

Appointments to Betting and Lotteries Commission

The Chief Executive has made appointments to the Betting and Lotteries Commission for the term August 1, 2009 to July 31, 2011, pursuant to the Betting Duty Ordinance.

The non-official membership of the commission are:

Chairman

Dr Samuel Yung Wing-ki

Members

Newly appointed:

Rev Chan Yut-wah

Dr Edwin Cheng Kwok-kit

Mr Lawrence Cheung Wai-kou

Dr Chiu Cheung-ki

Mrs Rita Liu Tong Wai-oi

Mr Stephen Yau How-bao

Mr Adrian Yip Chun-to

Mr Yu Pang-chun

Re-appointed:

Mrs Grace Lam Wong Pik-har

Mr William Tsang Chi-hung

The three public officers re-appointed to the commission are the Commissioner of Police or representative, Permanent Secretary for Education or representative; and Director of Home Affairs or representative.

The Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Tsang Tak-sing, welcomed the appointments.

"The commission comprises a balanced composition of individuals from different fields, including the education, religion and social work sectors. We will continue to work closely with the commission to facilitate the latter in discharging its statutory functions effectively," Mr Tsang said.

"We thank Mr Moses Cheng Mo-chi, the commission chairman, and nine outgoing members, whose term ends today (July 31), for their contribution to the commission."

According to the ordinance, the function of the commission is to advise the Secretary for Home Affairs on matters relating to :

- (a) regulation of the conduct of horse race betting, football betting and lotteries;
- (b) issuance and revocation of licences in respect of (a) above and the variation of the licensing conditions;
- (c) compliance with the licensing conditions by the licensees and the handling of complaints that relate to non-compliance with the conditions of the licence; and
- (d) imposition of financial penalties on the licensees.

Ends/Friday, July 31, 2009
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