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From : Clerk to the Legislative Council

To : All Members of the Legislative Council

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**Council meeting of 22 May 2013**

**Proposed resolution under the Legal Aid Ordinance**

The Secretary for Home Affairs will move at the Council meeting of 22 May 2013 a proposed resolution under section 7(a) of the Legal Aid Ordinance (Cap. 91). The proposed resolution is attached for Members' consideration. The President has directed that it be printed in the terms in which it was handed in on the Agenda of the Council.

2. The speech, in both Chinese and English, which the Secretary will deliver when moving the proposed resolution is also attached.

(Odelia LEUNG)  
for Clerk to the Legislative Council

Encl.

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## Legal Aid Ordinance

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### Resolution

(Under section 7(a) of the Legal Aid Ordinance (Cap. 91))

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**Resolved** that the Legal Aid Ordinance (Cap. 91) be amended as set out in the Schedule.

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## Schedule

### Amendments to Legal Aid Ordinance

**1. Section 5 amended (persons eligible for legal aid)**

Section 5(1)—

**Repeal**

“\$260,000”

**Substitute**

“\$269,620”.

**2. Section 5A amended (supplementary legal aid)**

Section 5A(b)—

(a) **Repeal**

“\$260,000”

**Substitute**

“\$269,620”;

(b) **Repeal**

“\$1,300,000”

**Substitute**

“\$1,348,100”.

(Translation)

**Speech by the Secretary for Home Affairs  
in the Legislative Council on 22 May 2013**

**Resolution under section 7(a)  
of the Legal Aid Ordinance (Cap. 91)  
Financial Eligibility Limits of the Legal Aid Applicants**

President,

I move the Resolution standing in my name on the agenda.

In accordance with sections 5 and 5A of the Legal Aid Ordinance, a person whose disposable financial resources do not exceed \$260,000 is financially eligible for legal aid under the Ordinary Legal Aid Scheme. The corresponding limit for the Supplementary Legal Aid Scheme is \$1,300,000. The above-mentioned limit for the Ordinary Scheme also applies to criminal legal aid. The Administration reviews the limits annually to take into account movements in consumer prices, so as to maintain the real value of the limits.

We have recently completed the 2012 annual review. The increase in Consumer Price Index (C) between July 2011 and July 2012 is 3.7%. We now propose the Resolution to adjust upward the limit for the Ordinary Scheme from \$260,000 to \$269,620, and from \$1,300,000 to \$1,348,100 for the Supplementary Scheme.

I invite Members to support the Resolution.