LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BRIEF

Legal Aid Ordinance (Chapter 91)

RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (L.N. 45 OF 2004) (COMMENCEMENT) NOTICE 2004

INTRODUCTION

The Director of Administration has appointed 12 July 2004 as the day on which the Resolution of the Legislative Council (L.N. 45 of 2004) (the Resolution) shall come into operation.

BACKGROUND

2. The Resolution was made and passed by the Legislative Council (LegCo) under section 7(a) of the Legal Aid Ordinance (Cap. 91) (the Ordinance) on 17 March 2004. The Resolution adjusts the financial eligibility limit for the Ordinary Legal Aid Scheme from \$169,700 to \$155,800, and that for the Supplementary Legal Aid Scheme from \$471,600 to \$432,900. LegCo resolved that the Resolution should come into operation on a day to be appointed by the Director of Administration by notice published in the Gazette. Through the Resolution of the Legislative Council (L.N. 45 of 2004) (Commencement) Notice 2004, at the **Annex**, the Director of Administration has appointed 12 July 2004 as the day on which the Resolution shall come into operation.

Annex

LEGISLATIVE TIMETABLE

3. The legislative timetable is as follows: -

Publication in the Gazette

14 May 2004

Tabling in LegCo

19 May 2004

IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSAL

4. The proposal is in conformity with the Basic Law, including provisions concerning human rights. It does not affect the existing binding effect of the Ordinance. The proposal should also have no financial, civil service, economic, productivity, environmental or sustainability implications.

ENQUIRIES

5. Any enquiries on this brief can be addressed to Mr. Chan Yum-min, James, Assistant Director (Administration) at 2810 2576.

Administration Wing Chief Secretary for Administration's Office

13 May 2004

LEGAL AID ORDINANCE

RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (L.N. 45 OF 2004)(COMMENCEMENT) NOTICE 2004

Under paragraph (b) of the resolution made and passed by the Legislative Council under section 7(a) of the Legal Aid Ordinance (Cap. 91) on 17 March 2004 and published in the Gazette as Legal Notice No. 45 of 2004, I appoint 12 July 2004 as the day on which the resolution shall come into operation.

Director of Administration

11 May 2004