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Request for joining the Select Committee to Inquire into Matters Relating to the Post-service Work of Mr LEUNG Chin-man

Purpose

This paper invites the House Committee ("HC") to consider the request from Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung to join the Select Committee to Inquire into Matters Relating to the Post-service Work of Mr LEUNG Chin-man ("the Select Committee").

Background

- 2. The Select Committee is appointed by resolution of the Legislative Council ("LegCo") on 10 December 2008 to inquire into the post-service work of Mr LEUNG Chin-man, a former Permanent Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands (Housing) and Director of Housing, and related matters. In the performance of its duties, the Select Committee is authorized to exercise the powers to order the attendance of witnesses to give evidence and the production of papers, books, records or documents by witnesses under section 9(1) of the Legislative Council (Powers and Privileges) Ordinance (Cap. 382).
- 3. The appointment of members of the Select Committee is governed by Rule 78(2) of the Rules of Procedure, which provides that the President shall decide the size of every select committee and shall appoint the chairman, deputy chairman and members thereof, taking into account the recommendation of HC. In accordance with HC's recommendation for the Select Committee to consist of 12 members including the chairman and deputy chairman, the President appointed on 12 December 2008 the 12 members of the Select Committee as shown in the **Appendix**.

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4. Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung was one of the members of the Select Committee until his resignation as a LegCo Member on 29 January 2010. At its closed meeting held on 9 February 2010, the Select Committee deliberated on whether there was a need to fill the vacancy in its membership arising from Mr LEUNG's resignation, and considered that it was not necessary to do so as the Select Committee had completed its hearings and was in the report drafting stage. At the HC meeting on 26 February 2010, HC noted the views of the Select Committee and decided that it was not necessary to fill the vacancy. HC also decided that it was not necessary to revise the membership size of the Select Committee. The decisions of HC were reported to the President.

Request from Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung and the views of the Select Committee

- 5. By a letter dated 8 June 2010 to the HC Chairman, Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung made a request for joining the Select Committee. His letter was copied to the Chairman of the Select Committee.
- The Select Committee discussed Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung's request at its closed meeting held on 8 June 2010. Members took note of the fact that the Select Committee had held a total of 23 hearings from 17 March 2009 to 17 November 2009 to take evidence from 24 witnesses. Mr LEUNG had participated in these hearings and had been provided with all papers of the Select Committee, written statements from witnesses as well as verbatim transcripts of the proceedings of the hearings before his resignation in January 2010. As the Select Committee was deliberating on the evidence and the draft report, and Mr LEUNG had taken part in the evidence collection stage, members considered that no issue of procedural unfairness should arise if Mr LEUNG was to be admitted to the Select Committee at this stage. Members were also of the view that Mr LEUNG could provide input based on his participation in the hearings and the evidence obtained by the Select Committee. Having regard to these considerations, the Select Committee raised no objection to Mr LEUNG's request and agreed that its views be put to HC to assist the latter in the consideration of the matter.
- 7. Members may wish to note that Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung has made a similar request to join the Subcommittee to Study Issues Arising from Lehman Brothers-related Minibonds and Structured Financial Products, of which Mr LEUNG was also a member before his resignation on 29 January 2010. His request was agreed to by HC at its meeting on 4 June 2010.

Advice sought

8. Members' views are sought on the request from Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung to join the Select Committee. If Members agree to the request, a recommendation will be made to the President for the appointment of Mr LEUNG to the Select Committee.

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10 June 2010

Select Committee to Inquire into Matters Relating to the Post-service Work of Mr LEUNG Chin-man

Membership list

Chairman Hon LI Fung-ying, BBS, JP

Deputy Chairman Hon LEE Wing-tat

Members Dr Hon Margaret NG

Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, GBS, JP

Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, GBS

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Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC

Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan

Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai, BBS, JP

Dr Hon PAN Pey-chyou

Dr Hon Samson TAM Wai-ho, JP

(Total: 12 Members)

^{*} Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung resigned on 29 January 2010