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**Options for providing accommodation
for meeting the future needs of the Legislative Council**

On the advice of The Legislative Council Commission (LCC), I forward for Members' reference a paper discussed by the LCC at its meeting this morning on the various options for providing interim and long term accommodation for meeting the needs of LegCo by and beyond 2008.

2. Having regard to the practical difficulties and costs implications of the various interim arrangements explored, LCC members have arrived at the consensus view that the most appropriate course of action to meet LegCo's accommodation needs is to have a purpose-built Legislative Council Complex by 2008. LCC members hold the view that there is no need to co-locate the new LegCo Complex and the new Central Government Complex under a single \$4.854 billion project. Hence, the new LegCo Complex, which costs \$1.28 billion, should be pursued on its own in bidding for funds within the \$143 billion earmarked for expenditure on public works for the five years from 2003-04 to 2007-08.

3. In considering the site for the new LegCo Complex, LCC finds that apart from the Tamar site, the following two site options are also viable subject to further detailed studies -

- (a) Comprehensive redevelopment and/or reuse of the public carpark building in front of the Star Ferry Pier, the existing City Hall carpark and the existing High Block of the City Hall; and
- (b) Using the "commercial" site north of the International Finance Centre (IFC) Two.

For these alternative sites, additional lead time will be required for pre-construction preparatory works, such as technical feasibility studies, review of relevant town planning matters and preparation of tender document etc. LCC members consider that pending a decision on the funding, the Administration should be requested to carry out the studies and start the planning procedures without delay. This will minimize the need to incur substantial public funds for interim accommodation arrangements if the conference facilities required are not ready by 2008. The Chairman of the LCC will be writing to the Chief Secretary for Administration to convey the above views of the LCC and seek his assistance in taking the matter forward.

4. The LCC also stresses that in considering the options for meeting the accommodation needs of the Council, the basic premise is that any such arrangement must not pose any constraint on the future constitutional development of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, including any change in the composition of the Legislative Council.

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