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**Subcommittee on Members' Remuneration and
Operating Expenses Reimbursement**

**Outcome of consultation with Members on proposed amendments to
"A Guide for Reimbursement of Operating Expenses for
Members of the Legislative Council"**

Purpose

This paper reports the outcome of consultation with Members on proposed amendments to "A Guide for Reimbursement of Operating Expenses for Members of the Legislative Council" ("Reimbursement Guide").

Background

2. At its meeting on 25 April 2016, the Subcommittee on Members' Remuneration and Operating Expenses Reimbursement ("the Subcommittee") considered proposed amendments¹ to the Reimbursement Guide following a review conducted by the Legislative Council ("LegCo") Secretariat. The Subcommittee agreed that all Members should be consulted on the proposed amendments. The questionnaire (LC Paper No. CRM 640/15-16) issued to all Members for this purpose is in **Appendix I**.

Outcome of consultation with Members

3. Sixty-eight Members have responded to the questionnaire. The consultation outcome is set out in **Appendix II** and summarized as follows:

(a) Legislative Council business

62 Members (91% of the respondents) agree to the proposed amendments to set out the definition of "LegCo business" in the

¹ LC Paper No. CRM 621/15-16 issued for the meeting of the Subcommittee on 25 April 2016.

introduction section of the Reimbursement Guide.

(b) Publications

60 Members (88% of the respondents) agree to the proposed revised approach in considering whether a Member's publication relates to his/her LegCo work. Under the proposed revised approach, a Member's publication will be read in context on a per-page basis and the amount of reimbursement claim for a publication will be determined according to the proportion of pages in the publication used primarily for reporting LegCo business.

(c) Publicity items – greeting cards and Christmas cards

64 Members (94% of the respondents) agree to the proposed revised paragraph 88(f) and (g) of the Reimbursement Guide to the effect, among others, that expenses for publicity items associated with festive seasons are reimbursable provided that the publicity item contains the Member's name and his/her contact details as required under paragraph 26 of the Reimbursement Guide.

(d) Expenses on election-related activities

(i) 47 Members (69% of the respondents) agree to the proposal that a publicity item relating to voter registration that does not have the effect of directly or indirectly calling for political support for or opposition of any person, political party, or organization in an election should not be regarded as an election-related activity and as such the related expenses should be reimbursable.

(ii) Regarding the proposed amendment to set out explicitly in paragraph 88 of the Reimbursement Guide the principle laid down by the Independent Commission on Remuneration for Members of the Executive Council and the Legislature, and Officials under the Political Appointment System of HKSAR ("Independent Commission") that "expenses on election-related activities" are non-reimbursable, six Members suggest that the wording of the proposed amendment be revised along the line that expenses incurred on activities which constitute election expenses under the electoral laws are non-reimbursable.

(e) Threshold for capitalizing items

57 Members (84% of the respondents) agree that the current threshold of \$1,000 for capitalizing items should be raised. Among the 57 Members, 65% (37 Members) are of the view that the threshold should be raised to \$3,000, while 35% (20 Members) consider that the threshold should be raised to \$5,000.

(f) Return or purchase of capital items

(i) 50 Members (74% of the respondents) agree to the Secretariat's proposed predetermined depreciation methods for determining the value of capital items returned by outgoing Members.

(ii) 13 Members have put forward an alternative proposal on the method for calculating depreciation of capital items. They propose that all capital items (except electronic equipment) be assumed to have a useful life span of four years with an annual depreciation rate of 25%; and for electronic equipment, reference be made to the relevant depreciation arrangements adopted by the Inland Revenue Department.

(g) Effective date

(i) 49² Members (72% of the respondents) agree that the proposed amendments relating to items 3(a) to (d) above to take effect from the 2015-2016 reimbursement year (i.e. 1 October 2015);

(ii) 56 Members (82% of the respondents) agree that the proposed amendment to the threshold for capitalizing items (i.e. item 3(e) above) to take effect from the Sixth LegCo; and

(iii) 55 Members (81% of the respondents) agree that the proposed predetermined depreciation methods be applied to the disposal of capital items returned by Members of the current term.

² Among the 49 Members, 48 Members agree that the proposed amendments relating to all the 4 items (i.e. items 3(a) to (d) above) should take effect from the 2015-2016 reimbursement year, while 1 Member agree that the proposed amendments relating to 3 items (i.e. items 3(b) to (d)) should take effect from the 2015-2016 reimbursement year.

