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From : Clerk to the Legislative Council

To : All Members of the Legislative Council

Council meeting of 20 March 2013

**Proposed resolution under
the Public Finance Ordinance**

The Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury will move a proposed resolution under the Public Finance Ordinance (Cap. 2) at the Council meeting of 20 March 2013. The proposed resolution is attached for Members' consideration. The President has directed that it be printed in the terms in which it was handed in on the Agenda of the Council.

2. The speech, in both Chinese and English, which the Secretary will deliver when moving the proposed resolution is also attached.

(Odelia LEUNG)
for Clerk to the Legislative Council

Encl.

Public Finance Ordinance

Resolution

(Under section 7(1) of the Public Finance Ordinance (Cap. 2))

Resolved that—

1. Authority is hereby given for a sum not exceeding \$75,545,010,000 to be charged on the general revenue for expenditure on the services of the Government in respect of the financial year commencing on 1 April 2013.
2. Subject to this Resolution, the sum so charged may be expended against the heads of expenditure as shown in the Estimates of Expenditure 2013–14 laid before the Legislative Council on 27 February 2013 or, if the Estimates are changed under the provisions of the Public Finance Ordinance (Cap. 2) as applied by section 7(2) of that Ordinance, as shown in the Estimates as so changed.
3. Expenditure in respect of any head of expenditure must not exceed the aggregate of the amounts authorized by paragraph 4 to be expended in respect of the subheads in that head of expenditure.
4. Expenditure in respect of each subhead in a head of expenditure must not exceed—
 - (a) for an Operating Account Recurrent subhead of expenditure, an amount equivalent to—

- (i) except if the subhead is listed in Schedule 1 to this Resolution, 20% of the provision shown in the Estimates in respect of that subhead;
 - (ii) if the subhead is listed in Schedule 1 to this Resolution, the percentage of the provision shown in the Estimates in respect of that subhead that is specified in that Schedule in relation to that subhead; and
- (b) for an Operating Account Non-Recurrent subhead of expenditure or a Capital Account subhead of expenditure, an amount equivalent to—
- (i) except if the subhead is listed in Schedule 2 to this Resolution, 100% of the provision shown in the Estimates in respect of that subhead;
 - (ii) if the subhead is listed in Schedule 2 to this Resolution, the amount that is specified in that Schedule in relation to that subhead,
- or such other amount, not exceeding an amount equivalent to 100% of the provision shown in the Estimates in respect of that subhead, as may in any case be approved by the Financial Secretary.
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Schedule 1		[para. 4(a)]		
Head of Expenditure	Subhead	Percentage of provision shown in Estimates		
46	General Expenses of the Civil Service	013	Personal allowances	40
59	Government Logistics Department	225	Traffic Accident Victims Assistance Scheme—levies	100
90	Labour Department	280	Contribution to the Occupational Safety and Health Council	30
		295	Contribution to the Occupational Deafness Compensation Board	30
92	Department of Justice	234	Court costs	35
106	Miscellaneous Services	284	Compensation	55
120	Pensions	026	Employees' compensation, injury, incapacity and death related payments and expenses	40

Head of Expenditure		Subhead		Percentage of provision shown in Estimates
136	Public Service Commission Secretariat	000	Operational expenses	30
155	Government Secretariat: Innovation and Technology Commission	000	Operational expenses	25
170	Social Welfare Department	157	Assistance for patients and their families	100
		176	Criminal and law enforcement injuries compensation	25
		177	Emergency relief	100
		179	Comprehensive social security assistance scheme	30
		180	Social security allowance scheme	40

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Schedule 2

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[para. 4(b)]

Head of Expenditure	Subhead	Amount \$
106 Miscellaneous Services	689 Additional commitments	0
	789 Additional commitments	1,000,000,000
184 Transfers to Funds	988 Payment to the Loan Fund	0

Speech by the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury
Moving the Vote on Account Resolution
in the Legislative Council on 20 March 2013

President,

I move the motion, as printed on the Agenda, be passed.

2. The purpose of this motion is to seek funds on account to enable the Government to carry on its services between the start of the financial year on 1 April 2013 and the time when the Appropriation Ordinance 2013 comes into operation. This is a long established and essential procedure. The specific arrangements also follow those of recent years.

3. According to the Budget timetable this year, the Legislative Council will at its meeting on 24 April 2013 resume the Second Reading Debate and then proceed to the Third Reading of the Appropriation Bill 2013. As such, the Appropriation Ordinance 2013 would not come into operation on or before 31 March 2013. To ensure that when the new financial year starts on 1 April 2013, Government will not need to halt public services, including services closely related to people's livelihood such as education, social welfare, healthcare, security etc., due to the lack of funds, we need to propose this motion.

4. The funds on account sought under each subhead in accordance with the fourth paragraph of the resolution have been determined with reference to the relevant provisions in the 2013-14 Estimates of Expenditure. The initial amount of funds on account under each head which has incorporated requirements at subhead level is provided in the form of a footnote to this speech. The aggregate amount of funds on account is **\$75,545,010,000** before the Appropriation Ordinance 2013 comes into operation.

5. Subject to the above aggregate amount not being exceeded, the resolution enables the Financial Secretary to vary the funds on account in respect of any subhead, but these variations must not exceed the provision for that subhead in the 2013-14 Estimates of Expenditure. To enhance transparency and in line with the established practice, we will report to the Finance Committee of this Council if the Financial Secretary has exercised this authority to meet necessary requirements.

6. In order to ensure that Government has the necessary resources to continue providing services to the public, I urge Members to support the motion today.

