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Paper for the House Committee meeting on 8 June 2007

**Report of the Subcommittee to Study the Subject of Combating Poverty
on Elderly in Poverty**

Purpose

This paper invites Members to note the Report of the Subcommittee to Study the Subject of Combating Poverty (the Subcommittee) on Elderly in Poverty, and seeks the agreement of the House Committee to allocate a debate slot under House Rule 14A(h) to the Chairman of the Subcommittee to move a motion on the Report at the Council meeting on 27 June 2007.

Report on Elderly in Poverty

2. The Subcommittee has completed its study on the subject of elderly in poverty. In the course of the study, the Subcommittee has discussed with the Administration and gauged the views of non-governmental organisations on the situation of elderly in Hong Kong, the causes of elderly in poverty, and measures to address the problems faced by the elderly.

3. The Subcommittee has summarised its discussions and drawn up 25 recommendations in its Report for the Administration's consideration and responses. The Subcommittee will follow up the implementation of the recommendations with the Administration.

Motion debate

4. In view of the ageing population and the fact that the subject of elderly in poverty straddles different policy areas, the Subcommittee considers that an opportunity should be provided for Members to express their views on the subject and for the Administration to provide its response. In this connection, the Subcommittee has agreed at the meeting on 12 April 2007 that a motion on the Subcommittee's Report should be moved for debate at a Legislative Council meeting, and the agreement of the House Committee should be sought for the

allocation of a debate slot to the Chairman of the Subcommittee under Rule 14A(h) of the House Rules for moving the motion. The debate slot would not be counted as the Chairman's own slot.

5. At the meeting on 28 May 2007, the Subcommittee endorsed its Report on Elderly in Poverty for presentation to the House Committee on 8 June 2007, and agreed that a motion on the Subcommittee's Report should be moved for debate at the Council meeting on 27 June 2007. The wording of the motion, as endorsed by the Subcommittee, is in the **Appendix**. If the House Committee agrees to the proposed motion debate on the Subcommittee's Report, the Subcommittee suggests that there should only be one other motion debate without legislative effect at that Council meeting.

Advice sought

6. The House Committee's agreement is sought for the Subcommittee's request in paragraphs 4 and 5 above.

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Legislative Council Secretariat
5 June 2007

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馮檢基議員就"長者貧窮"提出的議案

議案措辭

"本會通過研究有關減貧事宜小組委員會有關長者貧窮的報告，並促請政府落實該報告所提出的建議。"

(Translation)

**Motion on "Elderly in poverty"
to be moved by Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee
at the Council meeting on 27 June 2007**

Wording of the Motion

"That this Council endorses the Report on Elderly in Poverty by the Subcommittee to Study the Subject of Combating Poverty and urges the Government to implement the recommendations therein."