82)	3		
Fleet availability at the franchised bus companies (16.6.82)	5		
Licensing of motor vehicles (30.6.82)	5		

## APPENDIX X

### STATEMENTS BY UNOFFICIALS IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL 1981-82

Statements were made in the Legislative Council by Unofficial Members when the following annual reports were tabled:

The Hong Kong Tourist Association Annual Report 1980-81 by Mr. D.K. Newbigging on 14.10.81;

The Jubilee Sports Centre Board Annual Report 1980-81 by Mr. D.K. Newbigging on 25.11.81;

The Hong Kong Industrial Estates Corporation Annual Report 1980-81 by Mr. WONG Po-yan on 25.11.81;

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The 1981 Annual Report by the Commissioner of the Independent Commission Against Corruption by Mr. R.H. Lobo on 19.5.82.



## APPENDIX XI

BILLS ENACTED IN  
1981-82

<i>Title of Bill</i>	<i>Date Enacted</i>	<i>Title of Bill</i>	<i>Date Enacted</i>
Telephone (Amendment) Bill 1981	7.10.81	Apprenticeship (Amendment) Bill 1982	
Inland Revenue (Amendment) (No. 5) Bill 1981	11.11.81	Legal Aid (Amendment) Bill 1982	
Public Health and Urban Services (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 1981		Housing (Amendment) Bill 1982	
Caritas — Hong Kong Incorporation Bill 1981 ( <i>an Unofficials Member's Bill</i> )		Banking (Amendment) Bill 1982	
Urban Council (Donations) Bill 1981	9.12.81	Deposit-taking Companies (Amendment) Bill 1982	
Immigration (Amendment) (No. 4) Bill 1981		Arbitration (Amendment) Bill 1982	
Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation) (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 1981		The Hong Kong and China Gas Company (Transfer of Incorporation) Bill 1982 ( <i>an Unofficial Member's Bill</i> )	
Stamp Duty (Amendment) Bill 1981	23.12.81	Kowloon-Canton Railway Bill 1982	14. 4.82
Supplementary Appropriation (1980-81) Bill 1981		Boilers and Pressure Receivers (Amendment) Bill 1982	
Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 1981		Appropriation Bill 1982	
Law Revision (Repeals) Bill 1981		Public Health and Urban Services (Amendment) Bill 1982 ( <i>an Unofficial Member's Bill</i> )	5. 5.82
Miscellaneous Licences (Amendment) Bill 1982	6. 1.82	Portuguese Community Schools Incorporation (Amendment) Bill 1982	
Hong Kong Polytechnic (Amendment) Bill 1982	20. 1.82	Hong Kong Association of Banks (Amendment) Bill 1982	19. 5.82
Corrupt and Illegal Practices (Amendment) Bill 1982		Offences Against the Person (Amendment) Bill 1982	
Urban Council and District Boards (Elections and Appointments of Members) (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 1982		Sir Murray MacLehose Trust Fund Bill 1982	
Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill 1982	10. 2.82	Fire Services (Amendment) Bill 1982	
Vocational Training Council Bill 1982		Pensions (Amendment) Bill 1982	
Heung Yee Kuk (Amendment) Bill 1982		Employment (Amendment) Bill 1982	
Miscellaneous Licences (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 1982	10. 3.82	Estate Duty (Amendment) Bill 1982	2. 6.82
Police Force (Amendment) Bill 1982		Inland Revenue (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 1982	
		Motor Vehicles (First Registration Tax) (Amendment) Bill 1982	
		Road Traffic (Registration and Licensing of Vehicles Regulations) (Amendment) Bill 1982	

