

Government explains Exco Members' declaration of interest

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In response to media enquiries about Executive Council Members' declaration of interest, a Government spokesman said tonight (March 18) that the Chief Executive, Mr Tung Chee Hwa, had already concluded that it was grossly negligent of the Financial Secretary, Mr Antony Leung, not to have declared according to the Code for Principal Officials under the Accountability System.

"Apart from the Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food, Dr E K Yeoh, no other Members declared at the Executive Council meeting on March 5 as the new cars bought by other Members had already been registered. The Executive Council's decision would not have any effect on them," the spokesman said.

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