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**Amendment to motion on
“Addressing the problem of small houses and village houses
in the New Territories”**

Further to LC Paper No. CB(3) 915/11-12 issued on 13 June 2012, Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming has given notice to move an amendment to Hon LEE Wing-tat’s motion on “Addressing the problem of small houses and village houses in the New Territories” scheduled for the Council meeting of 27 June 2012. As directed by the President, Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming’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
“Addressing the problem of small houses and village houses
in the New Territories”
to be held at the Council meeting of 27 June 2012**

1. Hon LEE Wing-tat’s original motion

That it has been about 40 years since the implementation of the New Territories small house policy (‘small house policy’) in December 1972, and the dwindling village land in the New Territories is unable to meet the demand for small houses, thus making the sustainability of the small house policy questionable; at the same time, the problem of unauthorized building works in the New Territories village houses is extensive and serious; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to expeditiously review the small house policy for resolving the problem of ‘limited land supply but unlimited small house concessionary rights’, and to review and strictly implement the enforcement policy on unauthorized building works of village houses in the New Territories, so as to align the respective enforcement policy on unauthorized building works in the urban areas with that of the New Territories for the protection of public safety.

2. Motion as amended by Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming

That *the Government conducted a massive resumption of land from indigenous inhabitants of the New Territories in the 1960s and 1970s to build public facilities such as public rental housing, schools, hospitals and reservoirs, etc. for developing new towns in the New Territories*; it has been about 40 years since the ~~implementation~~ *introduction* of the New Territories small house policy (‘small house policy’) ~~in December 1972 to address the housing problem of the affected indigenous inhabitants of the New Territories at that time~~; *after the reunification, Article 40 of the Basic Law stipulates that ‘(t)he lawful traditional rights and interests of the indigenous inhabitants of the “New Territories” shall be protected by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region’*; and the dwindling village land in the New Territories is unable to meet the demand for small houses, thus making the sustainability of the small house policy questionable; at the same time, the problem of unauthorized building works in the New Territories ~~village~~ *small*

houses is extensive and ~~serious~~ ***complex***; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to expeditiously review the small house policy for resolving the ~~problem of 'limited land supply but unlimited small house concessionary rights'~~ ***housing problem of indigenous inhabitants of the New Territories, to expeditiously clarify the legal disputes over the height and floor area restrictions for the New Territories village houses built before the implementation of the small house policy, and to review and strictly implement the enforcement policy on unauthorized building works of village of categorisation for control and management as well as prioritisation for progressive enforcement on unauthorized building works of small houses in the New Territories, so as to align the respective enforcement policy on unauthorized building works in the urban areas with that of the New Territories for the protection of public safety.***

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