<i>Title of Bill</i>	<i>Date Enacted</i>
Dutiable Commodities (Amendment of Duty on Light Oils) Bill 1982	
Dutiable Commodities (Amendment) Bill 1982	
Ferry Services Bill 1982	
Commodities Trading (Amendment) Bill 1982	16. 6.82
Societies (Amendment) Bill 1982	
Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) Bill 1982	
Antiquities and Monuments (Amendment) Bill 1982	
Interpretation and General Clauses (Amendment) Bill 1982	
Dangerous Drugs (Amendment) Bill 1982	
Buildings (Amendment) Bill 1982	
Immigration (Amendment) Bill 1982	30. 6.82
Supreme Court (Amendment) Bill 1982	
Supreme Court (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 1982	14. 7.82
Urban Council (Extraordinary Election) Bill 1982	
Crown Land (Amendment) Bill 1982	
Evidence (Amendment) Bill 1982	
Dangerous Drugs (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 1982	
Lands Tribunal (Amendment) Bill 1982	28. 7.82
Legal Practitioner (Amendment) Bill 1982	
Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) (Amendment) Bill 1982	
Supreme Court (Amendment) (No. 3) Bill 1982	
Merchant Shipping (Aliens Employment) (Amendment) Bill 1982	
Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Bill 1982	
Pilotage (Amendment) Bill 1982	
Port Control (Cargo Working Areas) (Amendment) Bill 1982	
Telecommunication (Amendment) Bill 1982	
Smoking (Public Health) Bill 1982	
Widows' and Children's Pensions (Amendment) Bill 1982	
Industrial Training (Construction Industry) (Amendment) Bill 1982	
Education (Amendment) Bill 1982	
Child Care Centres (Amendment) Bill 1982	
Medical Registration (Amendment) Bill 1982	
Summary Offences (Amendment) Bill 1982	



## APPENDIX XII

### TYPICAL COMPLAINTS CASES HANDLED BY UMELCO OFFICE

#### I. Complaints/Appeals

##### Successful

See reports under the UMELCO Redress System in Chapter IV.

##### Assistance/Advice Given

##### *Complaint about the lack of financial information relating to public utilities (C 2254/81)*

A resident wrote to a number of UMELCO Members in December 1981 complaining about the unwillingness of Government officials to provide information relating to the costs of various activities controlled by the Government, namely, the Lion Rock Tunnel, postal charges, telex costs and electricity charges. He felt that there was a large gap between Government policy to involve the ordinary man in the Government decision making process and the actual operation of Government departments.

When asked by UMELCO to comment on the letter, the Chief Secretary stressed that the detailed accounts of Government were restricted information and must remain so. However, he said, increases in charges for Government services were always explained publicly, and that "the network of some 400 advisory bodies extending downwards and outwards from the Executive and Legislative Councils is a source of critical commentary upon the official view of Government policies". As regards information on the accounts of the public utilities, the Chief Secretary opined this was a matter for the public to pursue with the companies and that the Government could not require the companies to disclose any more information than they were bound to do by law.

The case was discussed at the UMELCO meetings held on 22.1.82 and 12.2.82. Members did not fully agree with the Chief Secretary's reply as they felt that the issue was not so much the absence of information, but rather the Government's reticence to present, in context, the figures which from time to time persuaded it to approve increased charges. They therefore suggested that the Government should in future publish, as far as

practicable, comprehensive operating accounts for all Government public utility-type services, and that pertinent information from these accounts should be included in any release notifying increased charges. As for privately-operated utilities monitored by the Government, Members considered that the Government should explain to the public at least the principal features of any scheme of control applicable.

The Senior Member, Sir S. Y. CHUNG, and Rev. Joyce M. Bennett interviewed the complainant on 12.3.82 when the specific examples quoted by the latter were discussed at length. Meanwhile, the Senior Member continued to pursue the issue with the Chief Secretary, and the matter was discussed further by UMELCO on 11.6.82. Subsequently, the Chief Secretary accepted that the Government was accountable to the public for the tariff increases it approved. Members were also pleased to note that the two power companies had given qualified agreement to the publication of their schemes of control.

##### *Appeal against early termination of tenancy agreement (C 203/82)*

A restaurant operator appealed against the decision of the Kowloon-Canton Railway to terminate his tenancy agreement prematurely. He said he had entered into a tenancy agreement with the KCR in October 1980 for the operation of a restaurant for two-and-a-half years until the end of March 1983. However, in October and November 1981, he was served with notices by the KCR, the Housing Department and the Legal Department requiring him to demolish his structures on the land because it was to be resumed for redevelopment. He was aggrieved by the decision, hence his appeal to UMELCO.

