

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

**Issues raised at the meeting on 31 May 2002
requiring the Administration's response**

- (1) Regarding the proposal to merge the Economic Development portfolio with the Manpower portfolio, to explain how tourism and logistics industries would provide a lot of employment opportunities.
- (2) To provide the number and name of department(s) under each bureau.
- (3) To provide the number of Permanent Secretary under each Director of Bureau.
- (4) To report the outcome of consultation with civil servants on the proposed civil service circular.
- (5) To consider members' views on the paper submitted to the Establishment Subcommittee -
 - (a) regarding the 16 posts of Permanent Secretary, to consider whether approval should be sought for the creation/redeployment of these posts, to provide detailed job description of these posts, the criteria and justifications for pitching the number of posts at 16 instead of 11 to tie in with the number of bureaux;
 - (b) to explain the working relationship between the administrative assistant (D2) in support of each Director of Bureau and civil servants; and
 - (c) to provide justifications for the special status of the post of Director of Chief Executive's Office, i.e. a political appointee but not a principal official under accountability system.