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The Hon Miriam Lau Kin-ye, GBS, JP  
Chairman of the House Committee  
Legislative Council  
Legislative Council Building  
8 Jackson Road, Central  
Hong Kong

Dear *Miriam*,

### **The Debate on the Motion of Thanks on the 2008-09 Policy Address**

#### **Proposed Grouping of Policy Areas**

We understand that the House Committee decided on 10 October 2008 that the arrangements for the Debate on Motion of Thanks to be held on 29, 30 and 31 October 2008 would be the same as that in the past three years. In response to the Clerk to the House Committee's letter of 14 October, I attach at **Annex** the Administration's proposed grouping of policy areas for the Debate, the proposed order of the Debate sessions, as well as the tentative list of responding Public Officers for consideration please.

As with previous practice, the list of responding officers and their speaking order may be subject to fine-tuning. In case there is any change to the speaking order, we will advise the LegCo President **before** the government response at the relevant debate session.

*Jennifer Mak*

( Miss Jennifer Mak )  
Director of Administration

c.c. Clerk to the House Committee

**Debate on the Motion of Thanks**  
**Proposed Grouping of Policy Areas and Speaking Order of Public Officers**

Debate Session	Debate Themes	Policy Areas	Tentative List of Responding Public Officers and Speaking Order <sup>Note</sup>
1.	Developing the Infrastructure for Economic Growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Commerce and Industry</li> <li>- Economic Development (other than energy)</li> <li>- Financial Affairs (financial services)</li> <li>- Housing</li> <li>- Information Technology and Broadcasting (other than creative industry)</li> <li>- Development (Planning, Lands and Works)</li> <li>- Transport</li> </ul>	FS SDEV STH SCED SFST
2.	Quality City and Quality Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Economic Development (energy)</li> <li>- Environmental Affairs</li> <li>- Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene</li> <li>- Home Affairs (other than district administration and civic education)</li> <li>- Information Technology and Broadcasting (creative industry)</li> <li>- Development (heritage conservation)</li> </ul>	SEN SDEV SCED SFH SHA

<sup>Note</sup> Should there be any change in the final arrangements in response to Members' speeches, the Administration will advise the LegCo President before the Public Officers speak at the relevant debate session.

Debate Session	Debate Themes	Policy Areas	Tentative List of Responding Public Officers and Speaking Order <sup>Note</sup>
3.	Investing for a Caring Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Manpower</li> <li>- Welfare Services (including social enterprise and family matters)</li> <li>- Financial Affairs (allocation of public resources)</li> </ul>	SLW SHA SFST
4.	Optimising Our Demographic Structure and Attracting Talent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Education</li> <li>- Health Services</li> <li>- Security (immigration policies)</li> </ul>	SED SFH S for S
5.	Developing Democracy and Enhancing Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Administration of Justice and Legal Services</li> <li>- Constitutional Affairs</li> <li>- Public Service</li> <li>- Security (other than immigration policies)</li> <li>- Home Affairs (district administration and civic education)</li> </ul>	CS SJ SCMA SCS S for S SHA

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