In reply to UMELCO enquiries, the General Manager, Railway, advised that the restaurant was operated under two tenancies with the KCR: one for a restaurant and the other for flower-growing purposes. As a result of the electrification of the KCR, the existing railway station had to be demolished to make way for a modern one and the restaurant was within the works area for the forecourt of the new station. But the General Manager pointed out that only the flower-growing tenancy had to be terminated in early March 1982: the

restaurant section need not be cleared until the expiry of its particular tenancy agreement, i.e. end of March 1983. He also pointed out that the appellant had erected a structure as an extension to the restaurant on the land tenanted for flower-growing without the prior approval of the KCR. This in fact constituted a breach of the tenancy agreement.

While noting the justification for the Government decision, UMELCO asked for clearance of the land to be deferred in order to minimise the disturbance to the restaurant. Subsequently, the Government agreed to let the operator retain the extension until 15.8.82.

##### Unsuccessful

##### *Revised postal rates and fees (C 1628/81)*

Representatives of the Hong Kong Direct Mail and Marketing Association and the Ad Hoc Committee of Publishers on Postal Rates Increases petitioned UMELCO concerning rate increases for surface printed papers and inland parcels. At their interview with the duty roster Members, the representatives submitted that the publishing and direct mail marketing industries were the most affected by the proposed increases. In the absence of official data, they had done their own calculations which led them to conclude that any justifiable increase for the two classes of mail should be in the region of 50 to 60 per cent over the current rate. They contended that the proposed increases of 200 and 150 per cent on average for the two classes of mail, at such a short notice, were unjustified. They also suggested that an independent body be set up to review postal rates on an on-going basis.

In studying the case, UMELCO noted that the introduction of the revised postal rates had already been deferred from 1.7.81 to 1.10.81 so that all businesses concerned might make price adjustments for their postal operations. The representations were nevertheless forwarded to the Secretary for Economic Services for comments and were subsequently submitted to the Executive Council for consideration. At the meeting of ExCo held on 29.9.81, the Governor in Council decided that the revised rates should come into effect on 1.10.81 as originally proposed.

##### *Appeal against Revaluation of Property (C 891/81)*

A property owner appealed to UMELCO against the revaluation of his property by the Rating and Valuation Department for stamp duty purposes. According to him, the Purchase Agreement in respect of his property was finalized on 1.4.78. He was aggrieved that the Commissioner of Rating and Valuation had re-assessed the value of his property on 15.4.78 and as a result he was required to pay considerably more stamp duty. He maintained that the price increase during the two weeks had been very great. He was also aggrieved that he had not been given prior revaluation notice otherwise he would have lodged a statutory objection.

The matter was taken up with the Commissioner of Inland Revenue who explained:

(a) The flat in question was subject to a formal Sale and Purchase Agreement which was not registered until 18.4.78; therefore the revaluation assessed on 15.4.78 was considered timely and fair.

(b) Prior notice of the revaluation was issued to the client by registered post to his old address and there was no evidence of non-delivery.

##### Unjustified

##### *Appeal for rehousing (C 972/81)*

A resident living in a Fanling Temporary Housing Area appealed to UMELCO for permanent housing. She said that during a recent trawling exercise conducted by the Housing Department in the area, her family of five was found ineligible for decantation into public housing as their occupancy position in the THA was said to be out of order. She claimed that the decision of the department was based on suspicion and hearsay information only.

Following UMELCO enquiries, the Housing Department carried out another investigation and confirmed that the family had alternative accommodation in Kowloon. It was established that members of the family were either working or studying in the urban area and were using this alternative accommodation. The appellant's Fanling THA site was always locked up and only simple bedding and a few household utensils were kept there. It was clear that the family was keeping the THA unit simply to maintain a position in the housing queue. UMELCO decided it could not pursue the matter further.

##### *Complaint against staff of a District Office (C 1493/81)*

A New Territories villager complained to UMELCO that District Office staff had interfered with the Land Record to deprive him of two pieces of land in Sha Tau Kok. He alleged that the two lots belonged to his late father. When he sought to register them in his name in mid-May 1981, with other property, the District Office had refused to record the said lots on the new certificate. He said he was shown a fabricated Land Record and the owner of the two lots had been changed to another person.