Expenses on election-related activities

4. Pursuant to the Subcommittee's advice, the Secretariat had written to the Administration to seek confirmation on whether the proposed amendment on publicity items relating to voter registration (i.e. item 3(d)(i) above) is consistent with the Independent Commission's position on "election-related expenses". Upon receiving the Administration's reply, the Secretariat will report to the Subcommittee. For the avoidance of doubt, the current practice of not reimbursing expenses incurred in promoting voter registration will remain in force until the Independent Commission clarifies its position.

Recommendations

5. Based on the outcome of the consultation, the Subcommittee is invited to approve the proposed amendments as set out in paragraph 3(a), (b), (c), and (g) above. As regards the proposed amendments in paragraph 3(e) and (f), the Subcommittee is invited to approve raising the threshold for capitalizing items to \$3,000 and adopting the Secretariat's proposed predetermined depreciation methods for determining the value of capital items returned by Members.

Advice sought

6. Members are invited to note the outcome of consultation and consider the recommendations in paragraph 5 above.

QUESTIONNAIRE
(to be completed by all Members)
(please return on or before 6 May 2016)

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**Subcommittee on Members' Remuneration
and Operating Expenses Reimbursement**

This questionnaire seeks Members' views on the proposed amendments to "A Guide for Reimbursement of Operating Expenses for Members of the Legislative Council" ("Reimbursement Guide").

(A) Legislative Council Business

Expenses relating to Legislative Council ("LegCo") business incurred by Members are reimbursable. Paragraph 27 of the Reimbursement Guide defines "LegCo business" as "activities relating to the exercising of the powers and functions of LegCo as stipulated in Article 73 of the Basic Law, general policy issues as well as matters which have been raised or discussed at meetings of LegCo and/or its committees."

Proposed amendments

As reimbursement of Members' expenses is founded on this cardinal principle, it is proposed that the definition of "LegCo business" be set out in the introduction section of the Reimbursement Guide. The relevant proposed amendments to the Reimbursement Guide are in **Appendix I**.

QUESTION 1 :

You are invited to indicate whether you agree to the above proposed amendments.

- I agree.
- I do not agree.
- I have no comment.

(B) Publications

Where a Member's publication is not solely on LegCo work, paragraph 80 of the Reimbursement Guide applies to the reimbursement of shared expenses. At present, the Secretariat makes a distinction between photograph and text of a publication in considering a reimbursement claim. Where a Member appears in a photograph with only the name or logo of his/her political party or affiliated organization, the photograph is taken as also reporting the work of the political party/affiliated organization and reimbursement of the related expenses will be scaled down by 50% calculated according to the percentage of the size of the photograph vis-à-vis the whole publication. The same yardstick applies to text of a publication. If a paragraph or a part thereof reports the work of a Member as well as that of his/her political party or affiliated organization, the text is taken as also reporting the work of the political party/affiliated organization and reimbursement of the related expenses will be deducted by 50% according to the percentage of the area of the text vis-à-vis the whole publication. The reimbursable amount for the publication is then calculated by the Secretariat according to this deduction formula.

Proposed amendments

To streamline the administrative procedure for processing claims, it is proposed that the approach in considering whether a Member's publication relates to his/her LegCo work be revised. A Member's publication will be read in context on a per-page basis without a distinction between photograph and text. If the content of a page mainly (over 50%) covers LegCo work, the expenses for such a page are reimbursable. Conversely, if the content of a page is mainly (over 50%) about non-LegCo business or the work of a political party or organization, the expenses for such a page are not reimbursable. In short, the amount of a reimbursement claim for a publication will be determined according to the proportion of pages in the publication used primarily for reporting LegCo business. The proposed amendments to paragraph 80 of the Reimbursement Guide are in **Appendix II**.

QUESTION 2 :

You are invited to indicate whether you agree to the above proposed amendments.

- I agree.
- I do not agree.
- I have no comment.

(C) Publicity items

Greeting cards and Christmas cards

Expenses on publicity items are reimbursable under paragraph 26 of the Reimbursement Guide. All along, publicity items associated with Chinese New Year, such as red packet envelopes, spring festival couplets and banners with Chinese New Year greetings, are reimbursable. However, if the publicity item is associated with any other festive seasons, such as Mid-autumn Festival or Christmas, the expenses for such a publicity item are not reimbursable. The Secretariat has adopted this approach in compliance with paragraph 88 of the Reimbursement Guide which lists out examples of non-reimbursable items among which are greeting cards and Christmas cards. Some Members consider that there should be consistency in determining whether publicity items associated with festive seasons are reimbursable.

