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**Proposed amendments to motion on
“Legislating for regulating allied health staff to protect public health”**

Further to LC Paper No. CB(3) 346/10-11 issued on 29 December 2010, Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong and Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit have respectively given notice of their intention to move separate amendments to Dr Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long’s motion on “Legislating for regulating allied health staff to protect public health” scheduled for the Council meeting of 12 January 2011. As directed by the President, Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong’s and Hon Alan LEONG’s amendments will be printed in the terms in which they were handed in on the Agenda of the Council.

2. The President will order a joint debate on the above motion and the two amendments. To assist Members in debating the motion and amendments, I set out below the procedure to be followed during the debate:

- (a) the President calls upon Dr Hon Joseph LEE to speak and move his motion;
- (b) the President proposes the question on Dr Hon Joseph LEE’s motion;
- (c) the President calls upon 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 CHEUNG Man-kwong; and
- (ii) Hon Alan LEONG;
- (d) the President calls upon the designated public officer(s) to speak;
- (e) the President invites other Members to speak;
- (f) the President gives leave to Dr Hon Joseph LEE 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 CHEUNG Man-kwong to move his amendment to the motion, and forthwith proposes and puts to vote the question on the amendment;
- (i) after Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong's amendment has been voted upon, the President deals with Hon Alan LEONG's amendment to the motion; and
- (j) after Hon Alan LEONG's amendment has been dealt with, the President calls upon Dr Hon Joseph LEE to reply. Thereafter, the President puts to vote the question on Dr Hon Joseph LEE'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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for Clerk to the Legislative Council

Encl.

(Translation)

**Motion debate on
“Legislating for regulating allied health staff to protect public health”
to be held at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 12 January 2011**

1. Dr Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long’s original motion

That in recent years, the Government has striven to promote healthcare reform, advocated stepping up primary healthcare services, community rehabilitation services and the policy of ageing in place, etc., and emphasized the provision of appropriate primary healthcare services to members of the public, the elderly and chronic patients, etc. through multi-disciplinary healthcare services teams; however, under the Government’s policy over the years, no legislation has been enacted to regulate the registration and practice of allied health staff, such as dieticians, audiologists, psychologists, speech therapists, podiatrists, prosthetists and ancillary dental workers, etc., resulting in some people in the market falsely claiming themselves as and impersonating various types of allied health staff to provide non-professional primary healthcare services for members of the public, thus posing dangers to the health of members of the public; in this connection, this Council urges the authorities to immediately put in place a statutory registration system for the relevant allied health staff and enact legislation to regulate their practice, with a view to promoting primary healthcare services and protecting the health of members of the public.

2. Motion as amended by Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong

That *the number of allied health staff involved in caring for public health is on the increase, and although the Government has formulated a statutory registration system for 12 types of healthcare practitioners, many types of allied health staff are still not regulated by legislation*; in recent years, the Government has striven to promote healthcare reform, advocated stepping up primary healthcare services, community rehabilitation services and the policy of ageing in place, etc., and emphasized the provision of appropriate primary healthcare services to members of the public, the elderly and chronic patients, etc. through multi-disciplinary healthcare services teams; however, under the Government’s policy over the years, no legislation has been enacted to regulate the registration and practice of allied health staff, such as dieticians, audiologists, psychologists, speech therapists, podiatrists, prosthetists and

ancillary dental workers, etc., resulting in some people in the market falsely claiming themselves as and impersonating various types of allied health staff to provide non-professional primary healthcare services for members of the public, thus posing dangers to the health of members of the public; in this connection, this Council urges the authorities to immediately ~~put~~ ***collect data for ascertaining the number, qualifications and practice of various types of allied health staff and the possible risks posed to the public in case of malpractices, to extensively consult the public and the trades concerned, and to study the feasibility and necessity of putting*** in place a statutory registration system for the relevant allied health staff and ~~enact~~ ***enacting*** legislation to regulate their practice, with a view to promoting primary healthcare services and protecting the health of members of the public.

Note: Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong's amendment is marked in ***bold and italic type*** or with deletion line.

3. Motion as amended by Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit

That in recent years, the Government has striven to promote healthcare reform, advocated stepping up primary healthcare services, community rehabilitation services and the policy of ageing in place, etc., and emphasized the provision of appropriate primary healthcare services to members of the public, the elderly and chronic patients, etc. through multi-disciplinary healthcare services teams; however, under the Government's policy over the years, no legislation has been enacted to regulate the registration and practice of allied health staff, such as dieticians, audiologists, psychologists, speech therapists, podiatrists, prosthetists and ancillary dental workers, etc., resulting in some people in the market falsely claiming themselves as and impersonating various types of allied health staff to provide non-professional primary healthcare services for members of the public, thus posing dangers to the health of members of the public; ~~in this connection~~ ***in order to promote primary healthcare services and safeguard the interests of members of the public***, this Council urges the authorities to immediately put in place a statutory registration system for the relevant allied health staff, ***formulate a legislative timetable*** and enact legislation to regulate their practice; ~~with a view to promoting primary healthcare services and protecting the health of members of the public;~~ ***the relevant measures should include:***

- (a) ***to establish related independent statutory bodies, with members drawn from the allied health staff concerned and representatives of various sectors in society;***
- (b) ***to regulate the registration and licensing examinations for practitioners of the various professions, in order to ensure and***

facilitate the attainment of recognized standards of practice by the respective professions;

- (c) *to put in place a framework for monitoring professional conduct, so as to ensure practitioners' professional integrity; and*
- (d) *to increase the transparency of the respective professions and provide adequate information, with a view to educating and guiding members of the public on choosing the treatment appropriate to them.*

Note: Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.