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From : Clerk to the Legislative Council

To : All Members of the Legislative Council

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**Proposed resolution under
the Pneumoconiosis (Compensation) Ordinance**

I forward for Members' consideration a proposed resolution which the Secretary for Economic Development and Labour will move at the Council meeting commencing on 2 April 2003 under the Pneumoconiosis (Compensation) Ordinance. The President has waived the required notice of the proposed resolution and directed that "it be printed in the terms in which it was handed in" on the Agenda of the Council.

2. The speech, in both English and Chinese versions, which the Secretary for Economic Development and Labour will deliver when moving the proposed resolution, is also attached.

(Ray CHAN)
for Clerk to the Legislative Council

Encl.

PNEUMOCONIOSIS (COMPENSATION) ORDINANCE

RESOLUTION

(Under section 40 of the Pneumoconiosis (Compensation)
Ordinance (Cap. 360))

RESOLVED that Part I of the Second Schedule to the
Pneumoconiosis (Compensation) Ordinance be amended -

- (a) in paragraph 1(b), by repealing "\$175" and
substituting "\$200";
- (b) in paragraph 2(b), by repealing "\$175" and
substituting "\$200";
- (c) in paragraph 3, by repealing "\$175" and
substituting "\$280".

**Speech by the
Secretary for Economic Development and Labour
in moving the Resolution under Section 40
of the Pneumoconiosis (Compensation) Ordinance
in the Legislative Council on 2 April 2003**

(This is a draft; please check against actual delivery.)

Madam President,

I move the motion standing in my name on the Agenda.

2. I am grateful to the Honourable Kenneth TING and members of the Subcommittee for their support when they examined the resolution to be moved under section 40 of the Pneumoconiosis (Compensation) Ordinance.

3. The purpose of the resolution is to revise the maximum daily rates of reimbursement for medical expenses under the Pneumoconiosis (Compensation) Ordinance. Under the Ordinance, a pneumoconiotic person who has received medical treatment in connection with pneumoconiosis may claim reimbursement of the actual amount of medical expenses incurred from the Pneumoconiosis Compensation Fund Board. The amount of reimbursement is subject to daily maximum rates applicable to in-patient treatment and out-patient treatment. The current levels have been in force since August 1998.

4. Similar to the circumstances under the Employees' Compensation Ordinance, the existing maximum levels of claims for medical expenses under the Pneumoconiosis (Compensation) Ordinance would need to be revised now that the fees for public clinics and hospitals have gone up as from 1 April 2003. We propose that the daily maximum rate for in-patient or out-patient treatment be raised from \$175 to \$200, and to \$280 for a worker receiving both in-patient treatment and out-patient treatment on the same day. Subject to Members' approval, the revised rates will take effect from 4 April 2003, when the resolution is published in the gazette.

5. The Subcommittee set up to examine the resolution and the Panel on Manpower of this Council, the Labour Advisory Board and the

Pneumoconiosis Compensation Fund Board support the proposal. I recommend it to this Council for Members' approval.

6. Madam President, I beg to move.

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