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**Amendments to motion on
“Expediently abolishing the
Primary 3 Territory-wide System Assessment”**

Further to LC Paper No. CB(3) 115/15-16 issued on 5 November 2015, six Members (Hon Albert HO, Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN, Hon IP Kin-yuen, Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai, Hon Starry LEE and Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG) have respectively given notice of their intention to move separate amendments to Hon Albert CHAN’s motion on “Expediently abolishing the Primary 3 Territory-wide System Assessment” scheduled for the Council meeting of 25 November 2015. 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 six 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 Albert CHAN to speak and move his motion;
- (b) the President proposes the question on Hon Albert CHAN’s motion;
- (c) the President calls upon the six Members who wish to move amendments to speak in the following order, but no amendment is to be moved at this stage:
 - (i) Hon Albert HO;
 - (ii) Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN;

- (iii) Hon IP Kin-yuen;
 - (iv) Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai;
 - (v) Hon Starry LEE; and
 - (vi) Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG;
- (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 Albert CHAN 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 six Members to move their respective amendments in the order set out in paragraph (c) above. The President invites Hon Albert HO to move his amendment to the motion, and forthwith proposes and puts to vote the question on Hon Albert HO's amendment;
 - (i) after Hon Albert HO's amendment has been voted upon, the President deals with the other five amendments; and
 - (j) after all amendments have been dealt with, the President calls upon Hon Albert CHAN to reply. Thereafter, the President puts to vote the question on Hon Albert CHAN'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**.

(Ms Dora WAI)
for Clerk to the Legislative Council

Encl.

(Translation)

**Motion debate on
“Expeditiously abolishing the
Primary 3 Territory-wide System Assessment”
to be held at the Council meeting of 25 November 2015**

1. Hon Albert CHAN’s original motion

That this Council requests the Government to expeditiously abolish the Primary 3 Territory-wide System Assessment (‘TSA’), and conduct full consultation on and a comprehensive review of the Primary 6 and Secondary 3 TSA.

2. Motion as amended by Hon Albert HO

That, *given the serious morbid change in the Territory-wide System Assessment (‘TSA’), unnecessary pressure has been exerted on students, parents and teachers; it is learnt that some schools have forced students to undergo drills on examination questions and attend tuition sessions, and such a practice has seriously affected the normal learning progress and daily life of students, and has also deviated from TSA’s original intent of assessing the basic competencies of students; in this connection,* this Council requests the Government to ~~expeditiously abolish the Primary 3 Territory-wide System Assessment (‘TSA’), and conduct full consultation on and a comprehensive review of the Primary 6 and Secondary 3 TSA~~ *completely abolish TSA in an expeditious manner so as to return a happy childhood to students.*

Note: Hon Albert HO’s amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

3. Motion as amended by Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN

That, *as the Territory-wide System Assessment (‘TSA’) exerts tremendous pressure on teachers, students and parents,* this Council requests the Government to expeditiously abolish the Primary 3 ~~Territory-wide System Assessment (‘TSA’)~~; *TSA* and conduct full consultation on and a comprehensive review of the Primary 6 and Secondary 3 TSA, *and to invite organizations opposing TSA to join the relevant review committee; this Council strongly condemns that the Secretary for Education indicated at the*

Legislative Council meeting of 4 November 2015 that he could not attend the special meeting on TSA to be held by the Panel on Education of this Council.

Note: Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

4. Motion as amended by Hon IP Kin-yuen

That *the Territory-wide System Assessment ('TSA') has created heavy pressure on teachers, students and parents since its implementation in 2004; not only does TSA seriously affect teachers' daily classroom teaching, but also takes up students' rest time, particularly that the drills on examination questions undergone by students to prepare for the Primary 3 TSA often start early from Primary 1, causing serious damage to the physical and mental health of students; for the well-being of students, this Council requests the Government to expeditiously abolish the Primary 3 Territory-wide System Assessment—('TSA') TSA, and conduct full consultation on and a comprehensive review of the Primary 6 and Secondary 3 TSA; in addition, the Government must:*

