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**Council meeting of 6 June 2018**

**Amendments to motion on  
“Cross-boundary elderly care”**

Further to LC Paper No. CB(3) 580/17-18 issued on 10 May 2018, three Members (Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG, Hon WONG Kwok-kin and Hon Alvin YEUNG) have respectively given notice of their intention to move separate amendments to Hon LEUNG Che-cheung’s motion on “Cross-boundary elderly care”. Members have been informed vide LC Paper No. CB(3) 605/17-18 issued earlier today that the above motion will be rescheduled to the Council meeting of 6 June 2018. As directed by the President, the respective amendments will be printed in the terms in which they were handed in.

2. The President will order a joint debate on the above motion and the three 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 LEUNG Che-cheung to speak and move his motion;
- (b) the President proposes the question on Hon LEUNG Che-cheung’s motion;
- (c) the President calls upon the three Members who wish to move amendments to speak in the following order, but no amendment is to be moved at this stage:
  - (i) Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG;

- (ii) Hon WONG Kwok-kin; and
  - (iii) Hon Alvin YEUNG;
- (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 LEUNG Che-cheung 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 three Members to move their respective amendments in the order set out in paragraph (c) above. The President invites Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG to move her amendment to the motion, and forthwith proposes and puts to vote the question on Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG's amendment;
  - (i) after Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG's amendment has been voted upon, the President deals with the other two amendments; and
  - (j) after all amendments have been dealt with, the President calls upon Hon LEUNG Che-cheung to reply. Thereafter, the President puts to vote the question on Hon LEUNG Che-cheung's motion, or his motion as amended, as the case may be.

3. For Members' reference, the terms of the original motion and the marked-up version of the amendments are set out in the **Appendix**.

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for Clerk to the Legislative Council

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(Translation)

**Motion debate on  
“Cross-boundary elderly care”  
to be held at the Council meeting of 6 June 2018**

**1. Hon LEUNG Che-cheung’s original motion**

That, all along, quite a number of elderly persons in Hong Kong have chosen to spend their twilight years on the Mainland, but the current cross-boundary portability arrangements for welfare benefits made by the SAR Government have a very narrow scope, benefiting only eligible elderly persons who are receiving the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance payments or the Old Age Allowance and have moved to reside in Guangdong or Fujian Province on the Mainland; to facilitate more elderly persons in spending their twilight years on the Mainland, this Council urges the SAR Government to:

- (1) extend the arrangements of the Guangdong Scheme and the Fujian Scheme to other provinces on the Mainland;
- (2) introduce cross-boundary portability arrangements for the Old Age Living Allowance to support eligible elderly persons who are receiving the allowance and have moved to the Mainland;
- (3) abolish the existing absence limit for various welfare benefits under the Social Security Allowance Scheme, and conduct a study on developing an identity verification system with the relevant Mainland departments to obviate the need for elderly persons who have moved to the Mainland to return to Hong Kong for making applications for continuous collection of such benefits on a yearly basis;
- (4) introduce cross-boundary portability arrangements for the Disability Allowance such that eligible elderly persons with disabilities aged 65 or above can choose to reside on the Mainland;
- (5) optimize the existing Pilot Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong by, for example, purchasing residential care places for persons with disabilities from Mainland residential care homes, and purchasing more quality residential care places for the elderly in various major cities on the Mainland, as well as providing needy elderly persons who choose to reside on the Mainland with one-stop escort arrangements for travelling to and from Hong Kong;

- (6) conduct a study on the implementation of a scheme for the transfer of medical records of Hong Kong residents under which, with the consent of the elderly persons who have moved to the Mainland, their medical records will be transferred to designated Mainland hospitals so that they can seek medical consultation conveniently;
- (7) conduct a study on extending the scope of application of Hong Kong's Health Care Vouchers to cover major hospitals and clinics on the Mainland, with a view to alleviating the burden of medical expenses on elderly persons who have moved to the Mainland;
- (8) by drawing reference from the model of the University of Hong Kong-Shenzhen Hospital, co-establish hospitals in major Mainland cities by Hong Kong and the Mainland and adopt Hong Kong-style management to jointly provide quality healthcare services to elderly persons who have moved to the Mainland; and
- (9) by drawing reference from the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly, conduct a study on providing elderly persons who have moved to the Mainland with support services for ageing in place.

