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From : Clerk to the Legislative Council

To : All Members of the Legislative Council

Council meeting of 5 March 2008

Proposed resolution under the Public Finance Ordinance

I forward for Members' consideration a proposed resolution which the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury will move at the Council meeting of 5 March 2008 under the Public Finance Ordinance. The President has directed that "it be printed in the terms in which it was handed in" on the Agenda of the Council.

2. The speech, in both English and Chinese versions, which the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury will deliver when moving the proposed resolution, is also attached.

(Mrs Justina LAM)
for Clerk to the Legislative Council

Encl.

PUBLIC FINANCE ORDINANCE

RESOLUTION

(Under section 7(1) of the Public Finance
Ordinance (Cap. 2))

RESOLVED that -

1. Authority is hereby given for a sum not exceeding \$90,989,010,000 to be charged on the general revenue for expenditure on the services of the Government in respect of the financial year commencing on 1 April 2008.
2. Subject to this Resolution, the sum so charged may be expended against the heads of expenditure as shown in the Estimates of Expenditure 2008-09 laid before the Legislative Council on 27 February 2008 or, where the Estimates are changed under the provisions of the Public Finance Ordinance (Cap. 2) as applied by section 7(2) of that Ordinance, as shown in the Estimates as so changed.
3. Expenditure in respect of any head of expenditure shall not exceed the aggregate of the amounts authorized by paragraph 4 to be expended in respect of the subheads in that head of expenditure.

4. Expenditure in respect of each subhead in a head of expenditure shall not exceed -
- (a) in the case of an Operating Account Recurrent subhead of expenditure, an amount equivalent to -
 - (i) except where the subhead is listed in the Schedule to this Resolution, 20% of the provision shown in the Estimates in respect of that subhead;
 - (ii) where the subhead is listed in the Schedule to this Resolution, the percentage of the provision shown in the Estimates in respect of that subhead that is specified in the Schedule in relation to that subhead; and
 - (b) in the case of an Operating Account Non-Recurrent subhead of expenditure or Capital Account subhead of expenditure, an amount equivalent to 100% of the provision shown in the Estimates in respect of that subhead,
- or such other amount, not exceeding an amount equivalent to 100% of the provision shown in the Estimates in respect of that subhead, as may in any case be approved by the Financial Secretary.

SCHEDULE

[para. 4]

Percentage
of provision
shown in
Estimates

	Head of Expenditure		Subhead	
46	General Expenses of the Civil Service	013	Personal allowances	40
59	Government Logistics Department	225	Traffic Accident Victims Assistance Scheme - levies	100
90	Labour Department	280	Contribution to the Occupational Safety and Health Council	30
		295	Contribution to the Occupational Deafness Compensation Board	30
106	Miscellaneous Services	284	Compensation	40
120	Pensions	021	Ex gratia pensions, awards and allowances	50
		026	Employees' compensation, injury, incapacity and death related payments and expenses	50
136	Public Service Commission	000	Operational expenses	25
152	Government Secretariat: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau (Commerce, Industry and Tourism Branch)	000	Operational expenses	25
155	Government Secretariat: Innovation and Technology Commission	000	Operational expenses	25

170	Social Welfare Department	157	Assistance for patients and their families	100
		176	Criminal and law enforcement injuries compensation	25
		177	Emergency relief	100
		179	Comprehensive social security assistance scheme	30
		180	Social security allowance scheme	45

**SPEECH BY THE SECRETARY FOR
FINANCIAL SERVICES AND THE TREASURY
MOVING THE VOTE ON ACCOUNT RESOLUTION
IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
ON 5 MARCH 2008**

Madam President,

I move the motion standing in my name in the Agenda.

2. The purpose of this motion is to seek funds on account to enable the Government to carry on existing services between the start of the financial year on 1 April 2008 and the enactment of the Appropriation Ordinance 2008. This follows the procedure long established in this Council.

3. We have determined the funds on account sought under each subhead in accordance with the fourth paragraph of the resolution, by reference to percentages of the provision shown in the 2008-09 Estimates of Expenditure. If, prior to the enactment of the Appropriation Ordinance 2008, the Estimates are changed by the Finance Committee or officers under delegated authority, the funds on account for the relevant heads will also change accordingly. In any case, the aggregate total under all heads is \$90,989,010,000 and cannot be exceeded without the approval of this Council. The initial amount of funds on account under each head is provided in the form of a footnote to this speech.

4. The resolution also enables the Financial Secretary to vary the funds on account in respect of any subhead, provided that these variations do not cause an excess over the amount of provision entered for that subhead in the 2008-09 Estimates of Expenditure or the amount of funds on account for the relevant head.

5. The vote on account will be subsumed upon the enactment of the Appropriation Ordinance 2008.

6. Madam President, I beg to move.

Footnote

Remarks : The initial amount of funds on account under each head will be presented to Members as soon as the Appropriation Bill 2008 is gazetted on 27 February 2008.