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**Paper for the Committee on Members' Interests' meeting
on 1 June 2001**

**Legislative Council Members' preference on
the four options regarding the minimum value of registrable one-off
material benefits received by Members**

Purpose

This paper reports on the preference of Legislative Council (LegCo) Members regarding the four options of \$10,000, \$5,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000 on the minimum value of registrable one-off material benefits received by Members.

Background

2. The Committee on Members' Interests (the Committee) discussed at the first three meetings in this session whether the minimum value of registrable (one-off) material benefits, set at \$10,000, was appropriate. The Committee then recommended adjusting the amount downwards to \$2,000 and sought, vide LC Paper No. CMI/33/00-01, the views of Members of the House Committee on the proposal at its meeting on 2 March 2001. As some Members expressed reservation about the recommendation at the House Committee meeting, the Chairman of the Committee agreed to invite views from other Members on the recommendation. Members were subsequently invited, vide LegCo Paper No. CMI/35/00-01 issued on 14 March 2001, to send in their views on the minimum value of registrable material benefits to the Committee and to attend its meeting scheduled for 3 April 2001 when the recommendation would be discussed again by the Committee. The following different minimum values of registrable material benefits have been received by the Committee:

- (a) Maintain the status quo at \$10,000;
- (b) Reduce to \$5,000;
- (c) Reduce to \$3,000;
- (d) Reduce to \$2,000 (as suggested by the Committee).

3. At the Committee's meeting on 3 April 2001, after considering the views of two non-Committee Members who attended the meeting and reviewing the recommendation, the Committee decided that all Members should be consulted again on the order of their preference for the above four options. All Members were requested, irrespective of whether they wish to indicate their preference, to sign and return the reply slip to the Secretariat.

4. The Committee also decided that the overall preference be determined in accordance with the preferential elimination method. Section 50 of Legislative Council Ordinance (Cap. 542), a copy of which is at **Appendix I**, sets out how the preferential elimination method works.

Overall preference

5. The returns from Members are summarized in **Appendix II**. Applying the preferential elimination method, Option D, which has got the least number of votes among the four Options, is eliminated at the first stage with its votes transferred to the other options; and at the second stage, both Options B and C are eliminated as they have the least number of votes among the three options and their votes transferred to Option A, the only option remaining. Thus, the overall preference of LegCo Members for the level of the minimum value of registrable one-off material benefits is Option A - existing value of \$10,000.

Advice sought

6. Members are invited to note the overall preference indicated by LegCo Members as set out in **Appendix II** and decide the way forward.

Preferences of Legislative Council Members for the four options on the minimum value of registrable one-off material benefits received by Members

Appendix II

Option A=\$10,000 (status quo), Option B=\$5,000, Option C=\$3,000, Option D=\$2,000

Number of Members indicated preference: 58

Number of Votes required for an absolute majority: 30

	Stage 1				Stage 2			Ends
	Starts				Ends			
	Option A	Option B	Option C	Option D	Option A	Option B	Option C	
1. Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai, GBS, JP								
2. Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou, JP	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	1
3. Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, JP	1				1			1
4. Hon David CHU Yu-lin	4	1	2	3	3	1	2	1
5. Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan				1				
6. Hon Albert HO Chun-yan	4	3	1	2	3	2	1	1
7. Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, JP	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	1
8. Hon LEE Cheuk-yan	4	3	2	1	3	2	1	1
9. Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming, SC, JP	4	3	1	2	3	2	1	1
10. Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung, JP	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	1
11. Dr Hon David LI Kwok-po, JP	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	1
12. Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP	4	3	1	2	3	2	1	1
13. Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah, JP	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	1
14. Hon NG Leung-sing	2	3	4	1	1	2	3	1
15. Prof Hon NG Ching-fai	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	1
16. Hon Margaret NG	4	3	2	1	3	2	1	1
17. Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye, JP	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	1
18. Hon James TO Kun-sun	4	3	1	2	3	2	1	1
19. Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong	4	3	1	2	3	2	1	1
20. Hon HUI Cheung-ching	4	1	2	3	3	1	2	1
21. Hon CHAN Kwok-keung	4	1	2	3	3	1	2	1
22. Hon CHAN Yuen-han	4	1	2	3	3	1	2	1
23. Hon Bernard CHAN	4	3	2	1	3	2	1	1
24. Hon CHAN Kam-lam	4	1	2	3	3	1	2	1
25. Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, SBS, JP	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	1
26. Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung	4	3	2	1	3	2	1	1
27. Hon SIN Chung-kai	4	3	1	2	3	2	1	1
28. Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat, JP	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	1
29. Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong								
30. Hon WONG Yung-kan	4	1	2	3	3	1	2	1
31. Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, JP	4	1	2	3	3	1	2	1
32. Hon Howard YOUNG, JP	1				1			1
33. Dr Hon YEUNG Sum	4	3	1	2	3	2	1	1
34. Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung	4	1	2	3	3	1	2	1
35. Hon LAU Chin-shek, JP	4	3	2	1	3	2	1	1
36. Hon LAU Kong-wah	4	1	2	3	3	1	2	1
37. Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBS, JP	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	1
38. Hon Mrs Miriam LAU Kin-ye, JP	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	1
39. Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen, JP	4	1	2	3	3	1	2	1
40. Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP	4	3	2	1	3	2	1	1
41. Hon CHOY So-yuk	4	1	2	3	3	1	2	1
42. Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo	4	3	1	2	3	2	1	1
43. Hon SZETO Wah	4	3	1	2	3	2	1	1
44. Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, SBS, JP	1				1			1
45. Hon LAW Chi-kwong, JP	4	3	1	2	3	2	1	1
46. Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP	4	1	2	3	3	1	2	1
47. Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong, JP	4	1	2	3	3	1	2	1
48. Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, JP	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	1
49. Hon LI Fung-ying, JP	3	2	4	1	2	1	3	1
50. Hon Henry WU King-cheong, BBS	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	1
51. Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	1
52. Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	1
53. Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	1
54. Hon LEUNG Fu-wah, MH, JP	4	1	2	3	3	1	2	1
55. Dr Hon LO Wing-lok	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	1
56. Hon WONG Sing-chi	4	3	1	2	3	2	1	1
57. Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee	2	1	3	4	2	1	3	1
58. Hon IP Kwok-him, JP	4	1	2	3	3	1	2	1
59. Hon LAU Ping-cheung	1				1			1
60. Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	1
<i>Number of "1" votes</i>	22	16	11	9	23	17	17	57

Option(s) eliminated:

Option D

Options B & C

Option which obtained an absolute majority: Option A