

## **NOTE FOR FINANCE COMMITTEE**

### **Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Finance Ministers' Meeting 2014**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

This note informs Members of the financial and manpower arrangements in relation to the preparation for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Finance Ministers' Meeting (FMM) 2014, and the lapse of two supernumerary directorate posts, including an Administrative Officer Staff Grade B (AOSGB) (D3) and a Senior Principal Executive Officer (SPEO) (D2) in the Financial Services Branch (FSB) of the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau (FSTB) with effect from 27 March 2014.

#### **BACKGROUND**

2. The Ministry of Finance announced on 20 September 2013 that the APEC FMM 2014 would be held in Hong Kong in September 2014. To take forward the organisation of the FMM, we obtained approval from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council on 6 December 2013 for the creation of –

- (a) two supernumerary directorate posts, including an AOSGB (D3) and an SPEO (D2) posts in the FSB of the FSTB, with immediate effect up to 30 September 2014; and
- (b) a new commitment of \$63.45 million under Head 148 Government Secretariat: Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau (Financial Services Branch) Subhead 700 General non-recurrent to meet the costs for organising the APEC FMM in September 2014.

3. To support the two directorate officers to undertake the preparatory and organisation work for the FMM, 36 time-limited non-directorate civil service posts were proposed to be created in 2014-15. Given the tight timeframe for completing the preparatory work for the FMM, prior to the creation of these posts in 2014-15, a small number of staff, including Administrative Officers, Executive Officers and police officers have been internally redeployed to set up a dedicated Event Coordination Team (ECT) in FSB and a Police Planning Team (PPT) in the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) respectively to commence the preparatory work in 2013-14.

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**LATEST DEVELOPMENT**

4. On 25 February 2014, the Central People's Government (CPG) informed the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government that, due to the number of events and the broad range of themes and issues covered in the 2014 APEC process, some APEC meetings would have to be rescheduled to ensure that various APEC events would be well organised and co-ordinated. The APEC FMM, which was scheduled to be held in Hong Kong from 10 to 12 September, would be postponed to a new date in late September. Accordingly, the location of the FMM would be changed to Beijing to facilitate logistics arrangements. On receipt of the CPG decision, the HKSAR Government proceeded to wind down its preparatory work.

**PRELIMINARY PREPARATORY WORK FOR THE FMM AND THE ASSOCIATED COSTS**

5. The ECT and the PPT have undertaken some preliminary preparatory work for the FMM before the CPG decision, including site visits; liaison with the relevant CPG ministries, government bureaux and departments, and concerned organisations; and preparation for the tender for procurement of services and equipment. The expenses include staff salaries (\$4.78 million), administrative expenses (\$0.68 million) and purchase of office equipment (\$0.32 million). They have been met by the existing resources approved for FSTB in 2013-14.

**FINANCIAL AND MANPOWER IMPLICATIONS FOR 2014-15**

6. The provision related to the FMM, mainly comprising the non-recurrent commitment of \$63.45 million and salaries of civil servants of \$13.575 million (\$10.474 million for FSB and \$3.101 million for HKPF) which have been included in the 2014-15 Estimates, will be reserved in the Centre according to the established procedures. No expenditure shall be incurred against the provision reserved. No civil service posts will be created in 2014-15 for the FMM.

**LAPSE OF THE TWO SUPERNUMERARY DIRECTORATE POSTS**

7. With the CPG decision, the ECT has started to wrap up the preparation work for the FMM and prepare statement of accounts, with a view to disbanding the team with effect from 27 March 2014. The two supernumerary directorate posts (mentioned in para 2(a) above) will lapse on the same day. Since early March, the civil servants in and the office equipment purchased by the ECT and PPT have been redeployed within the Government in phases in accordance

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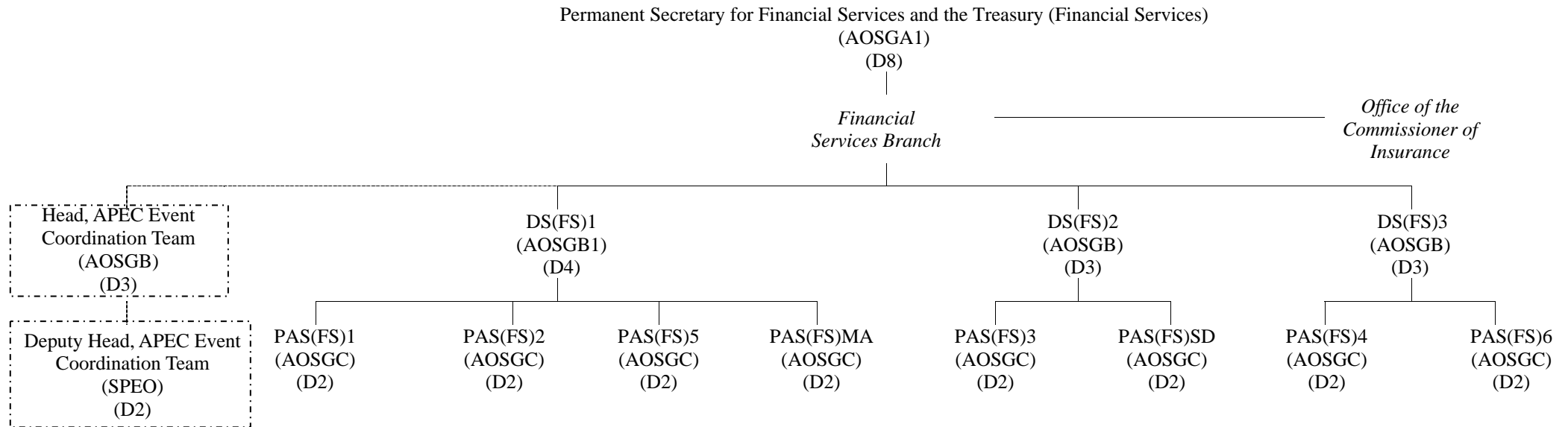
with the established procedures. We shall separately report to the Establishment Subcommittee on the respective change to the overall directorate establishment. Encl. The organisation chart of FSB with effect from 27 March 2014 is at Enclosure for Members' information.

8. Members are invited to note the content of this note.

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**Organisation Chart of the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau (Financial Services Branch)**



**Legend**

- Supernumerary directorate posts to lapse on 27 March 2014
- AOSGA1 – Administrative Officer Staff Grade A1
- AOSGB1 – Administrative Officer Staff Grade B1
- AOSGB – Administrative Officer Staff Grade B
- AOSGC – Administrative Officer Staff Grade C
- DS(FS) – Deputy Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Financial Services)
- PAS(FS) – Principal Assistant Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Financial Services)
- SPEO – Senior Principal Executive Officer