The case was taken up with the District Officer who pointed out that, according to the Land Record, the name of the complainant's late father had never appeared in the property history of the two lots. All lands indicated on both the old and the new certificate were copied directly from the Land Record, and the sole purpose of issuing a certificate was to enable landholders to identify their lands in the District Office registers. A certificate gave no title to land nor did it represent valid proof of land ownership. Having conducted an independent review of the Land Record and relevant documents, UMELCO were satisfied that there was no justification for the complaint.



## II. Proposals/Suggestions

### *Extension of NT taxi boundaries (C 1798/82)*

The New Territories Taxi Merchants Association wrote to UMELCO suggesting that existing boundary points for NT taxis should be extended to Tsuen Wan MTR Station, Sha Tin and Choi Hung MTR Station respectively.

The proposals were discussed by the UMELCO Transport Panel with the Secretary for Transport in December 1981. Members noted that similar proposals had been made to the Government previously, but were rejected on the ground that any extension of the boundaries would undermine the basic purpose of the NT taxi scheme, i.e. to serve the rural areas, and would create enforcement problems for the police. However, the Unofficials were assured that the issue would be reviewed regularly by the Transport Policy Co-ordinating Committee.

In view of the pace of development in the New Territories, the case was taken up again with the Secretary for Transport in July 1982. In reply, the Secretary said the Transport Department was making a study of the effects of the MTR Tsuen Wan Line and KCR electrification and would be considering the adequacy of feeder services including taxis. The outcome of these studies would give an indication of the level of taxi services required and the extent to which demand was being met by urban taxis and whether the position would be helped by extending NT taxi boundaries. He also pointed out that the Transport Advisory Committee, in considering the issue, had recently proposed no change in NT taxi boundaries until the completion of the foregoing studies. UMELCO decided to continue to monitor the situation.

### *Appeal for a contingency fund for industrial workers (C 1971/82)*

Following the sudden closure of two toy factories in the middle of June 1982, a delegation including representatives from the Hong Kong Christian Industrial Committee and 18 other labour unions jointly appealed to UMELCO to seek measures to safeguard the accrued wages and benefits of workers affected by the closure or bankruptcy of factories.

At an interview with the duty roster Members in August 1982, the delegation urged UMELCO to press the Government to set up a contingency/security fund to enable workers to recover arrears of wages and redundancy payments expeditiously. In addition, they put forward the following suggestions:

- (a) the procedure for filing and dealing with claims from the workers should be simplified;
- (b) the Official Receiver's Office should be strengthened;
- (c) legislation should be enacted to prohibit employers involved in bankruptcy or winding up proceedings from leaving the territory; and,

(d) the Companies Ordinance should be amended to accord higher priority to the payment of wages and severance pay to workers.

The appeal was taken up with the Administration. Earlier, Mr. Andrew SO Kwok-wing had asked questions in the Legislative Council (on 28.12.81 and on 30.6.82) about the feasibility of setting up a contributory social security scheme and other means of safeguarding the wages of workers. In reply the Government had commented on the technical difficulties involved. However, in the light of this fresh appeal, the Government decided to appoint an Ad hoc Working Group comprising officials as well as employers' and employees' representatives, under the chairmanship of the Commissioner for Labour, to examine the issue in depth and to make appropriate recommendations. UMELCO awaits the outcome of this study.

## III. Requests

### *Appeal for student visas (C 1579/81)*

An American who is working and residing in Hong Kong appealed to UMELCO for student visas for his three grandchildren, aged between three and nine.

The children's parents were divorced and as their father could not look after them in the United States, they had been sent to their grandfather who had undertaken to take care of them. He had been given a power of attorney as the lawful guardian of the three children. However, the children had been granted three months visit visas only and the local school which had admitted them required them to have student visas.

The matter was taken up with the Director of Immigration who, after considering the case afresh, granted student visas to the three children.

### *Management of a multi-storey building (C 1812/81)*

The owners of a multi-storey building in Wan Chai approached UMELCO to assist them with the management of their building. The developer who had hitherto managed the building through an agent had decided to hand over the management to the owners themselves. Electricity and water supplies for the communal area were going to be disconnected unless the owners took over the management early. However, the owners could not form an owners' corporation under the Multi-storey Buildings (Owners Incorporation) Ordinance or a Management Committee under the Deed of Mutual Covenant because the principal owner, who held a 60 per cent share of the property, had declined to join them.

