

LC Paper No. CB(4)65/14-15

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Paper for the House Committee meeting on 24 October 2014

Priority allocation of a debate slot for a motion debate on the Report of the Subcommittee on Integrated Education

Purpose

This paper invites Members to consider the request of the Panel on Education ("the Panel") made under Rule 14A(h) of the House Rules ("HR") for the priority allocation of a debate slot for a motion debate on the Report of the Subcommittee on Integrated Education ("the Subcommittee Report") at the Council meeting of 26 November 2014.

The Subcommittee Report

2. The Subcommittee was appointed by the Panel on 11 December 2012 to study and review the existing policy on integrated education and to make timely recommendations. The Subcommittee commenced work in January 2013 and held a total of 18 meetings, including a series of theme-based meetings of prolonged duration to meet with deputations. Upon completion of its work in September 2014, the Subcommittee submitted a report to the Panel (LC Paper No. $CB(4)1087/13-14(01))^{1}$. The Subcommittee has made a number of observations on the policy and implementation of integrated education in its report, as well as put forward 41 recommendations on how the existing system can be strengthened and on the way forward.

Motion debate

3. As the subject of integrated education straddles a wide range of issues and there are widespread concerns from students, parents, the school sector, the teaching profession and other stakeholders over the policy and implementation of integrated education, the Subcommittee has proposed that the approval of the

¹ Available at <u>http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr13-14/english/panels/ed/ed_ie/reports/ed_iecb4-1087-1-e.pdf</u>

House Committee ("HC") be sought for the priority allocation of a debate slot under HR 14A(h) for moving a motion for debate on the Subcommittee Report at the Council meeting of 26 November 2014. The wording of the motion is in the **Appendix**. The debate will provide an opportunity for Members to express their views on the subject and for the Administration to respond.

4. HR 14A(h) provides that Panels and their subcommittees may request for priority allocation of debate slots, which shall be put forward to HC for consideration on a case-by-case basis. As the Subcommittee was dissolved upon completion of its work on 30 September 2014, the Subcommittee had proposed that the Panel, as the parent committee of the Subcommittee, should make the request to HC. It had also been proposed that in addition to the debate on the Subcommittee Report, only one other debate on a Member's motion not intended to have legislative effect should be held at the Council meeting of 26 November 2014. At its meeting held on 9 October 2014, the Panel noted and raised no objection to the above proposed arrangements.

5. Subject to HC's agreement to allocate a debate slot, the Panel will designate Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG, Chairman of the former Subcommittee, to move the motion for debate on the Subcommittee Report at the Council meeting of 26 November 2014. Pursuant to HR 14A(h), should HC accede to the Panel's request to allocate a slot to Dr CHEUNG for moving the motion, the debate slot will not be counted as Dr CHEUNG's own slot.

Advice sought

6. Members are invited to consider the Panel's request for the priority allocation of a debate slot under HR 14A(h) set out in paragraphs 3 to 5 above.

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附錄 Appendix

2014 年 11 月 26 日(星期三) 立法會會議席上 張超雄議員就 "融合教育小組委員會的報告"提出的議案

議案措辭

"本會察悉融合教育小組委員會的報告。"

(Translation)

Motion on "Report of the Subcommittee on Integrated Education" to be moved by Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung at the Council meeting of Wednesday, 26 November 2014

Wording of the Motion

"That this Council notes the Report of the Subcommittee on Integrated Education."