Proposed amendments

Having regard to Members' views and the criteria for reimbursing expenses for publicity items as stipulated under the Reimbursement Guide, it is proposed that expenses for publicity items associated with festive seasons are reimbursable provided that the publicity item contains the Member's name and his/her contact details. Reimbursable publicity items should be of little resale value and should not contain any commercial content. Perishable publicity items such as food, beverages or flowers, are not reimbursable. The proposed amendments to paragraph 88 of the Reimbursement Guide are in **Appendix III**.

QUESTION 3 :

You are invited to indicate whether you agree to the above proposed amendments.

- I agree.
- I do not agree.
- I have no comment.

Expenses on election-related activities

According to the report issued by The Independent Commission on Remuneration for Members of the Executive Council and the Legislature, and Officials under the Political Appointment System of HKSAR ("Independent Commission") in 1995, "LegCo Members should not use public money to pay for election-related activities or other non-LegCo related business". Applying this principle, the Secretariat has adopted the practice of not reimbursing expenses incurred on any publicity items that related to voter registration. Some Members have expressed the view that as matters relating to voter registration are clearly LegCo business, the Secretariat should review the scope of election-related activities.

Proposed amendment

In accordance with the principle laid down by the Independent Commission and having regard to Members' views, it is proposed that a publicity item relating to voter registration that does not have the effect of directly or indirectly calling for political support for or opposition of any person, political party, or organization in an election should not be regarded as an election-related activity and as such the related expenses should be reimbursable.

QUESTION 4 :

You are invited to indicate whether you agree to the above proposed amendment.

- I agree.
- I do not agree.
- I have no comment.

Other comments :

(If space is insufficient, please provide the information in a separate sheet)

(D) Capital items

Under paragraph 72 of the Reimbursement Guide, a capital item is defined as any piece of equipment or furniture costing \$1,000 or more and with a life span of over one year. The existing requirement was set in 1995 and the amount has not been reviewed since then.

Proposed amendment

The Secretariat has consulted the compliance auditor¹ who has been appointed to conduct audits on Members' operating expenses on the amount for capitalizing items for non-governmental organizations of size similar to that of Members' offices. The auditor has advised that for such organizations, items costing \$5,000 or over may be capitalized. Some Members have expressed the view that it is more appropriate to revise the amount for capitalizing items to \$3,000. To enhance the cost-effectiveness of the asset management process, Members may consider raising the threshold for capitalizing items from \$1,000 to, say, \$3,000 or \$5,000.

QUESTION 5 :

You are invited to indicate whether you agree that the threshold for capitalizing items should be raised.

- I agree that the threshold should be raised to \$3,000.
- I agree that the threshold should be raised to \$5,000.
- I consider that the threshold should be maintained at the present level of \$1,000.
- I have no comment.

(E) Return or purchase of capital items

Under paragraph 73 of the Reimbursement Guide, where a Member ceases office, he/she is required to return to the Secretariat those capital items to which reimbursement of expenses has been claimed. Outgoing or incoming Members may buy the returned capital items at market value to be set by the Secretariat. An outgoing Member is given the first option to purchase his/her capital items. The value of returned capital items is determined by a valuer engaged by the Secretariat and the valuation fee is charged against the sale proceeds.

Proposed amendments

To enhance the cost-effectiveness of the arrangements for handling capitalized items returned by Members, it is proposed that predetermined depreciation methods be adopted for determining the value of capital items returned by Members. This will obviate the need to engage a valuer to assess Members' assets at the end of a LegCo term and when any Member ceases office before the end of a term. Both the cost of valuation and administrative work could be saved. All capital items except electronic equipment are assumed to

¹ Under the compliance audit system, an external auditor is appointed to conduct audits to ensure that Members' operating expenses claims are made in compliance with the provisions on conflict of interest and declaration of interest as stipulated in the Reimbursement Guide.

have a useful life span of five years with an annual depreciation rate of 20%. For electronic equipment (including computer items, mobile phones, cameras, etc.), the depreciated value will be calculated by an accelerated depreciation method (i.e. the "sum of digit" method) so as to reflect their higher initial depreciation charge and fall in book value. Based on such method, the depreciated value of electronic equipment after year 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the purchase will be 2/3, 2/5, 1/5, 1/15 and 0 of the original purchase price respectively. Outgoing or incoming Members have the option to buy back capital items at depreciated value or 5% of their original value, whichever is the higher. The relevant proposed amendments to the Reimbursement Guide are in **Appendix IV**.

