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Committee on Rules of Procedure

Proposed arrangements for the debate on the Policy Address in the 2002-03 Legislative Council session

Purpose

This paper informs the House Committee (HC) of the results of the consultation by the Committee on Rules of Procedure (CRoP) with all Legislative Council (LegCo) Members on :

- (a) the format of the debate on the Policy Address in the current LegCo session (the Debate); and
- (b) the arrangement for Members' speaking time in the Debate,

and invites the Committee to endorse the detailed arrangements proposed for the Debate.

Background

2. Having reviewed the views received from LegCo Members on CRoP's initial proposals for the Debate and the Administration's response, CRoP decided that:

- (a) as in last year, individual Panels should decide on the need for conducting policy briefings on the coming Policy Address and whether such briefings should be held before or after the Debate; and
- (b) all LegCo Members should be invited to indicate their preferences with regard to the debate format and Members' speaking time in the Debate. The preferences of the majority of Members will be adopted as CRoP's proposals.

3. CRoP also reaffirmed the other arrangements to which Members and the Administration have no objection.

Results of the consultation with Members on the debate format and Members' speaking time

4. Of the 56 Members who have indicated their preferences, 30 support the "3-day-5-session" format proposed by the Administration, 22 support last year's "3+1" model and 4 do not have any views. Regarding Members' speaking time, 30 Members support an overall 20-minute speaking time limit for each Member, and 26 Members support last year's arrangement i.e. a 15-minute time limit for a session chosen by each Member and a 7-minute time limit for each of the other sessions. Details of the results are in **Appendix I**. On this basis, CRoP proposes the "3-day-5-session" debate format and an overall 20-minute speaking time limit for each Member for the coming Debate.

Detailed arrangements proposed for the Debate

5. CRoP proposes that the arrangements for the Debate should be as follows:

- (a) the Debate will adopt the "3-day-5-session" format; commencing on Wednesday, 15 January 2003, with provision for spillover to Saturday, 18 January 2003, if necessary;
- (b) the Administration will forward, on the day the Policy Address is delivered (i.e. 8 January 2003), its proposals on the grouping of policy areas for the five debate sessions;
- (c) each day of the Debate will start at 2:30 pm and end at 10:30 pm, but may be extended to 11:00 pm if necessary;
- (d) the number of debate sessions on each of the three days of the Debate depends on the length of each session covering a group of policy areas;
- (e) subject to the overall 20-minute speaking time limit, a Member may speak in one or more sessions. The HC Chairman will, as mover of the Motion of Thanks (the Motion), have an additional 15-minute speaking time for moving the Motion and in reply. If there is/are amendment(s) to the Motion, she will have another five minutes to speak on the amendment(s). With the exception of the HC Chairman who may speak for more than once in the fifth session on the amendment(s) and in reply respectively, all other Members may each speak not more than once in each of the five debate sessions;

- (f) after Members have spoken in each session, there will be a 10-minute suspension of the Council for the Administration to coordinate its response; and
- (g) the total speaking time limit for designated public officers in each debate session is -
 - (i) for three or less officers, 45 minutes; and
 - (ii) for four or more officers, to be calculated on the basis of 12-minute speaking time limit for each officer.

A timetable of events leading to the conclusion of the Debate is in **Appendix II**.

CRoP's recommendations

6. Members are invited to endorse the proposed arrangements set out in paragraph 5 above. Subject to HC's agreement to the above arrangements:

- (a) the President will be requested to dispense with the notice requirements for the Motion and amendments to the Motion, and to allow Members to speak more than once on the Motion;
- (b) the Administration will be reminded to adhere to the agreed timing for providing its proposed grouping of policy areas (as set out in paragraph 5(b) above);
- (c) the speaking time limits for Members will be recommended to the President under Rule 37 of the Rules of Procedure; and
- (d) as designated public officers attending Council meetings are not subject to the restriction on speaking time referred to in the Rules of Procedure, the Administration will also be reminded to ask the public officers to abide by their total speaking time limits (as set out in paragraph 5(g) above).

Legislative Council Secretariat
4 December 2002

**Proposed timetable for Debate on the Policy Address
in the 2002-03 Legislative Council session**

Date	Event			
Monday, 30 December 2002	Deadline for giving notice of the motion (draft wording of motion in Appendix III) to suspend the Rules of Procedure to enable a Motion of Thanks to be moved at the Council meeting of 15 January 2003.			
Wednesday, 8 January 2003	<p>The Chief Executive delivers his Policy Address.</p> <p>The Administration advises its proposed grouping of the policy areas, the order of the five groups and the designated public officers speaking at each of the five debate sessions. The Secretariat then forwards the Administration's proposals to the House Committee (HC) for consideration at its meeting on Friday, 10 January 2003.</p>			
Thursday, 9 January 2003	Giving of notice of the Motion of Thanks.			
Friday, 10 January 2003	<p>HC considers and decides on the Administration's proposals.</p> <div> <div>(If HC accepts the Administration's proposals)</div> <div>(If HC adjusts the Administration's proposed grouping of policy areas)</div> </div>			
	Date	Event	Date	Event
	The same day	The Secretariat informs Members and the Administration of HC's decision.	The same day	<p>the Secretariat</p> <p>(i) advises the Administration of the adjusted grouping, and, if the Administration disagrees to it or has alternative proposals, seeks the President's decision thereon; and</p> <p>(ii) informs Members and the Administration of the grouping decided by the President if such decision is required.</p>
	Saturday, 11 January 2003	Deadline for giving notice of amendments to the Motion, if any.	Saturday, 11 January 2003	Deadline for giving notice of amendments to the Motion, if any.

