

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PANEL ON CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS

Establishment of the Independent Commission on Remuneration Package and Post-Office Arrangements for the Chief Executive of the HKSAR

Purpose

This paper informs Members of the establishment of the Independent Commission on Remuneration and Post-Office Arrangements for the Chief Executive of the HKSAR (the Independent Commission).

Background

2. At the meeting of the Legislative Council (LegCo) Panel of Constitutional Affairs held on 21 March 2005, the Secretary for Constitutional Affairs informed Members that an independent commission will be established to consider and make recommendations on the remuneration package and post-office arrangement for the Chief Executive (CE). He said that the Administration would brief Members on the work relating to these matters at the meeting to be held on 18 April 2005.

Establishment of the Independent Commission

3. The Administration announced on 7 April 2005 the setting up of the Independent Commission. The Independent Commission is chaired by Mr WONG Po-yan, with Mr Vincent CHENG Hoi-chuen, Dr Thomas LEUNG Kwok-fai and Professor LIU Pak-wai as members. The term of appointment is for one year commencing from 7 April 2005. The terms of reference of the Independent Commission are to consider and make recommendations on:

- (a) whether the remuneration package for the CE should be re-designed such that it would be commensurate with his responsibilities and status as the head of the HKSAR;
- (b) whether rules should be drawn up and applicable to a former CE in respect of his participation in political or commercial/professional activities after leaving office;

- (c) whether provisions should be made for a former CE in respect of personal security, office accommodation and administrative support, as well as medical and dental care for him and his spouse; and
- (d) any matter relating to the above issues which the Administration may refer to the Independent Commission from time to time.

Working Timetable

4. The Independent Commission is requested to submit its recommendations to the Administration in about two month's time. It will commence work shortly with a view to completing its tasks within the above timeframe. Subject to the acceptance of the Independent Commission's recommendations by the Administration, we will brief this Panel on our proposals and, as necessary, report further to the LegCo.

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