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**Motion on
“Formulating operational standards for public organizations”**

Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yea has given notice to move the attached motion on “Formulating operational standards for public organizations” at the Council meeting of 16 December 2009. The President has directed that “it be printed in the terms in which it was handed in” on the Agenda of the Council.

(Mrs Justina LAM)
for Clerk to the Legislative Council

Encl.

(Translation)

Motion on
“Formulating operational standards for public organizations”
to be moved by Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee
at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 16 December 2009

Wording of the Motion

That dozens of public organizations in Hong Kong, some being statutory bodies, provide important public services in areas including housing, transportation, commerce and trade as well as financial services, etc; the funding for such organizations is mostly provided by the Government in full or in part, and some of them are authorized by legislation to impose levies or develop other businesses to enhance their profitability; it is learnt that in determining the pay and bonus for the management of these public organizations, their profitability is one of the important criteria for measuring performance, causing some public organizations to fully strive to expand and compete with the private sector for profits, hence disregarding the purposes of their establishment, development of free market economy and public interests; as such, this Council urges the Government to formulate operational standards for public organizations, which include ensuring that their operation:

- (a) shall meet the purposes laid down upon the establishment of the organization;
- (b) shall meet the overall interests of the community;
- (c) shall comply with stringent indicators for corporate social responsibility;
- (d) shall be subject to the regulation of competition law;
- (e) shall have a highly transparent mechanism for declaration of interests, including proper confidentiality and exit arrangements, so as to prevent real or potential conflicts of interests or transfer of interests;
- (f) shall be subject to value for money audits by the Director of Audit on a regular basis; and
- (g) shall not jeopardize the principles of ‘big market, small government’ and free market economy;

and peg the pay/bonus for the remunerated directors and senior executives of public organizations to the above criteria.