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I have gone through the document. Then I realize that I do not have expertise in this area, and I therefore do not have much to offer.

I just want to make three points:

- 1) I am in support of the recommendations of the Commission in principle and its proposed pay package for recruits to the civil service;
 - 2) I am in support of the Standing Commission taking up the task instead of following the usual practice of relying on a consultancy firm;
 - 3) What will happen to the whole exercise if we have a substantial devaluation of the HK\$ next year? What is the government's contingency plan? (I appreciate that the government will not be able to comment on this at this stage.)
- Thank you for your attention.

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