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**Council meeting of 12 January 2011**

**Proposed amendment to motion on  
“Post-office employment arrangements for  
politically appointed officials”**

Further to LC Paper No. CB(3) 347/10-11 issued on 29 December 2010, Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong has given notice to move an amendment to Dr Hon Margaret NG’s motion on “Post-office employment arrangements for politically appointed officials” scheduled for the Council meeting of 12 January 2011. As directed by the President, Dr Hon Philip WONG’s amendment will be printed in the terms in which it was handed in on the Agenda of the Council.

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

( Mrs Justina LAM )  
for Clerk to the Legislative Council

Encl.

(Translation)

**Motion debate on  
“Post-office employment arrangements for  
politically appointed officials”  
to be held at the Legislative Council meeting  
of Wednesday, 12 January 2011**

**1. Dr Hon Margaret NG’s original motion**

That, as politically appointed officials have greater access to sensitive information and stronger influence on policy formulation than directorate civil servants, the control over the post-office employment of politically appointed officials should correspondingly be more stringent than that of directorate civil servants; however, under the existing Code for Principal Officials under the Accountability System, the control over the post-office employment of politically appointed officials is very loose; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to review the vetting system for the post-office employment of politically appointed officials, including introducing a sanitization period, extending the control period, and setting up an independent and highly transparent vetting and approving committee to vet politically appointed officials’ applications for post-office employment, so as to allay public concern about any possible conflicts between accountability officials’ exercise of powers and responsibilities and their pursuit of private interests, and to maintain public confidence in the governance of the HKSAR Government.

**2. Motion as amended by Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong**

That, as politically appointed officials have greater access to sensitive information and stronger influence on policy formulation than directorate civil servants, the control over the post-office employment of politically appointed officials should ~~correspondingly be more stringent than that of directorate civil servants~~ **be very stringent**; however, under the existing Code for Principal Officials under the Accountability System, the control over the post-office employment of politically appointed officials is ~~very loose; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to review the vetting system for the post-office employment of politically appointed officials, including introducing a sanitization period, extending the control period, and setting up an independent and highly transparent vetting and approving committee to vet~~

~~politically appointed officials' applications for post-office employment, so as to~~  
~~allay~~ ***less stringent than the existing control over the post-service work of***  
***directorate civil servants; although politically appointed officials are different***  
***from civil servants in that they do not enjoy any security of tenure, in order to***  
***avoid*** public concern about any possible conflicts between accountability  
officials' exercise of powers and responsibilities and their pursuit of private  
interests, and to maintain public confidence in the governance of the HKSAR  
Government, ***this Council urges the Government to expeditiously conduct a***  
***review of this issue.***

Note: Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong's amendment is marked in ***bold and italic type*** or with deletion line.