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From: Clerk to the Legislative Council

To : All Members of the Legislative Council

### Council meeting of 12 January 2011

# Motion on "Post-office employment arrangements for politically appointed officials"

Dr Hon Margaret NG has given notice to move the attached motion on "Post-office employment arrangements for politically appointed officials" at the Council meeting of 12 January 2011. The President has directed that "it be printed in the terms in which it was handed in" on the Agenda of the Council.

( Mrs Justina LAM ) for Clerk to the Legislative Council

Encl.

#### (Translation)

Motion on
"Post-office employment arrangements for
politically appointed officials"
to be moved by Dr Hon Margaret NG
at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 12 January 2011

### **Wording of the Motion**

That, as politically appointed officials have greater access to sensitive information and stronger influence on policy formulation than directorate civil servants, the control over the post-office employment of politically appointed officials should correspondingly be more stringent than that of directorate civil servants; however, under the existing Code for Principal Officials under the Accountability System, the control over the post-office employment of politically appointed officials is very loose; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to review the vetting system for the post-office employment of politically appointed officials, including introducing a sanitization period, extending the control period, and setting up an independent and highly transparent vetting and approving committee to vet politically appointed officials' applications for post-office employment, so as to allay public concern about any possible conflicts between accountability officials' exercise of powers and responsibilities and their pursuit of private interests, and to maintain public confidence in the governance of the HKSAR Government.