

INFORMATION NOTE FOR LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PANEL ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

Reorganisation of Trade and Industry Bureau and its Supporting Agencies

At the Panel meeting on 3 April, Members discussed the Government's proposal to reorganise the trade and industry group of departments to advance initiatives for promoting innovation and technology, attracting external direct investment and improving services to industry and commerce. During the discussion, we informed Members that details of the reorganisation were still being worked out and that we would circulate the finalised proposal to Members.

2. We have now finalised the reorganisation proposal. Owing to time constraint, we have circulated the proposal in the form of an Establishment Sub-committee (ESC) paper (EC(2000-01)3) for the ESC meeting on 10 May. Members are invited to refer to this paper.

3. In terms of staff establishment, the proposal will result in a net addition of 24 posts, comprising one supernumerary Directorate post and 23 permanent non-Directorate posts. In addition, there will be an additional four non-civil service Directorate positions. All of these additions are for either the proposed new Innovation and Technology Commission or Invest Hong Kong.

4. We would be pleased to answer any questions from Members or provide additional information if needed.