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**Paper for the Special House Committee meeting
on 12 December 2008**

**Attendance at meetings
of the Legislative Council by Principal Officials**

Purpose

This paper provides the following statistics on the occasions on which:

- (a) a Director of Bureau attended the relevant Council meeting on behalf of the Secretary of Department concerned who was unable to attend the meeting;
- (b) another Director of Bureau attended the relevant Council meeting on behalf of the Director of Bureau concerned who was unable to attend the meeting; and
- (c) the Under Secretary concerned attended the relevant Council meeting on behalf of the Director of Bureau concerned who was unable to attend the meeting.

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2. Since the implementation of the Accountability System on 1 July 2002 and before the creation of the position of Under Secretary, if the Chief Secretary for Administration, the Financial Secretary or a Director of Bureau (excluding the Secretary for the Civil Service) was unable to attend a Council meeting, the Administration would arrange for another Director of Bureau to attend the meeting. In the case of the Secretary for Justice and the Secretary for the Civil Service, arrangement would be made for a designated Law Officer and the Permanent Secretary for the Civil Service to attend on their behalf respectively.

3. In the 2007-2008, there were seven such occasions. Details are in **Appendix I**.

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4. With the creation of the position of Under Secretary on 1 April 2008, there were eight occasions, since the beginning of this current legislative session, on which the Under Secretary concerned attended the relevant Council meeting because the Director of Bureau concerned was on duty visit away from Hong Kong. Details are in **Appendix II**.

5. There was one occasion involving a Director of Bureau who does not have an Under Secretary, i.e. Secretary for Security. On that occasion, the Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs stood in for him. Details are also in **Appendix II**.

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**Occasions in the 2007-2008 legislative session on which
a Director of Bureau attended a meeting of the Legislative Council
on behalf of another Director of Bureau or Secretary of Department**

Date of meeting	Item	Absent Principal Official	Attending Principal Official
28 November 2007	Oral question nos. 5 and 6	Ms Eva CHENG, Secretary for Transport and Housing	Mr Edward YAU, Secretary for the Environment
12 December 2007	Written question nos. 10 and 14	Mr John TSANG, Financial Secretary, on duty visit	Prof CHAN Ka-keung, Financial Secretary in addition to his appointment as Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (according to Government Notice 8104/2007)
9 January 2008	Written question nos. 7 and 20	Mr Michael SUEN, Secretary for Education	Miss Denise YUE, Secretary for the Civil Service
16 January 2008	Written question no. 15	Mr Edward YAU, Secretary for the Environment	Ms Eva CHENG, Secretary for Transport and Housing
4 June 2008	Oral question no. 4	Mr John TSANG, Financial Secretary, on duty visit	Mrs Carrie LAM, Financial Secretary in addition to her appointment as Secretary for Development (according to Government Notice 3455/2008)
	Written question no. 13	Mr Frederick MA, Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development	Mrs Carrie LAM, Secretary for Development

Date of meeting	Item	Absent Principal Official	Attending Principal Official
	Written question no. 16	Prof CHAN Ka-keung, Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury	Mr Edward YAU, Secretary for the Environment

**Occasions since the beginning of 2008-2009 legislative session on which
an Under Secretary attended a meeting of the Legislative Council**

Date of meeting	Item	Absent Principal Official	Attending Principal Official
12 and 13 November 2008	Oral question no. 4	Mr Edward YAU, Secretary for the Environment (only on 12 November 2008), on duty visit	Dr Kitty POON, Secretary for the Environment in addition to her appointment as Under Secretary for the Environment (according to Government Notice 7488/2008) (only on 12 November 2008)
	Motion on "Alleviating the burden of fuel costs of the public and relevant trades"	Mr Edward YAU, Secretary for the Environment (only on 12 November 2008), on duty visit	Dr Kitty POON, Secretary for the Environment in addition to her appointment as Under Secretary for the Environment (according to Government Notice 7488/2008) (only on 12 November 2008)
	Motion on "Supporting small and medium enterprises to tide over the financial tsunami"	Mrs Rita LAU, Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, on duty visit	Mr Gregory SO, Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development in addition to his appointment as Under Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development (according to Government Notice 7678/2008)
26 November 2008	Oral question no. 3	Mrs Rita LAU, Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, on duty visit	Mr Gregory SO, Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development in addition to his appointment as Under Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development

Date of meeting	Item	Absent Principal Official	Attending Principal Official
			(according to Government Notice 7678/2008)
	Oral question no. 4	Prof CHAN Ka-keung, Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, on duty visit	Ms Julia LEUNG, Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury in addition to her appointment as Under Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (according to Government Notice 7815/2008)
	Oral question no. 6	Ms Eva CHENG, Secretary for Transport and Housing, on duty visit	Mr YAU Shing-mu, Secretary for Transport and Housing in addition to his appointment as Under Secretary for Transport and Housing (according to Government Notice 7988/2008)
	Written question no. 10	Mr Ambrose LEE, Secretary for Security	Mr Stephen LAM, Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs
	Motion on "Reforming financial regulators"	Prof CHAN Ka-keung, Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, on duty visit	Ms Julia LEUNG, Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury in addition to her appointment as Under Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (according to Government Notice 7815/2008)

Date of meeting	Item	Absent Principal Official	Attending Principal Official
	Debate for the adjournment of the Council	Ms Eva CHENG, Secretary for Transport and Housing, on duty visit	Mr YAU Shing-mu, Secretary for Transport and Housing in addition to his appointment as Under Secretary for Transport and Housing (according to Government Notice 7988/2008)