QUESTION 6 :

You are invited to indicate whether you agree to the above proposed amendments .

- I agree.
- I do not agree.
- I have no comment.

(F) Effective date

Items (A),(B), (C) above

It is proposed that the proposed amendments relating to items (A), (B) and (C) above to take effect from the 2015-2016 reimbursement year (i.e. 1 October 2015).

QUESTION 7 :

You are invited to indicate whether you agree to the above proposal.

- I agree.
- I do not agree.
- I have no comment.

Item (D) above

As the capital items of Members of the current term have been included in the inventory list and based on general accounting principles, it is proposed that the proposed amendment to the threshold for capitalizing items (i.e. item (D) above) to take effect from the Sixth LegCo.

QUESTION 8 :

You are invited to indicate whether you agree to the above proposal.

- I agree.
- I do not agree.
- I have no comment.

Item (E) above

It is proposed that the predetermined depreciation methods for determining the values of the capitalized items returned by Members (i.e. item (E) above) be applied to the disposal of capital items returned by Members of the current term.

QUESTION 9 :

You are invited to indicate whether you agree to the above proposal.

- I agree.
- I do not agree.
- I have no comment.

Signature : _____

Name of Member : _____

Name of contact person
and telephone number : _____

Date : _____

**Proposed amendments to paragraphs 2 and 27 of
"A Guide for Reimbursement of Operating Expenses
for Members of the Legislative Council"**

Introduction

2. *A Member may claim reimbursement of expenses relating to LegCo business. "LegCo business" refers to activities relating to the exercising of the powers and functions of LegCo as stipulated in Article 73 of the Basic Law, general policy issues as well as matters which have been raised or discussed at meetings of LegCo and/or its committees. The guiding principles which should be observed by Members in claiming reimbursement of expenses are set out in paragraphs 7 to 12. General principles of the reimbursement system and the mechanism for adjustment of the reimbursable amounts are detailed in paragraphs 57 to 88 and paragraph 89 respectively.*

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Expenses on Activities

27. A Member may use the office operation expenses reimbursement to pay for the publicity and organization of activities relating to LegCo business. ~~"LegCo business" refers to activities relating to the exercising of the powers and functions of LegCo as stipulated in Article 73 of the Basic Law, general policy issues as well as matters which have been raised or discussed at meetings of LegCo and/or its committees.~~ Items normally claimable are detailed in *section C of Appendix I*.

Legend:

Text proposed to be added are shown in italics.

Text proposed to be deleted are shown with deletion lines.

**Proposed amendments to paragraph 80 of
"A Guide for Reimbursement of Operating Expenses
for Members of the Legislative Council"**

Shared Expenses

80. *A Member may claim reimbursement of expenses incurred in the production and distribution of publications and publicity items that arise from his/her LegCo duties.* Where *parts of the* publications and publicity items ~~also~~ report *solely* the work and/or achievements of the Member's political party or an organization to which the Member is affiliated, or the work of the Member in his/her other capacity (such as a District Councillor), the expenses incurred on the production and distribution of such items should be shared on a fair basis. For example, reimbursement claims should be scaled down according to the ~~percentage of printed areas not used solely for reporting the Member's LegCo work~~ *proportion of pages in the publications not used primarily for reporting LegCo business.*

Legend:

Text proposed to be added are shown in italics.

Text proposed to be deleted are shown with deletion lines.

