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**Proposed amendments to motion on
“Comprehensively improving the public dental out-patient services
and the dental care scheme”**

Further to LC Paper No. CB(3) 118/08-09 issued on 6 November 2008, Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo and Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun have respectively given notice of their intention to move separate amendments to Hon WONG Kwok-hing’s motion on “Comprehensively improving the public dental out-patient services and the dental care scheme” scheduled for the Council meeting of 19 November 2008. As directed by the President, Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo’s and Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun’s amendments will be printed in the terms in which they were handed in on the Agenda of the Council.

2. To assist Members in debating the above motion and the two amendments, I set out below the procedure to be followed during the debate:

- (a) Hon WONG Kwok-hing moves his motion;
- (b) the President proposes the question on Hon WONG Kwok-hing’s motion, and orders a joint debate;
- (c) the President calls on the two Members, who intend to move amendments, to speak in the following order, but no amendment is to be moved at this stage:
 - (i) Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo; and
 - (ii) Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun;

- (d) the President calls upon the designated public officer(s) to speak;
- (e) joint debate on the motion and the two amendments follows thereafter;
- (f) the President gives leave to Hon WONG Kwok-hing to speak for the second time on the two amendments;
- (g) the President calls upon the designated public officer(s) again to speak;
- (h) in accordance with Rule 34(5) of the Rules of Procedure, the President has decided that he will call upon the two Members to move their respective amendments in the order set out in paragraph (c) above. The President invites Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo to move his amendment to the motion, and forthwith proposes and puts to vote the question on the amendment;
- (i) after Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo's amendment has been voted upon, the President deals with Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun's amendment to the motion; and
- (j) after Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun's amendment has been dealt with, the President calls upon Hon WONG Kwok-hing to reply. Thereafter, the President puts to vote the question on Hon WONG Kwok-hing's motion, or his motion as amended, as the case may be.

3. For Members' ease of reference, the terms of the original motion and of the motion, if amended, are set out in the **Appendix**.

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Encl.

(Translation)

Motion debate on
“Comprehensively improving the public dental out-patient services
and the dental care scheme”
to be held at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 19 November 2008

1. Hon WONG Kwok-hing’s original motion

“That, as the Government on the one hand promotes oral care among the entire population, but on the other hand the public dental out-patient services and dental care services in Hong Kong are seriously inadequate, resulting in the grassroots who cannot afford the charges of private dental clinics not being able to receive timely dental treatment even when they have dental diseases, and at the same time, the present dental care scheme remains to be available to primary schools only, this Council urges the Government to provide additional resources to improve oral care for the entire population, the public dental out-patient services and the dental care scheme, including:

- (a) providing public dental out-patient services to members of the public at the medical and health organizations run by the Government in various districts;
- (b) public dental out-patient services must include comprehensive dental treatment, such as dental examination, scaling, extraction, filling, endodontic treatment and crowning, etc;
- (c) setting up a dental care scheme for secondary school students;
- (d) setting up a dental care scheme for the poor elderly aged over 60; and
- (e) drawing up an implementation timetable and a detailed plan to comprehensively improve the public dental out-patient services and the dental care scheme.”

2. Motion as amended by Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo

“That, ~~as~~ *oral health is an important factor affecting people’s health and quality of life, yet many people are not able to receive proper treatment when they have oral health problems*; the Government on the one hand promotes oral care among the entire population, but on the other hand the public dental out-patient services and dental care services in Hong Kong are seriously inadequate, resulting in the grassroots who cannot afford the charges of private dental clinics not being able to receive timely dental treatment even when they have dental diseases, and at the same time, the present dental care scheme remains to be available to primary schools only, this Council urges the Government to provide additional resources to improve oral care for

the entire population, the public dental out-patient services and the dental care scheme, including:

- (a) providing public dental out-patient services to members of the public at the medical and health organizations run by the Government in various districts;
- (b) public dental out-patient services must include comprehensive dental treatment, such as dental examination, scaling, extraction, filling, endodontic treatment and crowning, etc, **and providing out-reaching dental services for the elderly living in residential care homes;**
- (c) setting up a dental care scheme for secondary school students;
- (d) setting up a dental care scheme for the poor elderly aged over 60; ~~and~~
- (e) **studying the provision of small dental clinics in elderly health centres; and**
- (f) **reviewing the policy and goals in respect of oral health, and drawing up an implementation timetable and a detailed plan to comprehensively improve the public dental out-patient services and the dental care scheme; as it takes time to improve public dental out-patient services, the Government should first set up a fund to subsidize the people in need to use the dental services of private or non-profit-making organizations.**

Note: Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo's amendment is marked in ***bold and italic type*** or with deletion line.

3. Motion as amended by Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun

“That, as the Government on the one hand promotes oral care among the entire population, but on the other hand the public dental out-patient services and dental care services in Hong Kong are seriously inadequate, resulting in the grassroots who cannot afford the charges of private dental clinics not being able to ***undergo regular dental examination annually, and also not being able to*** receive timely dental treatment even when they have dental diseases, ~~and~~; at the same time, the present ~~dental care scheme~~ ***School Dental Care Service provided by the Department of Health*** remains to be available to primary schools only, this Council urges the Government to provide additional resources to improve oral care for the entire population, the public dental out-patient services and the dental care scheme, including:

- (a) ~~providing public dental out-patient services to members of the public at the medical and health organizations run by the Government in various districts~~ ***extending the government dental clinic services, which are currently only available to civil servants, their dependent family members and retired civil servants, to cover recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance;***

- (b) public dental out-patient services must include comprehensive dental treatment, such as dental examination, scaling, extraction, filling, endodontic treatment and crowning, etc;
- (c) setting up a dental care scheme for secondary school students *and full-time students of universities subsidized by the Government*;
- (d) setting up a dental care scheme for the ~~poor elderly aged over 60;~~ and *elderly aged 65 or above*;
- (e) drawing up an implementation timetable and a detailed plan to comprehensively improve the public dental out-patient services and the dental care scheme; *and*
- (f) *considering collaborating with private dental clinics and subsidizing members of the public to visit private dentists for dental examination in a manner similar to the provision of health care vouchers.*”

Note: Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun’s amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.