

**Subcommittee to Study the Proposed
Accountability System for Principal Officials and Related Issues**

**Administration's response to
issues raised at the meeting on 14 May 2002**

This paper sets out the Administration's response to the list of issues raised at the meeting on 14 May 2002 as set out in LC Paper No. CB(2)1967/01-02 (01).

- (a) Issue raised: To provide a detailed job description for the post of the Director of the Chief Executive's Office.

Administration's response: This is under preparation.

- (b) Issue raised: To provide an organisation chart showing the policy bureaux and departments as well as the advisory boards and committees under the respective Directors of Bureau.

Administration's response: This is under preparation.

- (c) Issue raised: To rationalise and re-distribute the portfolios of the Financial Secretary and Directors of Bureau and to consider the following suggestions -

- the Environment and Food portfolio should not be placed under the same Director of Bureau responsible for Health and Welfare
- the Environment portfolio should be assigned to a dedicated Director of Bureau
- the Environment portfolio can be placed under the Director of Bureau responsible for Transport and Works
- the Manpower portfolio should not be placed under the Director of Bureau responsible for Commerce and Industry
- the Constitutional Affairs and Home Affairs portfolio can be placed under one Director of Bureau

Administration's response: We will respond at the motion debate on 29 May 2002.

- (d) Issue raised: To provide an undertaking that members of the advisory bodies and committees will be drawn from people of high public standing from different sectors of the community who are familiar with the work of those committees.

Administration's response: We are confident that principal officials under the accountability system will see the advantage of drawing members of advisory bodies and committees from people of high public standing.