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**Amendments to motion on
“Ensuring the completion of
public housing and infrastructure projects on schedule”**

Further to LC Paper No. CB(3) 572/13-14 issued on 23 April 2014, four Members (Hon LEE Cheuk-yan, Hon KWOK Wai-keung, Hon WU Chi-wai and Hon POON Siu-ping) have respectively given notices of their intention to move separate amendments to Hon James TIEN’s motion on “Ensuring the completion of public housing and infrastructure projects on schedule” scheduled for the Council meeting of 7 May 2014. As directed by the President, the respective amendments will be printed in the terms in which they were handed in on the Agenda of the Council.

2. The President will order a joint debate on the above motion and the four amendments. To assist Members in debating the motion and the amendments, I set out below the procedure to be followed during the debate:

- (a) the President calls upon Hon James TIEN to speak and move his motion;
- (b) the President proposes the question on Hon James TIEN’s motion;
- (c) the President calls upon the four Members who wish to move amendments to speak in the following order, but no amendment is to be moved at this stage:
 - (i) Hon LEE Cheuk-yan;
 - (ii) Hon KWOK Wai-keung;

- (iii) Hon WU Chi-wai; and
- (iv) Hon POON Siu-ping;
- (d) the President calls upon the public officer(s) to speak;
- (e) the President invites other Members to speak;
- (f) the President gives leave to Hon James TIEN to speak for the second time on the amendments;
- (g) the President calls upon the public officer(s) to speak again;
- (h) in accordance with Rule 34(5) of the Rules of Procedure, the President has decided that he will call upon the four Members to move their respective amendments in the order set out in paragraph (c) above. The President invites Hon LEE Cheuk-yan to move his amendment to the motion, and forthwith proposes and puts to vote the question on Hon LEE Cheuk-yan's amendment;
- (i) after Hon LEE Cheuk-yan's amendment has been voted upon, the President deals with the other three amendments; and
- (j) after all amendments have been dealt with, the President calls upon Hon James TIEN to reply. Thereafter, the President puts to vote the question on Hon James TIEN's motion, or his motion as amended, as the case may be.

3. For Members' reference, the terms of the original motion and of the motion, if amended, are set out in the **Appendix**.

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(Translation)

**Motion debate on
“Ensuring the completion of
public housing and infrastructure projects on schedule”
to be held at the Council meeting of 7 May 2014**

1. Hon James TIEN’s original motion

That, as the construction industry is facing manpower shortage, this Council urges the Government to adopt corresponding measures, including establishing a special labour importation scheme for public housing and infrastructure projects by making reference to the arrangements adopted during the construction of Chek Lap Kok Airport, so as to ensure the completion of the various public housing and infrastructure projects in Hong Kong on schedule or even ahead of schedule to meet the housing need of grass-roots people as early as possible, and sustain the economic and social development of Hong Kong.

2. Motion as amended by Hon LEE Cheuk-yan

~~That, as the construction industry is facing manpower shortage, this Council urges the Government to adopt corresponding measures, including establishing a special labour importation scheme for public housing and infrastructure projects by making reference to the arrangements adopted during the construction of Chek Lap Kok Airport, so as to ensure~~ ***strengthen the manpower training and job-matching services offered by the Construction Industry Council, and improve the working environment and occupational safety standards of the construction industry, so as to attract more local workers to engage in the construction industry, thereby ensuring*** the completion of the various public housing and infrastructure projects in Hong Kong on schedule or even ahead of schedule to meet the housing need of grass-roots people as early as possible, and sustain the economic and social development of Hong Kong.

Note: Hon LEE Cheuk-yan’s amendment is marked in ***bold and italic type*** or with deletion line.

3. Motion as amended by Hon KWOK Wai-keung

~~That, as the construction industry is facing manpower shortage~~ ***with the commencement of various infrastructure projects one after another and the***

increase of wages in the construction industry, the construction industry should be able to attract new entrants, but due to the frequent default on payment of workers' wages, coupled with the high industrial accident rate in the industry, etc., intending entrants have been deterred from joining the industry; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to adopt corresponding measures, including establishing a special labour importation scheme for public housing and infrastructure projects by making reference to the arrangements adopted during the construction of Chek Lap Kok Airport to improve the aforesaid situations, attract manpower for the industry and reduce manpower wastage, so as to ensure the completion of the various public housing and infrastructure projects in Hong Kong on schedule or even ahead of schedule to meet the housing need of grass-roots people as early as possible, and sustain the economic and social development of Hong Kong; specific proposals are as follows:

- (1) to draw up proper long-term planning for infrastructure projects and progressively launch large-scale projects, so as to avoid creating a false image of manpower shortage during construction peaks, whereas workers have to face under-employment after the end of construction peaks;*
- (2) to strengthen the monitoring of the wage payment mechanism in the construction industry, and rigorously combat the acts of defaulting on payment of workers' wages;*
- (3) to allocate more resources and increase the number of training places, so as to provide new blood for the industry; and*
- (4) to motivate the construction industry to improve the working environment, including strengthening the monitoring and inspection of works sites, so as to ensure the compliance of the working environment and equipment with statutory safety standards, create a safe working environment and reduce the number of industrial accidents.*

Note: Hon KWOK Wai-keung's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

4. Motion as amended by Hon WU Chi-wai

That, ~~as recently, overspending has occurred in a number of projects for reasons including~~ the construction industry is facing manpower shortage; *in this connection*, this Council urges the Government to adopt corresponding measures, including ~~establishing a special labour importation scheme for public~~

~~housing and infrastructure projects by making reference to the arrangements adopted during the construction of Chek Lap Kok Airport, so as to~~ ***adjusting the progress of various projects, examining project planning and setting priorities for projects, so as to maintain the number of projects at a sustainable level that the construction industry can cope with,*** ensure the completion of the various public housing and infrastructure projects in Hong Kong on schedule or even ahead of schedule to meet the housing need of grass-roots people as early as possible, and sustain the economic and social development of Hong Kong.

Note: Hon WU Chi-wai's amendment is marked in ***bold and italic type*** or with deletion line.

5. Motion as amended by Hon POON Siu-ping

That, as the ~~construction industry is facing manpower shortage~~ ***large-scale infrastructure projects have commenced one after another,*** this Council urges the Government to adopt ~~corresponding~~ ***effective*** measures, including establishing a special labour importation scheme for public housing and infrastructure projects by ~~making reference to the arrangements adopted during the construction of Chek Lap Kok Airport~~ ***encouraging new arrivals to join the labour market, especially the construction industry; improving the working environment of the construction industry to attract young people to join the construction industry; upgrading the safety standards of the construction industry to ensure industrial safety; co-ordinating the construction procedures of different projects to avoid manpower competition, creating a false image of manpower shortage due to concurrent carrying out of works of same job types under different projects; and dealing with any labour importation proposals under the established mechanism for labour importation,*** so as to ensure the completion of the various public housing and infrastructure projects in Hong Kong on schedule or even ahead of schedule to meet the housing need of grass-roots people as early as possible, and sustain the economic and social development of Hong Kong.

Note: Hon POON Siu-ping's amendment is marked in ***bold and italic type*** or with deletion line.