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To : Members of the House Committee

Servicing of subcommittees

At the meeting of the House Committee on 18 November 2005, Members were informed that the Legislative Council Secretariat would review its manpower resources to determine how many subcommittees could be serviced at any one time.

2. Having considered the present manpower situation and the anticipated increase in staff resources in the 2006-2007 financial year, I wish to inform Members :

(a) the number of subcommittees formed under Bills Committees and subcommittees formed by the House Committee to consider subsidiary legislation, other instruments and senior judicial appointments which can be serviced at any one time is two; and

(b) the number of other subcommittees which can be serviced at any one time is eight. These subcommittees are those formed by the House Committee or Panels to study policy issues or other Council business.

3. Members are invited to note that the number of subcommittees referred to in paragraph 2(a) above is solely for planning purpose. As the consideration of bills, subsidiary legislation, other instruments and senior judicial appointments cannot be delayed, the Secretariat will provide the necessary support services, even if the number of such subcommittees exceeds two.

4. As regards other subcommittees formed under the House Committee or Panels (paragraph 2(b) above), the number of subcommittees has already taken into consideration the anticipated increase in staff resources in the 2006-2007 financial year. Members may be aware that there are currently 11 such subcommittees in action (Appendix). The Secretariat is able to cope with the workload at present, because there are only 12 Bills Committees in action, and there is no subcommittee under Bills Committee or subcommittee on subsidiary legislation/other instrument/senior judicial appointment.

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Secretary General

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Appendix

Other subcommittees formed under the House Committee or Panels in action

	Name of subcommittee	House Committee/ relevant Panel
1.	Subcommittee to Examine the Implementation in Hong Kong of Resolutions of the United Nations Security Council in relation to Sanctions	House Committee
2.	Subcommittee to Study the Subject of Combating Poverty	House Committee
3.	Subcommittee to Study Issues Relating to the Provision of Boarding Places, Senior Secondary Education and Employment Opportunities for Children with Special Educational Needs	House Committee
4.	Subcommittee on West Kowloon Cultural District Development	House Committee
5.	Subcommittee to Study the Transport Needs of and Provision of Concessionary Public Transport Fares for Persons with Disabilities	House Committee
6.	Subcommittee to Follow Up the Outstanding Leisure and Cultural Services Projects of the Former Municipal Councils	Panel on Home Affairs
7.	Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways	Panel on Transport
8.	Subcommittee on Review of Existing Statutory Provisions on Search and Seizure of Journalistic Material	Panel on Security
9.	Subcommittee to Review the Planning for the Central Waterfront (including the Tamar Site)	Panel on Planning, Lands and Works
10.	Subcommittee on Review of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme	Panel on Welfare Services
11.	Subcommittee on Strategy and Measures to Tackle Family Violence	Panel on Welfare Services