## **2. Motion as amended by Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG**

That, *although* all along, quite a number of elderly persons in Hong Kong have chosen to spend their twilight years on the Mainland, ~~but~~ the current cross-boundary portability arrangements for welfare benefits made by the SAR Government have a very narrow scope, benefiting only eligible elderly persons who are receiving the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance payments or the Old Age Allowance and have moved to reside in Guangdong or Fujian Province on the Mainland; to facilitate more elderly persons in spending their twilight years on the Mainland, this Council urges the SAR Government to:

- (1) extend the arrangements of the Guangdong Scheme and the Fujian Scheme to other provinces on the Mainland;
- (2) introduce cross-boundary portability arrangements for the Old Age Living Allowance to support eligible elderly persons who are receiving the allowance and have moved to the Mainland;
- (3) abolish the existing absence limit for various welfare benefits under the Social Security Allowance Scheme, and conduct a study on developing an identity verification system with the relevant Mainland departments

to obviate the need for elderly persons who have moved to the Mainland to return to Hong Kong for making applications for continuous collection of such benefits on a yearly basis;

- (4) introduce cross-boundary portability arrangements for the Disability Allowance such that eligible elderly persons with disabilities aged 65 or above can choose to reside on the Mainland;
- (5) optimize the existing Pilot Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong by, for example, purchasing residential care places for persons with disabilities from Mainland residential care homes, and purchasing more quality residential care places for the elderly in various major cities on the Mainland, as well as providing needy elderly persons who choose to reside on the Mainland with one-stop escort arrangements for travelling to and from Hong Kong;
- (6) *regarding the problem of ageing population arising from the post-war baby boom generation advancing into retirement age in Hong Kong, cooperate with the Mainland Government to conduct a study on planning and building new development areas that can facilitate leisurely retirement life on the Mainland, especially in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area, so as to attract elderly persons in Hong Kong to move to these areas to enjoy quality retirement life and even develop their second career in life;*
- ~~(6)~~(7) conduct a study on the implementation of a scheme for the transfer of medical records of Hong Kong residents under which, with the consent of the elderly persons who have moved to the Mainland, their medical records will be transferred to designated Mainland hospitals so that they can seek medical consultation conveniently;
- ~~(7)~~(8) conduct a study on extending the scope of application of Hong Kong's Health Care Vouchers to cover major hospitals and clinics on the Mainland, with a view to alleviating the burden of medical expenses on elderly persons who have moved to the Mainland;
- ~~(8)~~(9) by drawing reference from the model of the University of Hong Kong-Shenzhen Hospital, co-establish hospitals in major Mainland cities by Hong Kong and the Mainland and adopt Hong Kong-style management to jointly provide quality healthcare services to elderly persons who have moved to the Mainland; and
- ~~(9)~~(10) by drawing reference from the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly, conduct a study on providing elderly

persons who have moved to the Mainland with support services for ageing in place.

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

### **3. Motion as amended by Hon WONG Kwok-kin**

That, ~~all along, quite~~ *facing the trend of ageing population*, a number of elderly persons in Hong Kong have chosen to spend their twilight years on the Mainland, but the current cross-boundary portability arrangements for welfare benefits made by the SAR Government have a very narrow scope, benefiting only eligible elderly persons who are receiving the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance payments or the Old Age Allowance and have moved to reside in Guangdong or Fujian Province on the Mainland; to facilitate more elderly persons in spending their twilight years on the Mainland, this Council urges the SAR Government to:

- (1) extend the arrangements of the Guangdong Scheme and the Fujian Scheme to other provinces on the Mainland;
- (2) *expeditiously* introduce cross-boundary portability arrangements for the Old Age Living Allowance to support eligible elderly persons who are receiving the allowance and have moved to the Mainland;
- (3) abolish the existing absence limit for various welfare benefits under the Social Security Allowance Scheme, and conduct a study on developing an identity verification system with the relevant Mainland departments to obviate the need for elderly persons who have moved to the Mainland to return to Hong Kong for making applications for continuous collection of such benefits on a yearly basis;
- (4) introduce cross-boundary portability arrangements for the Disability Allowance such that eligible elderly persons with disabilities aged 65 or above can choose to reside on the Mainland;
- (5) optimize the existing Pilot Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong by, for example, purchasing residential care places for persons with disabilities from Mainland residential care homes, and purchasing more quality residential care places for the elderly in various major cities on the Mainland, as well as providing needy elderly persons who choose to reside on the Mainland with one-stop escort arrangements for travelling to and from Hong Kong;

