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**Legal Service Division Report on
Resolution under section 54A of the
Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance (Cap. 1)**

The Secretary for Trade and Industry has given notice to move a motion at the meeting of the Council on 21 June 2000 to seek the Council's approval to transfer certain statutory functions of public officers.

2. Section 54A of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance (Cap. 1) provides that the Legislative Council may by resolution provide for the transfer to any public officer of any functions exercisable by virtue of any Ordinance by another public officer.

3. According to the draft speech by the Secretary for Trade and Industry, the institutional framework on trade and industry is to be re-organized as from 1 July 2000. Policy responsibilities for consumer protection and regulation of outbound travel agents will be transferred from the Trade and Industry Bureau to the Economic Services Bureau, whereas the new Innovation and Technology Commission will take over from the Industry Department general duties regarding standards on weights, measures and product safety.

4. In the light of the proposed changes, consequential amendments are made to Travel Agents Ordinance (Cap. 218), the Toys and Children's Products Safety Ordinance (Cap. 424), the Consumer Goods Safety Ordinance (Cap. 456) and the Weights and Measures Ordinance (Cap. 68).

5. The legal and drafting aspects of the proposed resolution are in order.

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