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From : Clerk to the Legislative Council

To : All Members of the Legislative Council

**Ringing of bell in respect of time limit on
oral questions at Council meetings**

Under rule 9A of the House Rules of the Legislative Council, the time taken by an oral question (including any supplementary or follow-up question and all answers) at a Council meeting should not exceed 22 minutes in total, of which not more than:

- (a) three minutes should be used to ask the main question;
- (b) seven minutes should be used to give the main reply; and
- (c) one minute should be used to ask a supplementary or follow-up question.

2. Members and public officers are advised to observe the above rule by making effective use of their time to ask questions and give replies concisely, with a view to allowing more Members to ask supplementary questions. In this connection, with the President's consent, **from the Council meeting of 20 February 2019, a bell will be rung at the following junctures** to remind the relevant Member to finish his/her question and the relevant public officer to conclude his/her reply as soon as practicable:

- (a) the three minutes for asking a main question are up;
- (b) the seven minutes for giving a main reply are up; and
- (c) the 22 minutes in total for an oral question are up.

3. Members who have any question on this circular may contact me at 3919 3300, Mr Thomas WONG at 3919 3302 or Ms Jessica CHAN at 3919 3303.

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