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Paper for the House Committee meeting on 8 June 2012

Priority allocation of a debate slot to the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Improving Barrier Free Access and Facilities for Persons with Disabilities under 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 WONG Sing-chi, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Improving Barrier Free Access and Facilities for Persons with Disabilities ("the Subcommittee") formed under the Panel on Welfare Services ("the Panel"), for moving a motion for debate on the Report of the Subcommittee at the Council meeting of 4 July 2012.

Report of the Subcommittee

2. The Equal Opportunities Commission ("EOC") released its Formal Investigation Report: Accessibility in Publicly Accessible Premises ("EOC Report") on 7 June 2010, and made 23 recommendations on the improvement of accessibility, connectivity and interface with surrounding environment and user-friendly management practices for publicly accessible premises. For the purpose of monitoring the Government's response to and follow-up actions on the EOC Report, the Panel appointed the Subcommittee in January 2011. The Subcommittee was also tasked to study issues relating to the provision of barrier free access and facilities for persons with disabilities. Approval from the House Committee was obtained on 8 April 2011 for the activation of the Subcommittee in June 2011.

3. The Subcommittee held six meetings to discuss with the Administration and EOC the progress of the Government's follow-up actions in response to the EOC Report. It received views from District Councils on accessibility issues in individual districts, and met with representatives of the Mass Transit Railway Corporation, The Link Management Limited and the Hospital Authority to discuss various issues relating to the accessibility of the premises and facilities under their respective management. The Subcommittee examined in depth the strategic direction to be adopted by the Government in the provision of barrier free environment with a view to developing an overarching policy on building an inclusive society for persons with physical limitations. After considering the views of relevant parties, the Subcommittee made a number of recommendations for the Administration's consideration. The details of the Subcommittee's deliberations and recommendations are set out in its Report (LC Paper No. CB(2) 2065/11-12).

Motion debate

4. The Subcommittee submitted its Report to the Panel for consideration on 29 May 2012. The Panel endorsed the Subcommittee's Report. Among others, the Subcommittee recommended that in view of wide public concern about the provision of barrier free access for persons with disabilities, the approval of the House Committee be sought for priority allocation of a debate slot to Hon WONG Sing-chi, its Chairman, for moving a motion for debate on its Report at a Council meeting to provide an opportunity for all Members to express views on the subject and for the Administration to respond. The Panel endorsed the Subcommittee's recommendation.

5. Under HR 14A(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 HR 14A(h), the Panel proposes to seek the agreement of the House Committee for priority allocation of a debate slot to Hon WONG Sing-chi, Chairman of the Subcommittee, for moving a motion for debate on the Report of the Subcommittee at the Council meeting of 4 July 2012. The wording of the motion as agreed by the Panel is in the **Appendix**.

Advice sought

7. Members are invited to consider the Panel's request in paragraph 6 above.

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(Translation)

**Motion on "Report of the Subcommittee on Improving Barrier Free
Access and Facilities for Persons with Disabilities"
to be moved by Hon WONG Sing-chi
at the Council meeting of Wednesday, 4 July 2012**

Wording of the Motion

"That this Council notes the Report of the Subcommittee on
Improving Barrier Free Access and Facilities for Persons
with Disabilities."