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**Paper for the House Committee Meeting
on 2 November 2001**

**Fourth Report of the Subcommittee on Members' Remuneration
and Operating Expenses Reimbursement**

Purpose

This paper seeks Members' endorsement on the recommendations of the Subcommittee on Members' Remuneration and Operating Expenses Reimbursement regarding retirement benefits for Legislative Council (LegCo) Members.

Background

2. In the Subcommittee's first report to the House Committee on 17 November 2000, Members were informed that it would examine, inter alia, the issue of retirement benefits for LegCo Members.

Deliberations and Recommendations

3. Pursuant to the study on the level of and mechanism for determining Members' remuneration and operating expenses reimbursement, the Subcommittee has held three meetings, including one with the Administration, to discuss the issue of retirement benefits for LegCo Members.

4. The Subcommittee has also requested the Secretariat to produce research reports on the parliamentary pension schemes in Australia, Singapore, the United Kingdom and the United States of America. These reports were forwarded to all Members vide AS 351/00-01 on 30 May 2001.

5. Two consultation papers were issued to all Members in June and October 2001 respectively. The first one (LC Paper No. AS 381/00-01 dated 21 June 2001) was to gauge Members' views on whether there should be a pension scheme for Legislative Council Members. A total of 54 Members have responded. Of these Members, 33 support the proposal of a pension scheme for Legislative Council Members, while 18 do not and three abstain from indicating their views. Members' responses to the first consultation paper are summarized in LC Paper No. AS 403/00-01 dated 12 July 2001.

6. As the majority of Members support the proposal of a pension scheme for Legislative Council Members, the Subcommittee issues another consultation paper (LC Paper No. AS 17/01-02 dated 10 October 2001) to seek Members' further views on whether:

- (a) to request the Administration to draw up a scheme for Members' consideration; OR
- (b) to appoint a consultant by The Legislative Council Commission to formulate a scheme for the Administration's consideration.

A total of 48 Members have responded. 40 Members are in favour of (a), seven for (b) and one supports both (a) and (b). Members' responses to the second consultation paper are summarized in LC Paper No. AS 32/01-02 dated 29 October 2001.

7. Basing on the outcome of the two consultation papers, the Subcommittee recommends that there should be a pension scheme for Legislative Council Members and that the Administration should be requested to draw up a scheme for Members' consideration.

Advice Sought

8. Members are invited to endorse the recommendations of the Subcommittee in the preceding paragraph and forward them to the Administration for consideration.

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Legislative Council Secretariat
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