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Amendments to the Motion of Thanks

Further to LC Paper No. CB(3) 49/11-12 issued on 17 October 2011, five Members (Hon Frederick FUNG, Hon LEE Wing-tat, Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong, Hon WONG Sing-chi and Hon Emily LAU) have respectively given notice of their intention to move separate amendments to the Motion of Thanks scheduled for the Council meeting commencing on 26 October 2011. As directed by the President, the respective proposed amendments will be printed in the terms in which they were handed in on the Agenda of the Council.

- 2. To assist Members in debating the above motion and the five amendments, I set out below the procedure to be followed during the debate:
 - (a) Hon Miriam LAU moves the motion;
 - (b) the President proposes the question on Hon Miriam LAU's motion, and orders a joint debate;
 - (c) the President has accepted the recommendations of the House Committee on the time limits for speeches in the debate. A Member may speak once in one or more sessions of the five debate sessions, but subject to the total speaking time limit of 30 minutes. Hon Miriam LAU, as mover of the motion, will have an additional 15-minute speaking time for moving the motion and making her reply. In addition, Hon Miriam LAU will have an extra five minutes to speak on the amendments;

- (d) Members' speeches in a session should be confined to the policy areas specified for that session. The grouping of policy areas for this debate was forwarded to Members under the preliminary Agenda issued vide LC Paper No. CB(3) 45/11-12 on 18 October 2011, and is now reproduced in **Appendix I** for Members' easy reference;
- (e) like all other Members, Hon Miriam LAU and the five Members who intend to move amendments may speak in one or more of the five debate sessions, but no amendment is to be moved at this stage;
- (f) after Members have spoken in each session, there will be a 10-minute suspension of the meeting for the designated public officers for that session to co-ordinate their response to the Council. The President may exercise discretion not to suspend the meeting if the designated officers consider the break not necessary;
- (g) the total speaking time limit for designated public officers in each debate session is as follows:
 - (i) for one or two officers, each officer may speak for not less than 15 minutes, subject to the total time limit of 45 minutes. Under this arrangement, where two officers are to speak, the officer speaking first should not speak for more than 30 minutes, leaving at least 15 minutes for the other officer. Subject to such a restriction, it is up to the officers to determine their actual speaking time; and
 - (ii) for three or more officers, it will be calculated on the basis of 15-minute speaking time limit for each officer;
- (h) at the end of a debate session and before the start of the next session, Members will be informed of the balance of their speaking time;
- (i) once all designated public officers for a particular debate session have spoken, the next session will begin immediately unless the time is approaching 9:00 pm;
- (j) after the designated public officers have spoken in the last debate session, the President gives leave for Hon Miriam LAU to speak on the proposed amendments for up to five minutes;

- (k) in accordance with Rule 34(5) of the Rules of Procedure, the President has decided that he will call upon the five Members to move their respective amendments in the order set out below:
 - (i) Hon Frederick FUNG;
 - (ii) Hon LEE Wing-tat;
 - (iii) Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong;
 - (iv) Hon WONG Sing-chi; and
 - (v) Hon Emily LAU;
- (l) the President invites Hon Frederick FUNG to move his amendment to the motion, and forthwith proposes and puts to vote the question on Hon Frederick FUNG's amendment;
- (m) after Hon Frederick FUNG's amendment has been voted upon, the President deals with the other four amendments; and
- (n) after all amendments have been dealt with, the President calls upon Hon Miriam LAU to reply. Thereafter, the President puts to vote the question on Hon Miriam LAU's motion, or her motion as amended, as the case may be.
- 3. For Members' ease of reference, the terms of the original motion and of the motion, if amended, are set out in **Appendix II**.

