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Council meeting of 8 February 2006

Motion on
“Improving the notification mechanism for
contamination of potable water supply to Hong Kong and
enhancing coordination in the supply of potable water to Hong Kong”

Hon Albert Jinghan CHENG has given notice to move the attached motion on “Improving the notification mechanism for contamination of potable water supply to Hong Kong and enhancing coordination in the supply of potable water to Hong Kong” at the Council meeting of 8 February 2006. The President has directed that “it be printed in the terms in which it was handed in” on the Agenda of the Council.

(Ray CHAN)
for Clerk to the Legislative Council

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(Translation)

**Motion on
“Improving the notification mechanism for
contamination of potable water supply to Hong Kong and
enhancing coordination in the supply of potable water to Hong Kong”
to be moved by Hon Albert Jinghan CHENG
at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 8 February 2006**

Wording of the Motion

“That, as Hong Kong has to pay a high water price under the current water supply agreement between the HKSAR Government and the Guangdong Provincial Government while there is no assurance of the water quality, and many incidents of contamination of potable water have recently occurred in the Mainland, in which some local officials were even found to have hidden the truth; moreover, with the industrial and economic developments as well as the population growth in the Pearl River Delta (‘PRD’) region, the demand for potable water in the region has substantially increased, but the water pollution problem has worsened and led to a continuing decrease in clean and potable water; furthermore, as the existing notification mechanism for contamination of potable water supply to Hong Kong still has deficiencies, this Council urges the HKSAR Government, in discussing the finalization of the specific details of a new water supply agreement, to improve jointly with the Guangdong Provincial Government the existing notification mechanism for contamination of potable water supply to Hong Kong, including imposing a time limit for notification; and to discuss ways to enhance coordination in the supply of potable water to Hong Kong and allow flexibility in determining the supply quantity, so as to avoid drawing unneeded water when there was overflow from local reservoirs and hence resulting in wastage; in addition, if the Guangdong Provincial Government establishes a mechanism for the planning and coordination of water supply in the PRD region, the HKSAR Government should actively take part in the related work.”