Panel on Financial Affairs

Follow-up actions arising from the policy briefing cum meeting on 2 February 2015

Agenda Item III – Briefing by the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury on relevant policy initiatives in the Chief Executive's 2015 Policy Address

- 1. In relation to the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect ("S-HK SC"), the Administration is requested to provide the following information
 - (a) possible risks on Hong Kong investors involved in cross-boundary stock trading through S-HK SC, and the measures to protect investors and enhance their awareness of such risks;
 - (b) regulatory and disclosure requirements on companies listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange ("SSE") imposed by the China Securities Regulatory Commission ("CSRC"); and
 - (c) channels/procedures for lodging complaints with CSRC by Hong Kong investors and the mechanism of handling such complaints by CSRC.
- 2. The Administration/relevant authority is requested to consider the suggestions raised by a Panel member on
 - (a) removing the current requirement for payment of the Mainland Settlement Deposit by investors (or their agents) for trading of SSE-listed shares under S-HK SC; and
 - (b) relaxing or waiving the licensing requirements for intermediaries licensed for Type 1 regulated activity ("RA") to conduct Type 9 RA (i.e. asset management) if they have equivalent experience in asset management such as handling of discretionary accounts.

Agenda Item V – Budget of the Securities and Futures Commission for the financial year of 2015-2016

3. The Securities and Futures Commission ("SFC") is requested to provide information on the number of complaints received by SFC on investment-linked assurance schemes in the past five years.

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