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Paper for the House Committee Meeting on 19 November 2004

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

Purpose

This paper seeks Members' co-operation with the Corruption Prevention Department (CPD) of the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) in its review of the procedures for administering Legislative Council Members' operating expenses reimbursement claims.

The Subcommittee

2. The Subcommittee was formed at the House Committee meeting on 15 October 2004. It comprises nine members. A membership list of the Subcommittee is in the **Appendix**.

3. Under the chairmanship of Hon Patrick Lau Sau-shing, the Subcommittee has held two meetings, with the second one attended by representatives from CPD of ICAC.

Deliberation and Recommendation of the Subcommittee

4. In response to CPD's offer, the Subcommittee has decided to invite it to conduct a review on the administration of Legislative Council Members' operating expenses reimbursement claims. The review will take about two months to complete. During the review, CPD considers that it will be useful to visit some Members' offices and interview their assistants to better understand their use of the operating expenses in carrying out their duties.

5. For Members' information, in November 2003, CPD conducted a study for Home Affairs Department (HAD) on the administration of District Council (DC) funds which are primarily used to sponsor district activities. Separately, HAD also invited CPD to comment on its "Guidelines on Reimbursement of Operating Expenses Allowance for Members of DC" (e.g. in hiring assistants and renting premises for use as office wards), which were being revised to tie in with the new term of DC commencing 1 January 2004. CPD made a number of recommendations to strengthen the safeguards, which were accepted by HAD and incorporated in the revised guidelines.

Advice Sought

6. Members' agreement and co-operation are sought for CPD of ICAC to visit some of their offices.

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Membership List of Subcommittee on Members' Remuneration and
Operating Expenses Reimbursement

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(合共 : 9 位委員)
(Total : 9 members)