Date	Event
Wednesday, 15 January 2003 (first day of the Debate)	<p>The Council deals with items of business that must be disposed of.</p> <p>The Chairman of the Committee on Rules of Procedure moves the motion in Appendix III to suspend the Rules of Procedure.</p> <p>The HC Chairman moves the Motion of Thanks, followed by the start of the debate session(s).</p>
Thursday, 16 January 2003 (second day of the Debate)	<p>Debate session(s).</p>
*Friday, 17 January 2003 (third day of the Debate)	<p>Debate session(s).</p> <p>After designated public officers have spoken in the fifth session, the HC Chairman speaks on the amendment(s) (5 minutes), if any; moving of and voting on amendment(s), if any; the HC Chairman replies (remainder of the 15-minute speaking time for moving the Motion and in reply); and voting on the Motion, or the Motion as amended, as the case may be.</p>

* debate may continue on the ensuing working day (i.e. Saturday, 18 January 2003) to handle any spillover.

RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE
HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION

RESOLUTION

(Pursuant to Rule 91 of the Rules of Procedure of the Legislative Council of the
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region)

SUSPENSION OF RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE
HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION

RESOLVED that Rule 13(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, to the extent that it provides for a Motion of Thanks to be moved at a meeting not less than 14 days after the Chief Executive has presented a Policy Address to the Council, be suspended to enable a Motion of Thanks to be moved at the Legislative Council meeting of 15 January 2003.

**Results of the consultation on the mode of debate on the Policy Address
in the current Legislative Council session and
Members' speaking time in the debate**

		Mode of debate on the Policy Address		Members' speaking time in the debate on the Policy Address	
		Maintaining the "3+1" model for last year's debate	Adopting a "3-day-5-session" debate format	Each Member will be allowed to speak for up to 15 minutes in a session of his/her choice; if time permits, he/she may speak for up to 7 minutes in each of all the other sessions	Each Member will be allowed to speak for a maximum of 20 minutes; and subject to this total speaking time limit, he/she may speak in one or more sessions
1.	Hon Mrs Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai, GBS, JP (President)				
2.	Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou, JP		✓		✓
3.	Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, GBS, JP		✓		✓
4.	Dr Hon David CHU Yu-lin, JP	No comment			✓
5.	Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan	✓		✓	
6.	Hon Albert HO Chun-yan	✓		✓	
7.	Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, JP	✓		✓	
8.	Hon LEE Cheuk-yan		✓		✓
9.	Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming, SC, JP	✓		✓	
10.	Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung, JP	✓		✓	
11.	Dr Hon David LI Kwok-po, GBS, JP		✓		✓
12.	Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP	✓		✓	
13.	Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah, JP	✓		✓	
14.	Hon NG Leung-sing, JP	✓		✓	
15.	Hon Margaret NG	✓		✓	
16.	Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye, GBS, JP		✓		✓
17.	Hon James TO Kun-sun	✓		✓	
18.	Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong	✓		✓	
19.	Hon HUI Cheung-ching, JP	No comment			✓
20.	Hon CHAN Kwok-keung		✓		✓
21.	Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP		✓		✓
22.	Hon Bernard CHAN, JP	✓		✓	
23.	Hon CHAN Kam-lam, JP		✓		✓
24.	Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, SBS, JP		✓		✓
25.	Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung		✓		✓
26.	Hon SIN Chung-kai	✓		✓	
27.	Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat, JP		✓	✓	
28.	Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong		✓	✓	
29.	Hon WONG Yung-kan		✓		✓
30.	Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, GBS, JP		✓		✓
31.	Hon Howard YOUNG, JP		✓		✓
32.	Dr Hon YEUNG Sum	✓		✓	
33.	Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung, BBS		✓		✓
34.	Hon LAU Chin-shek, JP		✓		✓
35.	Hon LAU Kong-wah		✓		✓
36.	Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBS, JP		✓		✓
37.	Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye, JP		✓		✓
38.	Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen, GBS, JP	No comment			✓
39.	Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP		✓	✓	
40.	Hon CHOY So-yuk		✓		✓
41.	Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo	✓		✓	
42.	Hon SZETO Wah	✓		✓	

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43.	Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, SBS, JP	✓		✓	
44.	Dr Hon LAW Chi-kwong, JP	✓		✓	
45.	Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP		✓		✓
46.	Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong, JP	No comment			✓
47.	Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, JP	✓		✓	
48.	Hon LI Fung-ying, JP				
49.	Hon Henry WU King-cheong, BBS, JP	✓		✓	
50.	Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP		✓		✓
51.	Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung		✓		✓
52.	Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip	✓		✓	
53.	Hon LEUNG Fu-wah, MH, JP		✓		✓
54.	Dr Hon LO Wing-lok				
55.	Hon WONG Sing-chi	✓		✓	
56.	Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee		✓	✓	
57.	Hon IP Kwok-him, JP		✓		✓
58.	Hon LAU Ping-cheung		✓		✓
59.	Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP				
60.	Hon MA Fung-kwok, JP		✓		✓
Total:		22	30	26	30