7. The vote on account will be subsumed upon the enactment and commencement of the Appropriation Ordinance 2013.

8. President, I beg to move.

Footnote

Head of Expenditure	Amount shown in the Estimates	Initial amount of funds on account
	\$'000	\$'000
21 Chief Executive's Office	94,481	18,897
22 Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department	1,579,239	751,941
25 Architectural Services Department	1,733,990	346,798
24 Audit Commission.....	137,368	27,474
23 Auxiliary Medical Service	75,158	15,729
82 Buildings Department	1,124,935	224,987
26 Census and Statistics Department	590,713	123,601
27 Civil Aid Service	96,253	19,803
28 Civil Aviation Department.....	853,813	171,225
33 Civil Engineering and Development Department ...	2,029,341	408,950
30 Correctional Services Department	3,235,902	680,382
31 Customs and Excise Department.....	3,107,689	774,876
37 Department of Health	5,580,318	1,485,150
92 Department of Justice	1,401,718	314,340
39 Drainage Services Department.....	1,996,348	423,866
42 Electrical and Mechanical Services Department.....	509,032	193,163
44 Environmental Protection Department.....	3,132,891	934,360
45 Fire Services Department	4,691,796	1,151,624
49 Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	5,200,542	1,070,794
46 General Expenses of the Civil Service.....	3,044,324	758,979

Head of Expenditure		Amount shown in the Estimates	Initial amount of funds on account
		\$'000	\$'000
166	Government Flying Service	515,835	328,886
48	Government Laboratory	411,240	138,447
59	Government Logistics Department	526,171	217,508
51	Government Property Agency.....	1,889,157	389,820
143	Government Secretariat : Civil Service Bureau	499,173	99,931
152	Government Secretariat : Commerce and Economic Development Bureau (Commerce, Industry and Tourism Branch)	1,539,475	335,213
55	Government Secretariat : Commerce and Economic Development Bureau (Communications and Technology Branch)	326,031	213,639
144	Government Secretariat : Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau.....	500,086	102,338
138	Government Secretariat : Development Bureau (Planning and Lands Branch).....	763,645	632,121
159	Government Secretariat : Development Bureau (Works Branch)	472,729	187,241
156	Government Secretariat : Education Bureau	44,478,419	9,713,041
137	Government Secretariat : Environment Bureau	72,755	18,551
148	Government Secretariat : Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau (Financial Services Branch) ..	239,173	70,505
147	Government Secretariat : Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau (The Treasury Branch)	1,812,850	1,649,052
139	Government Secretariat : Food and Health Bureau (Food Branch)	80,496	16,100

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		\$'000	\$'000
140	Government Secretariat : Food and Health Bureau (Health Branch)	45,568,939	9,745,216
53	Government Secretariat : Home Affairs Bureau	1,393,644	303,420
155	Government Secretariat : Innovation and Technology Commission	559,228	170,800
141	Government Secretariat : Labour and Welfare Bureau	717,785	186,262
47	Government Secretariat : Office of the Government Chief Information Officer	671,357	163,328
142	Government Secretariat : Offices of the Chief Secretary for Administration and the Financial Secretary	739,840	149,238
96	Government Secretariat : Overseas Economic and Trade Offices	324,678	64,936
151	Government Secretariat : Security Bureau	313,589	62,718
158	Government Secretariat : Transport and Housing Bureau (Transport Branch)	169,179	34,839
60	Highways Department	2,475,061	510,853
63	Home Affairs Department	2,022,532	434,580
168	Hong Kong Observatory	247,367	49,474
122	Hong Kong Police Force	14,776,454	3,166,729
62	Housing Department	210,178	42,036
70	Immigration Department	3,546,855	714,531
72	Independent Commission Against Corruption	927,340	185,468

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		\$'000	\$'000
121	Independent Police Complaints Council.....	49,833	11,452
74	Information Services Department	405,986	81,198
76	Inland Revenue Department.....	1,431,999	286,400
78	Intellectual Property Department	121,505	24,301
79	Invest Hong Kong	116,913	23,383
174	Joint Secretariat for the Advisory Bodies on Civil Service and Judicial Salaries and Conditions of Service.....	30,070	6,014
80	Judiciary	1,272,125	258,373
90	Labour Department	2,040,432	845,767
91	Lands Department	2,071,602	415,986
94	Legal Aid Department.....	842,163	168,433
112	Legislative Council Commission	664,384	142,660
95	Leisure and Cultural Services Department	6,538,016	1,399,416
100	Marine Department.....	1,045,050	247,184
106	Miscellaneous Services	57,272,497	2,224,822
180	Office for Film, Newspaper and Article Administration.....	43,627	8,726
114	Office of The Ombudsman	99,540	19,968
116	Official Receiver's Office	155,159	31,112
120	Pensions.....	25,509,500	5,111,380
118	Planning Department.....	574,397	123,904

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	\$'000	\$'000
136 Public Service Commission Secretariat	20,059	6,018
160 Radio Television Hong Kong.....	754,288	199,022
162 Rating and Valuation Department.....	484,270	96,854
163 Registration and Electoral Office.....	94,315	18,863
169 Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance	18,014	3,603
170 Social Welfare Department	54,722,835	16,867,631
173 Student Financial Assistance Agency	5,016,294	1,223,070
181 Trade and Industry Department.....	770,088	523,980
186 Transport Department	2,035,872	470,384
188 Treasury.....	363,460	72,692
190 University Grants Committee.....	15,015,579	3,227,116
194 Water Supplies Department	6,810,214	1,368,538
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	355,397,198	75,502,010
184 Transfers to Funds.....	743,000	43,000
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Total	356,140,198	75,545,010
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* The initial amount of funds on account under Head 106 includes \$1 billion under Subhead 789 Additional commitments for contingency.

** The initial amount of funds on account under Head 170 includes \$6.46 billion under Subhead 180 Social security allowance scheme for the Old Age Living Allowance payments.