As the case fell outside the jurisdiction of UMELCO, the City District Officer (Wan Chai) was briefed on the position and asked whether he could help the owners. Subsequently, the City District Officer succeeded in persuading the owner having the majority shares to agree to join a Management Committee under the Deed of Mutual Covenant. The developer was also persuaded to postpone the date for handing-over

management until the new Committee was established.

## IV. Outside UMELCO Jurisdiction

### *Complaint against a gold dealer (C 436/82)*

A woman approached UMELCO for assistance in getting her money back from a gold dealer. She alleged that she had been tricked by the gold dealer into losing nearly \$40,000 by trading in gold. She said she became acquainted with two representatives of the company who told her that she could make a great profit if she would pay the margin for trading in gold, and that she would also be employed by the company as a sales manager drawing a monthly salary of \$3,000. She then sold her flat in Kowloon and had deposited \$80,000 for margin purposes. Initially she was told her investment was worth some \$370,000, but only two months later she was advised that all had been lost and she had debts amounting to \$31,211.50.

Since there was no evidence that a crime had been committed the dispute was a private one and outside UMELCO jurisdiction. However, it was suggested that she might wish to consult a private lawyer to see if there were grounds for her to take legal action against the gold dealer.

### *Request for assistance in labour dispute (C 2695/82)*

About 50 workers of a textile factory in Tsuen Wan approached UMELCO for assistance to obtain better redundancy terms. They also called on the Government to rescind the injunction order granted to their former employer which prevented them from entering the factory premises.

UMELCO enquiries revealed that the dispute commenced in August 1982 when the factory reduced the number of working days. The situation deteriorated further when the services of seven workers, who had refused to be transferred to another mill, were terminated by the management. Meetings were arranged between the workers and the management in the Labour Department. However, the management subsequently terminated the services of some 400 workers and obtained an injunction to prevent them from entering the factory premises. Further negotiations brought no fruitful results and the parties had reached a deadlock.

