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The Hon Emily Lau, JP
Chairman
Finance Committee
Legislative Council Secretariat
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central, Hong Kong

Dear Chairman,

**Agenda for the Finance Committee Meeting
on 13 July 2012**

I write to seek your consent to waive the notice period for revising the agenda of the Finance Committee (FC) meeting scheduled for 13 July 2012 so as to re-arrange the sequence of the items.

It has been the established practice of the FC to adopt the agenda proposed by the Administration for its meetings. As the agenda of each meeting has been drawn up by the Administration having regard to the urgency and relative priorities of all items, we rarely propose any subsequent revisions. However, we see the need to revise, on an exceptional and one-off basis, the sequence of the agenda items for the coming meeting on 13 July, on grounds of the unique circumstances as set out in the ensuing paragraphs.

As announced by the Chief Secretary for the Administration on 9 July (Monday), the Government has decided to revise the sequence of outstanding discussion items on both the Council and Finance Committee (FC) meetings by placing the proposals relating to the reorganisation of the Government Secretariat to after all other livelihood-related items such that the latter items could be deliberated by the Legislative Council first, and hopefully be approved within their current term of office. In line with this decision, the agenda of the coming FC meeting will need to be revised.

There are 10 items on the agenda of the meeting on 13 July 2012. In view of the imminent prorogation of the current term of the Legislative Council on 18 July 2012, there is very limited remaining time for FC to deliberate on the outstanding items on the agenda. We have decided to re-arrange the sequence of the agenda items so that the Committee can deliberate and vote on the seven livelihood-related items before continuing to deliberate on the two items on the re-organisation of the Government Secretariat, and considering the item on the annual adjustment mechanism for the cash remuneration for the politically appointed officials. The revised agenda is attached. I should be grateful for your consent to waiving the requisite period of notice for the issue of this agenda to Members.

Thank you for your attention and I look forward to your favourable reply.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Esther Leung', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

(Ms Esther Leung)

for Secretary for Financial Services and
the Treasury