- (6) conduct a study on the implementation of a scheme for the transfer of medical records of Hong Kong residents under which, with the consent of the elderly persons who have moved to the Mainland, their medical records will be transferred to designated Mainland hospitals so that they can seek medical consultation conveniently;
- (7) conduct a study on extending the scope of application of Hong Kong's Health Care Vouchers to cover ~~major~~ ***municipal*** hospitals and clinics ~~on the Mainland~~ ***in major Mainland cities***, with a view to alleviating the burden of medical expenses on elderly persons who have moved to the Mainland;
- (8) by drawing reference from the model of the University of Hong Kong-Shenzhen Hospital, co-establish hospitals in major Mainland cities by Hong Kong and the Mainland and adopt Hong Kong-style management to jointly provide quality healthcare services to elderly persons who have moved to the Mainland; ~~and~~
- (9) by drawing reference from the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly, conduct a study on providing elderly persons who have moved to the Mainland with support services for ageing in place;
- (10) ***discuss with relevant departments of the Mainland the feasibility of implementing comprehensive fare concessions for Hong Kong elderly persons on the Mainland;***
- (11) ***take out Urban Resident Basic Medical Insurance for elderly persons who have moved to the Mainland so that they can receive appropriate healthcare protection on the Mainland;***
- (12) ***introduce cross-regional ambulance services to provide cross-regional emergency ambulance services for needy elderly persons; and***
- (13) ***set up one-stop consultation and support centres on the Mainland to provide elderly persons who have moved to the Mainland with information and consultation services in respect of daily life, welfare, healthcare, etc., and such centres can also provide needy elderly persons with support, including assisting them in returning to Hong Kong when necessary and their expeditious access to the social welfare services in Hong Kong so that they can enjoy cross-boundary elderly care without worries.***

Note: Hon WONG Kwok-kin's amendment is marked in ***bold and italic type*** or with deletion line.

#### 4. Motion as amended by Hon Alvin YEUNG

That, ~~all along,~~ *it is projected that Hong Kong will reach the peak of ageing population in about 2030; since resources for local elderly care services are persistently inadequate, it takes much time for the elderly in Hong Kong to wait for such services, causing* quite a number of elderly persons in Hong Kong ~~have chosen~~ *to choose* to spend their twilight years on the Mainland, but the current cross-boundary portability arrangements for welfare benefits made by the SAR Government have a very narrow scope, benefiting only eligible elderly persons who are receiving the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance payments or the Old Age Allowance and have moved to reside in Guangdong or Fujian Province on the Mainland; *hence, after meeting the needs of the elderly persons for spending their twilight years in Hong Kong, the SAR Government should also find ways* to facilitate more elderly persons in spending their twilight years on the Mainland, this Council urges the SAR Government to:

- (1) ~~extend~~ *consider extending* the arrangements of the Guangdong Scheme and the Fujian Scheme to other provinces on the Mainland;
- (2) ~~introduce cross-boundary portability arrangements for the Old Age Living Allowance to support eligible elderly persons who are receiving the allowance and have moved to the Mainland;~~
- (3) ~~abolish~~ *before considering abolishing* the existing absence limit for various welfare benefits under the Social Security Allowance Scheme, ~~and~~ conduct a study on developing ~~an identity verification a~~ system with the relevant Mainland departments *for verification of the identity and physical and mental health conditions of the elderly persons for confirmation by the Social Welfare Department, so as* to obviate the need for elderly persons who have moved to the Mainland to return to Hong Kong for making applications for continuous collection of such benefits on a yearly basis;
- (4)(3) ~~introduce~~ *consider introducing* cross-boundary portability arrangements for the Disability Allowance such that eligible elderly persons with disabilities aged 65 or above can choose to reside on the Mainland;
- (5)(4) ~~optimize~~ *consider optimizing* the existing Pilot Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong by, for example, purchasing residential care places for persons with disabilities ~~from Mainland~~ *or the elderly persons from relevant* residential care homes, ~~and purchasing more quality residential care places for the elderly in various major cities on~~

~~the Mainland, as well as providing needy elderly persons who choose to reside on the Mainland with one-stop escort arrangements for travelling to and from Hong Kong~~ *when such residential care homes meet the requirements prescribed by the Social Welfare Department in respect of the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance;*

- ~~(6)~~**(5)** ~~conduct~~ *consider conducting* a study on the implementation of a scheme for the transfer of medical records of Hong Kong residents under which, with the consent of the elderly persons who have moved to the Mainland, their medical records will be transferred to designated Mainland hospitals so that they can seek medical consultation conveniently;
- ~~(7)~~ ~~conduct a study on extending the scope of application of Hong Kong's Health Care Vouchers to cover major hospitals and clinics on the Mainland, with a view to alleviating the burden of medical expenses on elderly persons who have moved to the Mainland;~~
- ~~(8)~~**(6)** by drawing reference from the model of the University of Hong Kong-Shenzhen Hospital, co-establish hospitals in major Mainland cities by Hong Kong and the Mainland and adopt Hong Kong-style management to jointly provide quality healthcare services to elderly persons who have moved to the Mainland; and
- ~~(9)~~ ~~by drawing reference from the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly, conduct a study on providing elderly persons who have moved to the Mainland with support services for ageing in place~~
- ~~(7)~~ *in the long term, before developing cross-boundary elderly care services on the Mainland, consider as a matter of priority injecting resources into elderly care services and planning in Hong Kong, including expeditiously effecting an increase in the number of service places for residential care and ageing in place so that elderly persons can spend their twilight years in Hong Kong or on the Mainland without worries.*

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