Government agrees to extend the timeframe for

completing the First-phase Review of the

Civil Service Pay Policy and System

The Task Force on Review of Civil Service Pay Policy and System announced earlier today (May 2)that the consultation period for its interim report on the phase one study of the comprehensive review of civil service pay policy and system would be extended to June 30, 2002. The Administration will further discuss with the three advisory bodies on civil service salaries and conditions of service the revised timeframe for submitting the final report of the phase one study, which is originally scheduled for completion by the middle of 2002.

At the request of the Standing Commission on Civil Service Salaries and Conditions of Service, the Standing Committee on Disciplined Services Salaries and Conditions of Service and the Standing Committee on Directorate Salaries and Conditions of Service, which have been invited by the Administration to carry out a comprehensive review on civil service pay policy and system in two phases, the Administration has agreed in principle to extend the timeframe for completing the phase one study.

"The Administration has noted the wish of the three advisory bodies to have more time for a detailed examination of all relevant issues raised during the phase one study," a Government spokesman said. The Administration will make a separate announcement once a revised review timetable has been drawn up following discussions with the three advisory bodies.

Under phase one of the comprehensive review of civil service pay policy and system, the three advisory bodies on civil service salaries and conditions of service have been asked to carry out an analytical study on the latest developments in civil service pay administration in other Governments and to identify best practices that are of particular relevance to Hong Kong having regard to the history of development of the current system in Hong Kong.

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The following is issued on behalf of the Joint Secretariat for the Advisory Bodies on Civil Service and Judicial Salaries and Conditions of Service:

The Task Force on Review of Civil Service Pay Policy and System published on interim report and a consultation paper on its Phase I Study on April 25, 2002 for a one-month consultation.

Having regard to public comments received since 25 April, the Task Force announced today (May 2) that the consultation period will be extended until June 30, 2002.

Views on the interim report and consultation paper may be forwarded to –

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