(Mrs Justina LAM) for Clerk to the Legislative Council

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Grouping of Policy Areas for the Debate on the Motion of Thanks in respect of the Chief Executive's Policy Address delivered on 12 October 2011

Debate Session	Debate Themes	Policy Areas	Public Officers to attend and speaking order Note
1	Developing the Infrastructure for Economic Growth	 Commerce and Industry Development (planning, lands and works) Economic Development (other than energy) Financial Affairs Housing Information Technology and Broadcasting (other than creative industry) Transport 	 The Financial Secretary Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development Secretary for Development Secretary for Transport and Housing Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs
2	Quality City and Quality Life	 Development (other than planning, lands and works) Economic Development (energy) Environmental Affairs Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene Home Affairs (other than district administration and civic education) Information Technology and Broadcasting (creative industry) 	 Secretary for the Environment Secretary for Development Secretary for Home Affairs Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development Secretary for Food and Health
3	Investing for a Caring Society	 Manpower Security (anti-drug policy) Welfare Services (including social enterprise and family matters) 	 Secretary for Labour and Welfare Secretary for Home Affairs Secretary for Security
4	Optimising our Demographic Structure and Attracting Talent	 Education Health Services Security (immigration policy) 	 Secretary for Food and Health Secretary for Education Secretary for Security
5	Developing Democracy and Enhancing Governance	 Administration of Justice and Legal Services Constitutional Affairs Home Affairs (district administration and civic education) Public Service Security (other than immigration and anti-drug policies) 	 The Chief Secretary for Administration The Secretary for Justice Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Secretary for Home Affairs Secretary for the Civil Service Secretary for Security

Should there be any change in the final arrangements in response to Members' speeches, the Administration will advise the LegCo President before the Public Officers speak at the relevant debate session.

(Translation)

Motion of Thanks to be moved by Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee at the Council meeting commencing on Wednesday, 26 October 2011

1. Hon Miriam LAU's original motion

That this Council thanks the Chief Executive for his address.

2. Motion as amended by Hon Frederick FUNG

That this Council thanks the Chief Executive for his address, but expresses deep regret that the Policy Address fails to put forward measures to effectively resolve the disparity between the rich and the poor, and even rationalizes such disparity, does not make thorough reflection on past errors in governance and adamantly refuses to change the existing imbalance in governance philosophy.

Note: Hon Frederick FUNG's amendment is marked in **bold and italic type**.

3. Motion as amended by Hon LEE Wing-tat

That this Council thanks the Chief Executive for his address, and urges the Government to provide more housing land for building additional public rental housing units to assist the grassroots, including those living in cage homes, cubicle apartments and sub-divided units, in securing public rental housing allocation more expeditiously, construct more Home Ownership Scheme ('HOS') flats, re-launch the Tenants Purchase Scheme, and relax the purchase restrictions in the secondary market of HOS flats to allow eligible white form HOS applicants to make purchase applications, with a view to helping people to live and work in contentment.

Note: Hon LEE Wing-tat's amendment is marked in **bold and italic type**.

4. Motion as amended by Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong

That this Council thanks the Chief Executive for his address, but expresses regret at his lack of commitment to education and failure to make earnest efforts to take forward major education policies, such as 15 years of free education, small-class teaching in secondary schools and increasing the number of university places.

Note: Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type*.

5. Motion as amended by Hon WONG Sing-chi

That this Council thanks the Chief Executive for his address, but expresses regret at his rejection of universal retirement protection, as well as his failure to face up to the disparity between the rich and the poor and make earnest efforts to alleviate poverty, and to help the socially disadvantaged.

Note: Hon WONG Sing-chi's amendment is marked in **bold and italic type**.

6. Motion as amended by Hon Emily LAU

That this Council thanks the Chief Executive for his address, but as the political appointment system (also known as the 'accountability system for principal officials') turns out to be a complete failure after all these years of implementation, the officials under the accountability system do not have to bear any political responsibility for making so many blunders in implementing policies, the Under Secretaries and Political Assistants appointed by the Administration are unable to help improve the Government's governance, and the public knows nothing about the relevant government officials, this Council expresses anger and regret at the Administration's intention of continuing with the implementation of the political appointment system, and urges the Administration to comprehensively review the system's effectiveness and not to expand it before completing the review.

Note: Hon Emily LAU's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type*.