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To : All Members of the Legislative Council

Council meeting of 17 July 2013

Motion on "Dissolving the Hospital Authority"

Dr Hon LEUNG Ka-lau has given notice to move the attached motion on "Dissolving the Hospital Authority" at the Council meeting of 17 July 2013. The President has directed that it be printed in the terms in which it was handed in on the Agenda of the Council.

(Odelia LEUNG) for Clerk to the Legislative Council

Encl.

(Translation)

Motion on "Dissolving the Hospital Authority" to be moved by Dr Hon LEUNG Ka-lau at the Council meeting of 17 July 2013

Wording of the Motion

That the Hospital Authority ('HA') was established in 1990 with the aim of effectively utilizing resources to establish and manage public hospitals and improve healthcare service quality; however, HA is both the buyer and the vendor of healthcare services with a conflict of roles, which on the one hand procures the relevant services for the public and on the other hand must take care of its own interests as the service provider, thus resulting in its inability to allocate resources in full accordance with patient needs; although the Government has kept increasing funding for HA, HA's uneven allocation has rendered the resources for some of its clusters or departments insufficient for a long time and the problem of varying service quality unresolved, thus giving rise to public pressure of demanding the Government to keep increasing funding, with HA being rewarded for its misgovernance instead; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to dissolve HA, and under the principle of 'money follows patient' and in accordance with the population size of and number of patients in various districts, directly purchase services from public and private healthcare organizations, and allow patients to choose hospitals for treatment, with resource utilization and allocation put under the monitoring by the Legislative Council, so as to respond to patient needs.