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To : All Members of the Legislative Council

Urgent messages on quorum calls

Members have been informed vide LC Paper No. AS 13/16-17 dated 28 September 2016 that, with effect from 1 October 2016, urgent messages sent by the Secretariat via messaging service to all Members will be automatically relayed to the designated mobile phone number provided by Members through short message service (“SMS”).

2. It has been an established arrangement that in the event of quorum calls at a Council meeting, the Secretariat alerts Members to the lack of a quorum in the Chamber by sending urgent messages to Members through SMS shortly after the quorum bell has started to ring and has rung for 5, 10, 12, 13 and 14 minutes respectively. Nevertheless, the Secretariat has found that **there has been a delay of 10-odd seconds to more than one minute in the transmission of such messages by the current service provider.**

3. The Secretariat is exploring different solutions to ensure that messages are delivered to Members more promptly. In the meantime, Members are advised to bear in mind the above time lag and return to the Chamber as soon as possible after receiving urgent messages on quorum calls.

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