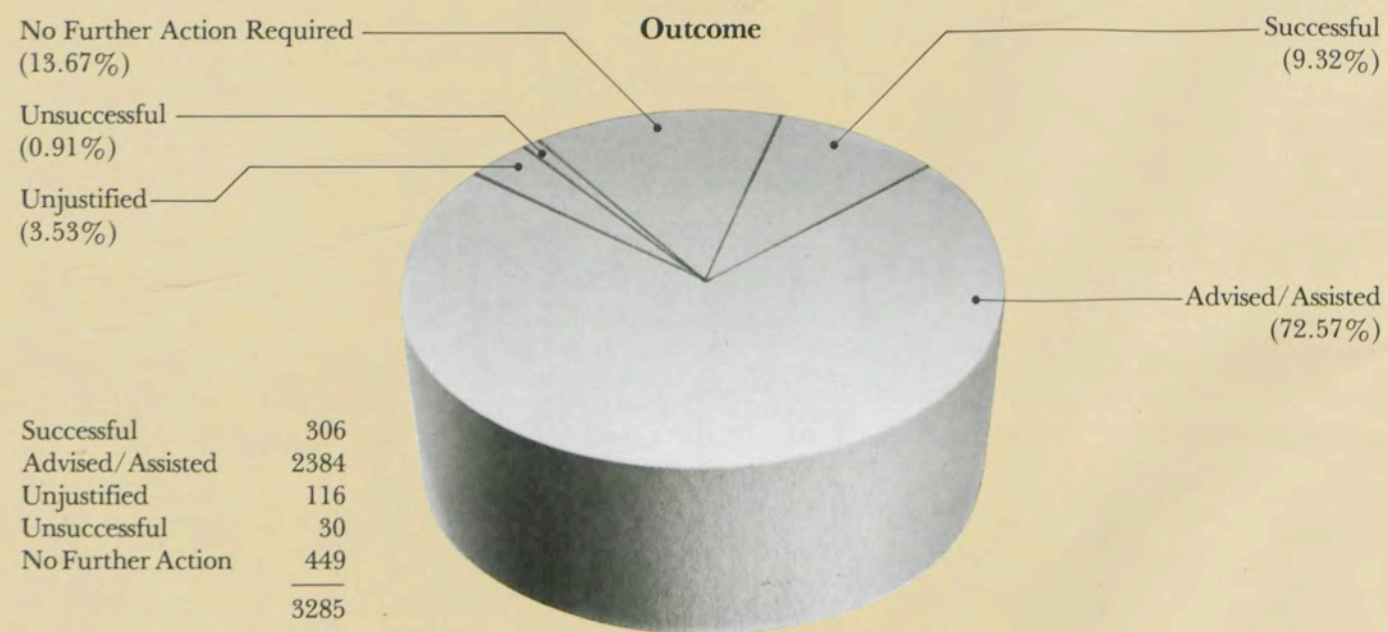
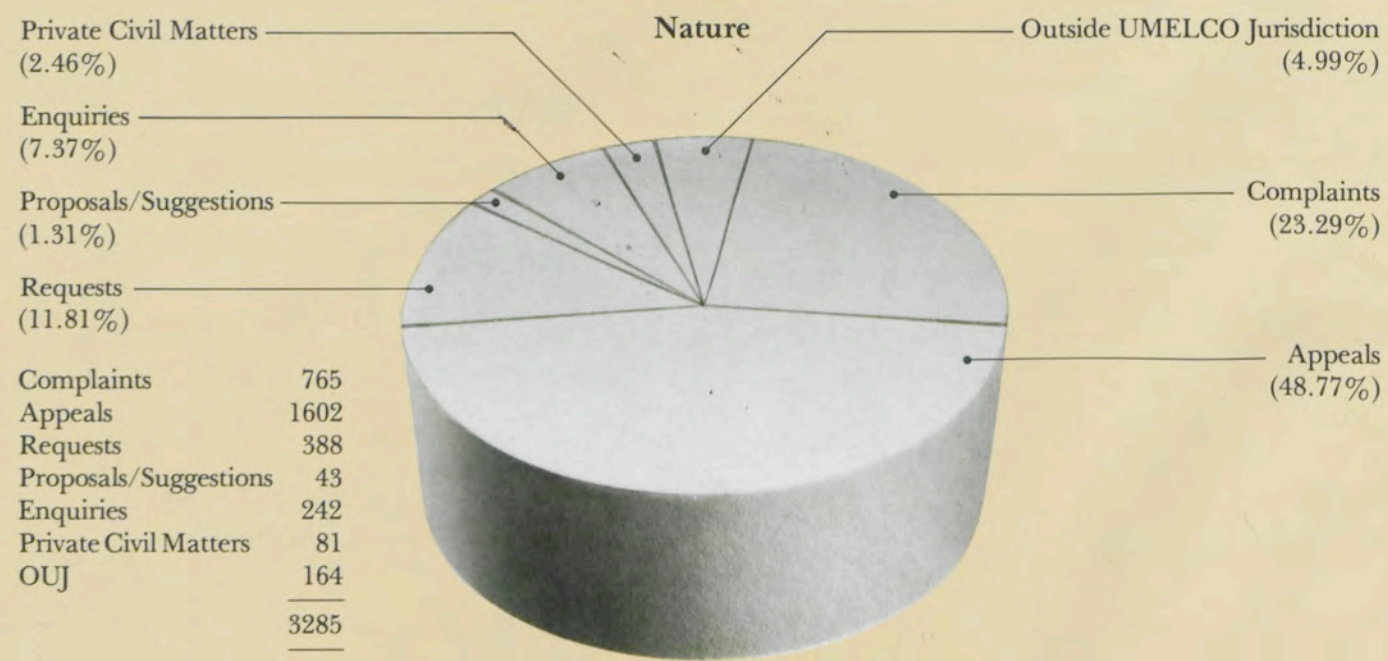
The case was essentially a labour dispute and therefore outside UMELCO jurisdiction. However, UMELCO requested the Labour Department to make further attempts to work out a settlement. After extended negotiations conducted under the guidance of the Labour Department, the dispute was finally resolved to the satisfaction of the parties concerned.



