

**立法會**  
*Legislative Council*

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**Paper for the House Committee meeting  
on 21 January 2011**

**Priority allocation of a debate slot to  
the Public Accounts Committee**

**Purpose**

This paper invites the House Committee to consider the request of the Public Accounts Committee ("PAC") for priority allocation of a debate slot for its Chairman to move, at the Council meeting of 2 March 2011, a motion for debate on the chapter on "Administration of the Direct Subsidy Scheme and Governance and Administration of Direct Subsidy Scheme Schools" in its Report No. 55.

**Background**

2. Report No. 55 of the Director of Audit was tabled in the Council on 17 November 2010. The two chapters on "Administration of the Direct Subsidy Scheme" and "Governance and administration of Direct Subsidy Scheme schools", among others, have been selected by PAC for inquiry.

3. After holding public hearings to obtain evidence from the witnesses concerned and detailed deliberation, the PAC's Report on the Director of Audit's Report (i.e. PAC Report No. 55) will be tabled in the Council on 16 February 2011.

**Proposed motion debate**

4. The Direct Subsidy Scheme ("DSS"), introduced in the 1991/92 school year, is administered by the Education Bureau. It plays a very important role in the education system in Hong Kong. The problems identified in the Director of Audit's Report have aroused wide public concern and have been

followed up by PAC. PAC's conclusions and recommendations will be written up in one of the chapters of its Report No. 55. For the purpose of enabling Members to express views on the issues examined by PAC as well as its conclusions and recommendations at a Council meeting, PAC has decided that its Chairman, Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, should move a motion for debate on the chapter of its Report on "Administration of the Direct Subsidy Scheme and Governance and Administration of Direct Subsidy Scheme Schools" at the earliest possible Council meeting following the tabling of its Report No. 55.

5. According to Rule 13(a) of the House Rules ("HR"), no more than two debates with no legislative effect initiated by Members should be held at each regular Council meeting. Rule 14A of the HR provides for the arrangements for allocation of slots for debates to chairmen of committees of the Council. Under HR14A(h), committees and subcommittees of the Council may make a request for priority allocation of debate slots and such request shall be put forward to the House Committee for consideration on a case-by-case basis. Should the House Committee accede to such a request, the debate slot shall not be counted as the mover's own slot.

6. Pursuant to HR14A(h), PAC requests the House Committee to consider the priority allocation of a debate slot for its Chairman to move, at the Council meeting of 2 March 2011, a motion for debate on the chapter of its forthcoming Report No. 55 concerning "Administration of the Direct Subsidy Scheme and Governance and Administration of Direct Subsidy Scheme Schools".

7. If the House Committee accedes to the request, PAC suggests that there should only be one other motion debate without legislative effect at that Council meeting. PAC also requests that the speaking time limit for the debate should be 15 minutes for each Member.

### **Advice sought**

8. Members are invited to consider the requests of PAC in paragraphs 6 and 7 above.

Council Business Division 4  
Legislative Council Secretariat  
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2011年3月2日(星期三)  
立法會會議席上  
黃宜弘議員就  
“政府帳目委員會有關‘直接資助計劃的管理  
和直接資助計劃學校的管治及行政’的報告”  
動議的議案

議案措辭

本會察悉政府帳目委員會第五十五號報告書的第1章節“直接資助計劃的管理和直接資助計劃學校的管治及行政”。

(Translation)

**Motion on  
“Public Accounts Committee’s Report on  
‘Administration of the Direct Subsidy Scheme and Governance and  
Administration of Direct Subsidy Scheme Schools’”  
to be moved by Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong  
at the Legislative Council meeting  
of Wednesday, 2 March 2011**

**Wording of the Motion**

That this Council notes Chapter 1 of the Public Accounts Committee Report No. 55 on “Administration of the Direct Subsidy Scheme and Governance and Administration of Direct Subsidy Scheme Schools”.

