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To : All Members of the Legislative Council

Council meeting of 30 November 2011

Motion on
“Comprehensively reviewing and perfecting the
Work Incentive Transport Subsidy Scheme”

Hon WONG Sing-chi has given notice to move the attached motion on “Comprehensively reviewing and perfecting the Work Incentive Transport Subsidy Scheme” at the Council meeting of 30 November 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
“Comprehensively reviewing and perfecting the
Work Incentive Transport Subsidy Scheme”
to be moved by Hon WONG Sing-chi
at the Council meeting of 30 November 2011**

Wording of the Motion

That travelling expenses are an important item of daily expenses borne by the vast number of employees and job-seekers in Hong Kong; the Government announced last year the idea of the Work Incentive Transport Subsidy Scheme (‘WITSS’) and started to receive applications in October this year, but there are still voices in society calling for further review and improvement of WITSS, so that more low-income workers and grass-root people may benefit from WITSS; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to:

- (a) immediately review afresh all the details of WITSS, including simplifying and improving its application procedure, as well as re-assessing and announcing the latest number of people who will benefit from WITSS, instead of waiting for a year to conduct a mid-term review;
- (b) relax the eligibility criteria of WITSS, adopt a dual-track approach for each unit of application and relax the income and asset limits, so as to achieve the purposes of subsidizing low-income grass-root employees and promoting employment;
- (c) review the amount of monthly allowance per person under WITSS, and consider raising the amount having regard to actual living circumstances; and
- (d) study including the Job Search Allowance provided under the former Transport Support Scheme in WITSS, and refrain from tightening the eligibility requirements for applicants for the Job Search Allowance and from lowering the ceiling of reimbursement.