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### **Proposed Priority in the Scrutiny of Bills by Members**

I am writing to suggest that priority be accorded to the scrutiny of the Sports Development Board (Repeal) Bill 2003, which was introduced into the Legislative Council on 26 November 2003.

The Bill seeks to dissolve the Sports Development Board in preparation of the establishment of the Sports Commission. Under the new administrative structure, we would be able to utilize resources more effectively, eliminate overlapping functions and engender a closer partnership with the private sector.

It is the Administration's intention to put in place the new administrative structure before the commencement of the next financial year on 1 April 2004. We therefore suggest that if the House Committee decides to form a Bills Committee to scrutinize the Bill, priority be accorded to the Bill, so that the relevant Bills Committee can commence work at the earliest opportunity.

I should be most grateful if you would put forward our above suggestion for Members' consideration at the coming House Committee meeting on 28 November 2003.

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