

Legislative Council

Panel on Education

Motion passed under agenda item

**“Issues arising from the Public Policy Research Funding Scheme –
Follow-up to special meeting on 21 February 2013”
at the meeting on 11 March 2013**

Response of the Central Policy Unit

At the special meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Education on 21 February 2013, representatives of the Central Policy Unit (CPU) explained the reasons for revising the Public Policy Research Funding Scheme (PPR) and the transitional arrangement. Academic freedom will not be affected. The CPU will take up the administration of the PPR from 2013-14. It will continue to welcome views from different sectors in the community, including the academia, when drawing up details of the Scheme. The CPU agrees that academic freedom must be safeguarded and that local public policy research should be promoted.

Central Policy Unit

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