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Proposed Priority in the Scrutiny of Bills by Members

I am writing to suggest that priority be accorded by Members to the scrutiny of the Education Reorganisation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2002, which was introduced into the Legislative Council on 20 November 2002. The primary objective of the Bill is to transfer the functions of the Director of Education to the Permanent Secretary for Education and Manpower, in order to give legal backing to the merger of the Education Department with the Education and Manpower Bureau (EMB).

The Finance Committee (FC) will consider at its meeting on 6 December 2002 the proposed establishment changes for the merger proposal. To facilitate the merger, and to enable the reorganised EMB to take up its full functions, we hope that Members would accord priority to examining and enacting the Bill.

I should be grateful if you would put forward the above suggestion for Members' consideration at the coming House Committee meeting on 6 December 2002.

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