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Port Administration Committee

His Excellency the Governor has appointed a Committee to conduct an inquiry into and advise Government on certain matters concerning the future administration of the Port of Hong Kong. The membership of the Committee is as follows:—

The Honourable Mr. T.M. Hazlerigg, C.B.E., M.C. (Chairman), the Commodore-in-Charge, Hong Kong, the Hon. Director of Public Works, the Director of Supplies, Trade and Industry, the Manager of the Railway, the Hon Mr. D.F. Landale, the Hon. Mr. T.N. Chau, C.B.E., C.O. Roberts, Esq., R.A. Wickerson, Esq., R.Y. Frost, Esq., Lawrence Kadoorie, Esq., In Koon-chun, Esq. and C.G.F.F. Melmoth, Esq. (Secretary).

The full terms of reference of the Committee are as follows:—

To institute, make and conduct an inquiry into the undermentioned matters, to report to His Excellency the Governor thereon and to make such recommendations thereon as may be thought fit:—

(a) What advantages would accrue from the establishment of a Hong Kong Port Trust to control the Port as recommended in the Report of Sir David Owen, and whether it is in the public interest that such a Trust should be established.

(b) What, if any, deficiencies exist in the present arrangements for the administration and control of the Port and what reforms, if any, are called for.

(c) Whether any deficiencies that may now exist could be remedied and whether any reforms that may be deemed necessary could be introduced by some modification of the present system of Government control.

(d) What means could be adopted to secure on the one hand a closer and more effective co-ordination between the Government departments concerned with the Port and to ensure on the other hand the fullest possible representation of the interests concerned.

(e) Whether the desired end could be attained by the formation

of a Port Advisory Committee whereon Government departments and public and private interests concerned were fully represented—such Committee to have the right of direct access to the Government for the purpose of making representations.

(f) What, if any, other scheme or method of control or operation of the Port might be practicable and desirable.

(g) What means should be adopted for the introduction of such scheme or method of control or administration of the Port as may be recommended.

Written representations on the subject of the administration of the Port or applications to appear before the Committee are invited from members of the public who feel that they are in a position to express the opinions and wishes of any section of the community likely to be affected by changes in such administration. Communications should be addressed to the Secretary of the Committee at the Colonial Secretariat, Lower Albert Road, Hong Kong.