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Mr Andy LAU  
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Dear *Andy*,

**Sequence of the Finance Committee Agenda Items**

Thank you for your letter of 27 October seeking the Government's view on a joint letter dated 24 October from 23 Members requesting that priority be given to the discussion of seven of the 17 deferred Finance Committee (FC) agenda items as they are considered less controversial and are livelihood-related.

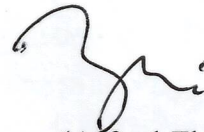
For reasons set out in our letter of 24 October to the Chairman of the Finance Committee regarding the general subject of sequencing the FC agenda items, the Government does not consider it appropriate to accede to the above request. The key considerations pertaining to this request are briefly appended below.

Specifically, all the 17 deferred FC agenda items (including the seven items seeking priority treatment) are livelihood-related. The four items at the top of the agenda which relate to three landfill extensions and the "Integrated Waste Management Facilities" (IWMF) are important and essential parts of the waste treatment infrastructure. Apart from the seven items which the 23 Members are requesting priority treatment, all the other ten proposals falling within various policy areas are all closely intertwined with people's livelihood.

The current sequence of the 17 deferred items largely follows the chronological order of the dates when the items were first submitted to FC. It also reflects the Government's overall priorities amongst the proposals involved. In the light of the prolonged deliberations in the FC, the Government will keep under review the sequence and overall priority amongst all the deferred and new items. At this juncture, as the landfill extensions cum IWMF remain the most imminent livelihood-related items which cannot be further delayed, they should continue to be placed at the top of the agenda.

With the lapse of time from July this year, all the 17 deferred items have become urgent in different ways. All of them need to be deliberated and voted on as soon as possible within the 2014-15 financial year. We sincerely urge all FC Members to expedite consideration and approval of the proposals so that the relevant public services can be implemented as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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(Alfred Zhi)

for Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury