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The purpose of this submission is to support the proposals for re-organization of the Government Secretariat as set out in the paper for the Legislative Council Panel on Constitutional Affairs LC Paper No. CB(2)1908/11-12(01).

Overall objectives and justifications

The three "over-arching" objectives of the proposed re-organization as detailed in paragraph 5 of Annex A of the paper are supported. It will indeed be difficult for the objectives to be effectively and successfully achieved under the present organization of the Government.

In the course of the last few years, proposals along the lines as those now made in the proposed re-organization, including the proposed creation of Deputy Chief Secretary of Administration (DCS) and Deputy Financial Secretary (DFS), have been made in the community and in general the response has been positive. During the election for the new Chief Executive, the Chief Executive-elect had also made known that he would so re-organize the Government if he were elected. Again, the public was considered generally to be supportive of his ideas. Since after the election, we understand that the Chief Executive-elect has discussed the restructuring with the present Government, senior officials and civil servants' organizations, and has been able to obtain their support for implementation. It was agreed that the restructuring is practicable and will not result in more confusion in the work of the Government.

Deputy Secretaries of Departments

It is clear that the proposed Deputy Secretaries are necessary given the wide span of control of the two Secretaries. For the Chief Secretary for Administration, the post holder certainly needs the support and help of a deputy for all the policy areas not to be overlooked. The Financial Secretary has to keep in view global and local economic and financial developments on a day-to-day basis so again the deputy will be able to share in his responsibilities for the longer-term issues which also have to be pursued with vigour.



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The proposed ranking of the Deputy Secretaries midway between the Secretary for Justice and Directors of Bureau is considered appropriate.

### Restructuring of Bureaus

The proposed putting together of housing, planning and lands under one bureau is a logical move and should help to improve efficiency in terms of solving Hong Kong's housing problems. Indeed planning, land and housing issues are closely related.

The other proposals of creation of a new Transport and Works Bureau, new Commerce and Industries Bureau, and new Technology and Communications Bureau, are also supported. The re-grouping of duties should again enable matters under the various spheres of responsibilities to be more effectively pursued.

### Creation of new Bureau

The creation of the Culture Bureau to take together responsibilities for culture, the West Kowloon Cultural District, film and creative industries, and heritage conservation now scattered in various Bureaus is a measure that has the support of many sectors the community. Many opinions have already been expressed before that there is no Bureau Director in the Hong Kong Government whose portfolio is clearly about the culture of Hong Kong, thus resulting in the lack of development in the various issues mentioned above.

### Timing

Intensified globalization and recent economic developments in some parts of the world have meant that we really now have to act for the best interests of the further viability of Hong Kong. The new structure of Government should thus be put in place on 1 July 2012 together with the inauguration of the new Government. There will be more confusion and delays of policies if the new Government has to adopt the current structure and re-organization continues to be discussed and finally happens months after the new term has started.

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