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Panel on Education
Meeting on 1 February 2016

**Report of the Subcommittee to Study
the Implementation of Free Kindergarten Education and
the proposal for priority allocation of a debate slot to
the Chairman of the Subcommittee**

Purpose

This paper invites members to –

- (a) note the Report of the Subcommittee to Study the Implementation of Free Kindergarten Education ("the Subcommittee"); and
- (b) consider/endorse the Subcommittee's proposal to seek priority allocation of a slot for holding a motion debate on the Report at a Council meeting.

Report of the Subcommittee

2. The Subcommittee was set up pursuant to the Panel's decision on 14 April 2014. Upon completion of its work, the Subcommittee prepared a report which was endorsed at its meeting held on 5 January 2016. The report has been issued to Panel members vide LC Paper No. CB(4)532/15-16 on 25 January 2016. Subsequent developments and issues related to the future implementation of free kindergarten education will be followed up by the Panel.

Motion debate

3. The implementation of free KG education is an important milestone in Hong Kong's education system. New initiatives have also been announced in the 2016 Policy Address. In view of wide public concerns from parents, the KG sector, the teaching profession and other stakeholders over the policy and future arrangements for taking forward free quality KG education, the Subcommittee has proposed that the approval of the House Committee be sought for the priority allocation of a debate slot under Rule 14A(h) of the House Rules ("HR") for moving a motion for debate on the Subcommittee's Report at a future Council meeting. The debate will provide an opportunity for all Members to express views on the subject and for the Administration to provide its response. The wording of the motion is in the **Annex**. Having regard to the schedule of Council meetings in March and April 2016 and the anticipated businesses to be transacted, members may consider holding the aforesaid motion debate at the Council meeting of **27 April 2016**.

4. HR14A(h) provides that Panels and their subcommittees may make a request for priority allocation of debate slots, which shall be put forward to the House Committee for consideration on a case-by-case basis. As the Subcommittee will be dissolved by the end of January 2016 upon completion of its work, the Subcommittee has proposed that the Panel, as the parent committee of the Subcommittee, should apply to the House Committee at its meeting on 5 February 2016 for the debate slot.

5. Subject to the Panel's agreement to seek priority allocation for a debate slot, members may wish to consider designating Hon Starry LEE, Chairman of the Subcommittee, to move the motion on the Subcommittee's Report for debate at the Council meeting of 27 April 2016.

6. Under HR14A(h), should the House Committee accede to the Panel's request to allocate a slot to Hon Starry LEE to move the motion at the Council meeting of 27 April 2016, the debate slot will not be counted as Ms LEE's own slot. The Panel may also wish to recommend that in addition to the debate on the motion on the Subcommittee's Report, only one other debate on a Member's motion not intended to have legislative effect should be held at the aforesaid Council meeting.

Advice sought

7. Members are invited to –

- (a) note the Report of the Subcommittee; and
- (b) endorse the proposal to seek the House Committee's agreement for the priority allocation of a debate slot to Hon Starry LEE, Subcommittee Chairman, with the recommendation that in addition to the debate on the Subcommittee's Report, only one other debate on a Member's motion not intended to have legislative effect should be held at the Council meeting of 27 April 2016.

Council Business Division 4
Legislative Council Secretariat
25 January 2016

2016 年 4 月 27 日(星期三)
立法會會議席上
李慧琼議員就
"研究落實免費幼稚園教育小組委員會的報告"提出的議案

議案措辭

"本會察悉研究落實免費幼稚園教育小組委員會的報告。"

(Translation)

**Motion on "Report of the Subcommittee to Study
the Implementation of Free Kindergarten Education"
to be moved by Hon Starry LEE
at the Council meeting of Wednesday, 27 April 2016**

Wording of the Motion

"That this Council notes the Report of the Subcommittee to Study
the Implementation of Free Kindergarten Education."