

(Translation)

**Motion on “Strengthening support for Tin Shui Wai”
moved by Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee
at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 7 November 2007**

Motion as amended by Hon LEE Cheuk-yan and Hon Albert HO Chun-yan

“That, as the Government’s faulty planning has caused family tragedies to have occurred time and again in Tin Shui Wai in recent years and to prevent similar tragedies from happening, this Council urges the Government to :

- (a) expeditiously implement the various recommendations put forward in the Report of Review Panel on Family Services in Tin Shui Wai and comprehensively improve the community facilities and services in the district, give suitable support to the needy families and provide family services on all fronts to create a harmonious community;
- (b) cooperate with the stakeholders, such as the residents, community organizations, non-governmental organizations and relevant professional bodies in the locality, to map out the town planning and community development strategies for the district afresh, improve its population structure, better the neighbourhood relations and perfect the transport support, medical services, and arts, recreational and sports facilities for the area;
- (c) solve the problem of working poverty and formulate a family-friendly labour policy to alleviate the troubles faced by grass-roots families in the district due to work and financial pressure; and
- (d) inject more economic activities into the district, and increase facilities and business opportunities for cultural and recreational enterprises, so as to enhance employment opportunities and promote a balanced community development in the district; and
- (e) set up an investigation committee to find out the causes of the problems in Tin Shui Wai; recruit more social workers to clear case backlogs and strengthen the coordination mechanism, and create Family Service Case Manager posts; establish Community Practice Centres to support residents’ organizations and enhance mutual aid among neighbours; develop wetland resort hotels, ‘riverside markets’ and recovery parks; enhance employment counselling service and relax restrictions on the cross-district transport allowance to allow a family to be a unit in making applications; assist social enterprises in real terms, and suggest that the Housing Department provide rent concession to social enterprises.”