**Proposed amendments to paragraph 88 of
"A Guide for Reimbursement of Operating Expenses
for Members of the Legislative Council"**

Non-reimbursable Items

88. Examples of non-reimbursable items are given as follows :

- (a) refundable deposits;
- (b) (i) penalties; and
(ii) charges incurred as a result of an act ruled by the LegCo President as inappropriate;
- (c) entertainment expenses solely for the Member himself/herself, his/her staff, other Members and/or their staff, unless specifically allowed by The Legislative Council Commission;
- (d) cooking utensils and appliances (other than kettle, distilled water dispenser, refrigerator, microwave oven and steamer cookware);
- (e) decorative items for Member's Office such as paintings, photo frames and flowers;
- (f) ~~greeting cards, Christmas cards, etc (notwithstanding the presence of contact details)~~ *perishable publicity items (such as food, beverages or flowers);*
- (g) publicity items having resale value (other than those of little or no resale value, such as pens) or containing commercial content;*
- (h) expenses on election-related activities;*
- (i) training of personal skills for the Member himself/herself; and*
- (j) sponsorship.*

Legend:

Text proposed to be added are shown in italics.

Text proposed to be deleted are shown with deletion lines.

**Proposed amendments to paragraphs 72, 73 and 82 of
"A Guide for Reimbursement of Operating Expenses
for Members of the Legislative Council"**

Capital Items

72. A capital item refers to any piece of equipment or furniture costing ~~\$1,000~~ ~~\$3,000/\$5,000*~~ or more and with a life span of over one year, but excluding software and fixtures such as built-in cabinets and wall-mounted air-conditioners. Installation charges should not be capitalized.

73. When a Member ceases office, he/she is required to return to the Secretariat those capital items for which reimbursement of expenses has been claimed. Before returning an item to the Secretariat, the Member must settle all outstanding payment and liability in respect of the item. Outgoing, returning or incoming Members may purchase these capital items at ~~market value to be set by the Secretariat~~ *depreciated value as determined by the Secretariat or 5% of their original value, whichever is the higher*. An outgoing Member has the first option to purchase his/her capital items, but he/she has no right to purchase capital items returned by other Members. In the event that a capital item was not fully reimbursed, the ~~market-price~~ *value* payable by the outgoing Member is discounted by the proportion of acquisition price borne by him/her personally.

Shared Expenses

82. A Member may only share the procurement expenses of a capital item with another Member or other Members. The Members concerned (i.e. the group) should sign an undertaking agreeing to the following disposal arrangements when any Member of the group ceases office —

- (a) If an outgoing Member of the group wishes to purchase the item, he/she will seek the agreement of other Members of the group and pay to the Secretariat the ~~market-price~~ *depreciated value or 5% of the original value* of the item, *whichever is the higher*.
- (b) If re-elected or remaining Member(s) of the group wish(es) to retain the item for use in relation to LegCo business, the Member(s) will seek the agreement of the outgoing Member(s) of the group and pay to the Secretariat an amount equivalent to the outgoing Member(s)' share of

the item at ~~market price~~ *depreciated value or 5% of its original value, whichever is the higher.*

- (c) If Members of the group fail to reach an agreement regarding the disposal of the item within two months, the Secretariat may take possession of the item in question without payment.

Note:

* Consideration may be given to revising the amount to say, \$3,000 or \$5,000.

Legend:

Text proposed to be added are shown in italics.

Text proposed to be deleted are shown with deletion lines.

Subcommittee on Members' Remuneration and Operating Expenses Reimbursement

**Responses to questionnaire on proposed amendments to
"A Guide for Reimbursement of Operating Expenses for Members of the Legislative Council" ("Reimbursement Guide")**

No. of respondents: 68

	Proposed amendments	Agree	Disagree	No comment	Other views
1.	<p><u>Legislative Council business</u></p> <p>It is proposed that the definition of "Legislative Council ("LegCo") business" as stipulated in the existing paragraph 27¹ of the Reimbursement Guide be set out in the introduction section of the Reimbursement Guide.</p>	<p>(62)</p> <p>- Matters which will soon become LegCo-related business should also be reimbursable (6)</p>	<p>(1)</p> <p>- The existing definition of "LegCo business" is too narrow, under which expenses incurred by Members on liaison and social activities, and publicity items associated with festive seasons would fall outside the scope of LegCo-related business. The role played by LegCo Members in society is wider than that</p>	<p>(5)</p>	<p>(0)</p>

¹ The existing paragraph 27 of the Reimbursement Guide defines "LegCo business" as "activities relating to the exercising of the powers and functions of LegCo as stipulated in Article 73 of the Basic Law, general policy issues as well as matters which have been raised or discussed at meetings of LegCo and or/its committees".

