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From : Clerk to the Legislative Council

To : All Members of the Legislative Council

Council meeting of 11 February 2004

**Proposed resolution under section 54A of the
Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance**

I forward for Members' consideration a proposed resolution which the Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands will move at the Council meeting of 11 February 2004 under section 54A of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance. The President has 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 Housing, Planning and Lands will deliver when moving the proposed resolution, is also attached.

(Ms Miranda HON)
for Clerk to the Legislative Council

Encl.

INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL CLAUSES ORDINANCE

RESOLUTION

(Under section 54A of the Interpretation and
General Clauses Ordinance (Cap. 1))

RESOLVED that -

- (1) the functions exercisable by the Chief Secretary for Administration by virtue of sections 14(4) and 15(2) of the Housing Ordinance (Cap. 283) be transferred to the Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands;
- (2) for the purpose of giving full effect to paragraph (1) -
 - (a) sections 14(4) and 15(2) of the Housing Ordinance (Cap. 283) be amended by repealing "Chief Secretary for Administration" and substituting "Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands";
 - (b) the Specification of Public Office (L.N. 471 of 1996) be repealed.

**Speech by the Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands
at the Meeting of the Legislative Council on 11 February 2004**

**Resolution of the Legislative Council
Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance (Cap 1)**

Transfer of Functions Under the Housing Ordinance (Cap 283)

President,

I move that the motion on the agenda be passed. The motion seeks to amend Sections 14(4) and 15(2) of the Housing Ordinance so that the statutory functions of the Chief Secretary for Administration (CS) under the two sections may be transferred to the Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands (SHPL).

Sections 14(4) and 15(2) of the Housing Ordinance provide respectively that CS shall lay a statement of accounts, an audit report and an annual report of the Housing Authority on the table of the Legislative Council each year before specified dates. Given that the affairs of the Housing Authority are under the responsibility of SHPL, the Government proposes that the above functions be transferred to SHPL.

In exercise of the powers conferred to him under “Specification of Public Offices” (Legal Notice 471 of 1996), CS has delegated the above functions to SHPL. As such, upon the transfer of the above functions to SHPL, “Specification of Public Offices” (Legal Notice 471 of 1996) can be repealed. Subject to the approval of the motion by this Council, the amended provisions will come into force on the date of their publication in the Gazette.

I hereby move the motion.