- (1) immediately suspend the Primary 3 TSA in the current school year to instantly relieve the pressure on Primary 3 teachers and students;*
- (2) invite people with different views, including representatives of parent groups, teachers' associations and organizations of school heads as well as academics, to join the review committee to enhance its recognition; and*
- (3) completely abolish TSA in a decisive manner, if it is still impossible to eradicate the shortcomings after the review.*

Note: Hon IP Kin-yuen's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

5. Motion as amended by Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai

That *the row over the Territory-wide System Assessment ('TSA') has intensified recently, arousing widespread concern in the territory; earlier on, tens of thousands of parents have expressed their demands on online groups to request the Education Bureau to abolish TSA, while some individual private schools have decided not to participate in TSA; given the incessant opposition to TSA in the community and the impact of the relevant policy on more than a thousand primary and secondary schools and hundreds of*

thousands of students, this Council requests the Government to expeditiously abolish the Primary 3 Territory-wide System Assessment ('TSA'), and earnestly urges the Secretary for Education Eddie NG to treasure the opportunities to attend the public hearings on TSA to be held by the Panel on Education of this Council, with a view to sincerely communicating in person and face to face with the education sector and parents through an open platform, listening to the views of different stakeholders and Members from various political parties and groupings, as well as understanding and responding to their concerns and demands, so as to dispel public misgivings; this Council also requests the Government to conduct full consultation on and a comprehensive review of the Primary 6 and Secondary 3 TSA.

Note: Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

6. Motion as amended by Hon Starry LEE

That a morbid change has occurred in the Territory-wide System Assessment ('TSA') over the past decade or so since its implementation, and in order to cope with TSA, some schools arrange excessive drills on examination questions for students, exerting tremendous unnecessary pressure on teachers, parents and students; TSA is a low-stakes assessment that does not assess and report performance of individual students, and the purpose of its introduction is to assess the overall basic competencies of students; schools can optimize the use of school level reports to draw up plans to make continuous improvement to the methods and effectiveness of teaching and learning, with a view to enhancing the overall academic standards of students; since TSA is an objective assessment tool established out of necessity, it is inappropriate to abolish it across the board before any alternative measure is available; yet, since the present phenomenon of excessive drills runs counter to the purpose of introducing TSA, this Council requests the Government to expeditiously abolish the Primary 3 Territory-wide System Assessment ('TSA'), and extensively listen to the voices of various sectors, conduct full consultation on and a comprehensive review of the Primary 3, Primary 6 and Secondary 3 TSA, and adopt the following measures:

- (1) to get to know immediately the situation of how schools in various districts prepare students for TSA, and to request at once those schools found to have arranged excessive drills on examination questions for students to stop such a practice;*
- (2) not to announce the Primary 3 TSA results and the territory-wide attainment rates in the coming year, so as to reduce the incentive for*

schools to drill students for reason of comparing results and alleviate the pressure on schools, parents and students;

- (3) *to motivate sponsoring bodies, schools and parent teacher associations to sign joint charter to undertake not to arrange excessive drills on examination questions for students;*
- (4) *to extensively invite various stakeholders to join the Coordinating Committee on Basic Competency Assessment and Assessment Literacy to jointly review the operation of TSA, including the assessment method and the design of examination questions; and*
- (5) *to hold briefing sessions for parents in various districts, so as to establish effective communication platforms to explain to parents the purpose of introducing TSA and listen to their views, with a view to dispelling their misgivings and misunderstanding about TSA.*

Note: Hon Starry LEE's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

7. Motion as amended by Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG

That this Council requests the Government to expeditiously abolish the Primary 3 Territory-wide System Assessment ('TSA'), and conduct full consultation on and a comprehensive review of the Primary 6 and Secondary 3 TSA (*the targets of consultation must include parents*), with a view to *eliminating the negative impacts of 'spoon-feeding' education and the examination-oriented education system on students, so that they can learn and grow up happily.*

Note: Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type*.