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Paper for House Committee meeting on 15 October 2004

Meetings between Legislative Council Members and Heung Yee Kuk Councillors

Purpose

This paper seeks Members' views on the arrangements for holding regular meetings between Members of the Legislative Council (LegCo) and Councillors of Heung Yee Kuk.

Background

2. Commencing from the first session of the second term of LegCo, meetings have been organised for LegCo Members to meet Heung Yee Kuk Councillors on a regular basis. These meetings serve as a communication channel between Members and Heung Yee Kuk Councillors to discuss and exchange views on matters of mutual interest and concern.

Proposed arrangements

3. It is proposed that such meetings between Members and Heung Yee Kuk Councillors should continue to be held in the third term. It is also proposed that the format of meetings and other related arrangements should follow those adopted in the second term. Details are as follows:

- (a) *Frequency*: one to two meetings in a legislative session;
- (b) *Format and duration of meeting*: a meeting of one to one and a half hours to be followed by lunch;
- (c) *Date and time of meeting*: to be determined by the Chairman of the House Committee in consultation with the Chairman of Heung Yee Kuk;

- (d) *Agenda*: the Chairman of Heung Yee Kuk to be consulted on the items to be raised, and the agenda to be issued before the meeting after clearance with the Chairman of the House Committee;
- (e) *Heung Yee Kuk Councillors attending meeting*: 15 Councillors to be nominated by Heung Yee Kuk to attend the meeting;
- (f) *LegCo Members attending meeting*: a circular to be issued to invite interested Members to attend;
- (g) *Convenor of meeting*: the Chairman or Deputy Chairman of the House Committee to preside at the meeting; and
- (h) *Venue of meeting and lunch*: the meeting to be held in Conference Room A, to be followed by lunch in the Dining Hall.

4. Subject to Members' views on the proposed arrangements set out in paragraph 3 above, the LegCo Secretariat will proceed to organise the first meeting between LegCo Members and Heung Yee Kuk Councillors in the third term, in consultation with the Chairman of the House Committee.

Members' advice

5. Members' views are invited on the proposed arrangements in paragraph 3 above.

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