

立法會 *Legislative Council*

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Paper for the House Committee meeting on 7 January 2011

Priority allocation of a debate slot to the Panel on Welfare Services

Purpose

This paper seeks the agreement of the House Committee to allocate a debate slot under Rule 14A(h) of the House Rules ("HR") to Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che, Chairman of the Panel on Welfare Services ("the Panel"), to move a motion on the Equal Opportunities Commission ("EOC")'s Formal Investigation Report on Accessibility in Publicly Accessible Premises ("EOC Report") at the Council meeting on 26 January 2011.

The EOC Report

2. In 2007, EOC commenced a Formal Investigation to examine the progress made on the realisation of a barrier-free environment for persons with disabilities, in particular on accessibility to publicly accessible premises. For the purpose of the investigation, EOC conducted access audits on 60 publicly accessible premises owned or managed by the Hong Kong Housing Society, The Link Management Limited, the Housing Authority and eight Government departments, namely Civil Engineering and Development Department, Department of Health, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, Government Property Agency, Home Affairs Department, Hongkong Post, Leisure and Culture Services Department and Transport Department.

3. In its report released on 7 June 2010, EOC has made 23 recommendations on the improvement of accessibility, connectivity and interface with surrounding environment and user-friendly management practices for publicly accessible premises.

Motion debate

4. The Panel was briefed on the Government's response to and follow-up action on the 23 recommendations in the EOC Report at its meeting on 13 December 2010 (as detailed in LC Paper No. CB(2)488/10-11(03)). According to the Administration, having regard to operational requirements, technical feasibility and the time required for the retrofitting works, it has worked out a consolidated retrofitting programme for the premises and facilities concerned as follows –

- (a) 3 306 Government premises/facilities (85.1%) will be retrofitted before 30 June 2012;
- (b) 386 Government premises/facilities (9.9%) will have retrofitting works completed by 30 June 2014 having regard to such factors as patronage, extent of improvement works involved, plan for major renovations, operational requirements, technical constraints, etc.; and
- (c) 193 Government premises/facilities (5%) will not be retrofitted because of imminent plan of decommissioning or disposal.

5. In view of the wide public concern about the provision of barrier-free access for persons with disabilities in Hong Kong and the scope of the retrofitting programme involved, the Panel considers that an opportunity should be provided for Members to express their views on the subject and for the Administration to provide its response to the recommendations in the EOC Report and make a commitment on the implementation timetable of the retrofitting programme for upgrading the barrier-free facilities in existing Government premises and facilities. In this connection, the Panel agreed at the meeting on 13 December 2010 that a motion on the EOC Report should be moved for debate at a Council meeting, and the agreement of the House Committee should be sought for the priority allocation of a debate slot to the Panel Chairman under HR 14A(h) for moving the motion at the Council meeting on 26 January 2011. The debate slot would not be counted as the Panel Chairman's own slot. The wording of the motion is in the **Appendix**.

6. If the House Committee accedes to the request, the Panel suggests that there should only be one other motion debate without legislative effect at that Council meeting. The Panel also requests that the speaking time

limit for the debate on the EOC Report should be 15 minutes for each Member.

Advice sought

7. The House Committee's agreement is sought for the Panel's request in paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

Council Business Division 2
Legislative Council Secretariat
4 January 2011

2011 年 1 月 26 日(星期三)
立法會會議席上
張國柱議員就
"平等機會委員會的《公眾可進出的處所無障礙通道
及設施正式調查報告》"提出的議案

議案措辭

"本會察悉平等機會委員會的《公眾可進出的處所無障礙通道及設施正式調查報告》，以及政府當局對報告提出 23 項建議的回應和採取的跟進行動。"

(Translation)

**Motion on "Equal Opportunities Commission's Formal Investigation Report on Accessibility in Publicly Accessible Premises"
to be moved by Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che
at the Council meeting on Wednesday, 26 January 2011**

Wording of the Motion

"That this Council notes the Equal Opportunities Commission's Formal Investigation Report on Accessibility in Publicly Accessible Premises and the Government's response to and follow-up action on the 23 recommendations in the Report."