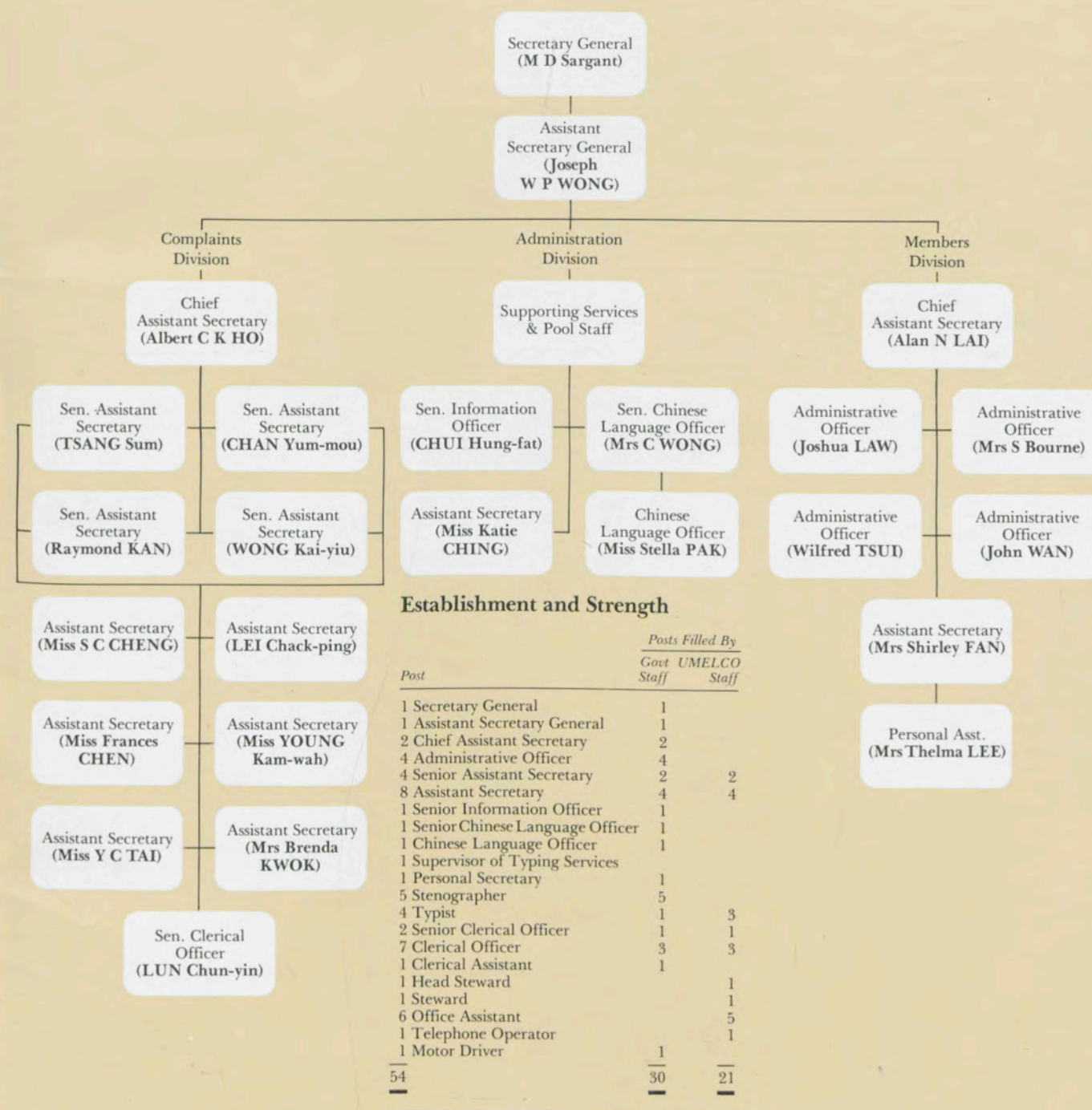




**APPENDIX XIV**  
NATURE AND OUTCOME  
OF COMPLETED COMPLAINTS CASES  
(1.9.81 TO 31.8.82)



**APPENDIX XV**  
UMELCO OFFICE ORGANISATION CHART  
(AS AT 31.8.82)





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