	Proposed amendments	Agree	Disagree	No comment	Other views
			<p>stipulated in Article 73 of the Basic Law which sets out the powers and functions of LegCo in the constitutional context (1)</p>		
2.	<p><u>Publications</u></p> <p>It is proposed that the approach in considering whether a Member's publication relates to his/her LegCo work be revised. Under the proposed revised approach, the amount of a reimbursement claim for a publication will be determined according to the proportion of pages in the publication used primarily for reporting LegCo business.</p>	(60)	(1)	(7)	(0)

Proposed amendments	Agree	Disagree	No comment	Other views
<p>3. <u>Publicity items – greeting cards and Christmas cards</u></p> <p>It is proposed that expenses for publicity items associated with festive seasons are reimbursable provided that the publicity item contains the Member's name and his/her contact details. Reimbursable publicity items should be of little resale value and should not contain any commercial content. Perishable publicity items, such as food, beverages or flowers, are not reimbursable.</p>	(64)	(0)	(3)	<p>(1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Publicity items associated with festive seasons should not be reimbursable (1)
<p>4. <u>Election-related expenses</u></p> <p>It is proposed that a publicity item relating to voter registration that does not have the effect of directly or indirectly calling for political support for or opposition of any person, political party, or</p>	(47)	<p>(2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There are too many grey areas (1) 	(13)	<p>(6)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The proposed amendment to set out in paragraph 88 of the Reimbursement Guide that "expenses on election-related activities" are non-

Proposed amendments	Agree	Disagree	No comment	Other views
<p>organization in an election should not be regarded as an election-related activity and as such the related expenses should be reimbursable.</p>				<p>reimbursable is too vague. Suggest to revise the wording of the proposed amendment along the line that expenses incurred on activities which constitute election expenses under the electoral laws are non-reimbursable (6)</p>
Proposed amendments	Increase to \$3,000	Increase to \$5,000	Maintain at \$1,000	No comment
<p>5. <u>Threshold for capitalizing items</u></p> <p>It is proposed that consideration may be given to raising the threshold for capitalizing items from \$1,000 to, say, \$3,000 or \$5,000.</p>	(37)	(20)	(0)	(11)

Proposed amendments	Agree	Disagree	No comment	Other views
<p>6. <u>Return or purchase of capital items</u></p> <p>It is proposed that predetermined depreciation methods be adopted for determining the value of capital items returned by outgoing Members, as follows:</p> <p>(a) All capital items (except electronic equipment) are assumed to have a useful life span of five years with an annual depreciation rate of 20%;</p> <p>(b) for electronic equipment (including computer items, mobile phones, cameras, etc.), the depreciated value</p>	(50)	(0)	(5)	<p style="text-align: center;">(13)</p> <p>- Propose that:</p> <p>(a) all capital items (except electronic equipment) be assumed to have a useful life span of four years with an annual depreciation rate of 25%; and</p> <p>(b) for electronic equipment, reference be made to the relevant depreciation arrangements of the Inland Revenue Department ("IRD")².</p>

2 According to the arrangements adopted by IRD for calculating assessable profits, an initial allowance of 60% of the original asset value is made in the year of assessment in which the expenditure is incurred; and an annual allowance of 10%, 20% or 30% (according to the type of asset) of the reducing value of the asset is given for each year of assessment. Furthermore, any capital expenditure incurred on the provision of a prescribed fixed asset, such as computer hardware other than that which is an integral part of any machinery or plant, can be deducted from the assessable profits in that year of assessment.

Proposed amendments	Agree	Disagree	No comment	Other views
<p>will be calculated by an accelerated depreciation method (i.e. the "sum of digit" method). Based on such method, the depreciated value of electronic equipment after year 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the purchase will be 2/3, 2/5, 1/5, 1/15 and 0 of the original purchase price respectively;</p> <p>(c) outgoing or incoming Members have the option to buy back capital items at depreciated value or 5% of their original value, whichever is the higher.</p>				
<p>7. <u>Effective date</u></p> <p>(a) It is proposed that the proposed amendments relating</p>	<p>(49*)</p> <p>*1 Member indicates that only items 2 to 4</p>	<p>(1)</p>	<p>(18)</p>	<p>(0)</p>

Proposed amendments	Agree	Disagree	No comment	Other views
	(but not item 1) should take effect from the 2015-2016 reimbursement year			
(b)	(56)	(1)	(11)	(0)
(c)	(55)	(1)	(12)	(0)