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To : All Members of the Legislative Council

Council meeting of 19 March 2014

**Proposed resolution under
the Public Finance Ordinance**

The Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury will move, at the Council meeting of 19 March 2014, a proposed resolution under section 7(1) of the Public Finance Ordinance (Cap. 2). 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.

Public Finance Ordinance

Resolution

(Under section 7(1) of the Public Finance Ordinance (Cap. 2))

Resolved that—

1. Authority is hereby given for a sum not exceeding \$78,677,470,000 to be charged on the general revenue for expenditure on the services of the Government in respect of the financial year commencing on 1 April 2014.
2. Subject to this Resolution, the sum so charged may be expended against the heads of expenditure as shown in the Estimates of Expenditure 2014–15 laid before the Legislative Council on 26 February 2014 or, if the Estimates are changed under the provisions of the Public Finance Ordinance (Cap. 2) as applied by section 7(2) of that Ordinance, as shown in the Estimates as so changed.
3. Expenditure in respect of any head of expenditure must not exceed the aggregate of the amounts authorized by paragraph 4 to be expended in respect of the subheads in that head of expenditure.
4. Expenditure in respect of each subhead in a head of expenditure must not exceed—
 - (a) for an Operating Account Recurrent subhead of expenditure, an amount equivalent to—

- (i) except if the subhead is listed in Schedule 1 to this Resolution, 20% of the provision shown in the Estimates in respect of that subhead;
 - (ii) if the subhead is listed in Schedule 1 to this Resolution, the percentage of the provision shown in the Estimates in respect of that subhead that is specified in that Schedule in relation to that subhead; and
- (b) for an Operating Account Non-Recurrent subhead of expenditure or a Capital Account subhead of expenditure, an amount equivalent to—
 - (i) except if the subhead is listed in Schedule 2 to this Resolution, 100% of the provision shown in the Estimates in respect of that subhead;
 - (ii) if the subhead is listed in Schedule 2 to this Resolution, the amount that is specified in that Schedule in relation to that subhead,

or such other amount, not exceeding an amount equivalent to 100% of the provision shown in the Estimates in respect of that subhead, as may in any case be approved by the Financial Secretary.

Schedule 1				[para. 4(a)]
Head of Expenditure		Subhead		Percentage of provision shown in Estimates
46	General Expenses of the Civil Service	013	Personal allowances	40
59	Government Logistics Department	225	Traffic Accident Victims Assistance Scheme—levies	100
90	Labour Department	280	Contribution to the Occupational Safety and Health Council	30
		295	Contribution to the Occupational Deafness Compensation Board	30
106	Miscellaneous Services	284	Compensation	35
120	Pensions	026	Employees' compensation, injury, incapacity and death related payments and expenses	35

			Percentage of provision shown in Estimates
Head of Expenditure		Subhead	
136	Public Service Commission Secretariat	000 Operational expenses	30
152	Government Secretariat: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau (Commerce, Industry and Tourism Branch)	000 Operational expenses	25
155	Government Secretariat: Innovation and Technology Commission	000 Operational expenses	25
170	Social Welfare Department	157 Assistance for patients and their families	100
		176 Criminal and law enforcement injuries compensation	25
		177 Emergency relief	100
		179 Comprehensive social security assistance scheme	30

Head of Expenditure	Subhead	Percentage of provision shown in Estimates
180	Social security allowance scheme	30

Schedule 2				[para. 4(b)]
Head of Expenditure		Subhead		Amount \$
106	Miscellaneous Services	689	Additional commitments	0
		789	Additional commitments	1,000,000,000
184	Transfers to Funds	984	Payment to the Capital Works Reserve Fund	0
		988	Payment to the Loan Fund	0

Speech by the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury
Moving the Vote on Account Resolution
in the Legislative Council on 19 March 2014

President,

I move the motion, as printed on the Agenda, be passed.

2. The purpose of this motion is to seek funds on account to enable the Government to carry on its services between the start of the financial year on 1 April 2014 and the time when the Appropriation Ordinance 2014 comes into operation. This is a long established and essential procedure. The specific arrangements also follow those of recent years.

3. According to the Budget timetable this year, the Legislative Council will at its meeting on 16 April 2014 resume the Second Reading Debate and then proceed to the Third Reading of the Appropriation Bill 2014. As such, the Appropriation Ordinance 2014 would not come into operation on or before 31 March 2014. To ensure that when the new financial year starts on 1 April 2014, Government will not need to halt public services, including services closely related to people's livelihood such as education, social welfare, healthcare and security due to the lack of funds, we need to propose this motion.

4. The funds on account sought under each subhead in accordance with the fourth paragraph of the resolution have been determined with reference to the relevant provisions in the 2014-15 Estimates of Expenditure. The initial amount of funds on account under each head which has incorporated requirements at subhead level is provided in the form of a footnote to this speech. The aggregate amount of funds on account is **\$78,677,470,000** before the Appropriation Ordinance 2014 comes into operation. This represents around 23% of the total appropriation of **\$335,848,320,000** under the Appropriation Bill 2014. The proposed funds on account should be able to cope with only around two months of the Government's operational requirements.

5. Subject to the above aggregate amount not being exceeded, the resolution enables the Financial Secretary to vary the funds on account in respect of any subhead, but these variations must not exceed the provision for that subhead in the 2014-15 Estimates of Expenditure. To enhance transparency and in line with the established practice, we will report to the Finance Committee of this Council if the Financial Secretary has exercised this authority to meet necessary requirements.

6. In order to ensure that Government has the necessary resources to continue providing services to the public, I urge Members to support the motion today.

7. The vote on account will be subsumed upon the enactment and commencement of the Appropriation Ordinance 2014.

8. President, I beg to move.

Footnote

Head of Expenditure		Amount shown in the Estimates	Initial amount of funds on account
		\$'000	\$'000
21	Chief Executive's Office	99,112	19,823
22	Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department	1,395,778	525,847
25	Architectural Services Department	1,806,701	361,710
24	Audit Commission.....	144,428	28,886
23	Auxiliary Medical Service	80,590	16,118
82	Buildings Department	1,175,901	235,421
26	Census and Statistics Department	615,131	123,027
27	Civil Aid Service	95,687	20,251
28	Civil Aviation Department	862,098	172,420
33	Civil Engineering and Development Department ...	2,120,406	429,812
30	Correctional Services Department	3,366,910	706,112
31	Customs and Excise Department.....	3,056,587	647,567
37	Department of Health	6,093,178	1,328,684
92	Department of Justice	1,795,198	361,736
39	Drainage Services Department.....	2,182,147	454,731
42	Electrical and Mechanical Services Department.....	512,903	173,301
44	Environmental Protection Department.....	6,848,374	4,271,010
45	Fire Services Department	5,007,243	1,282,947
49	Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	5,667,222	1,207,986
46	General Expenses of the Civil Service.....	3,170,445	779,391

Head of Expenditure		Amount shown in the Estimates	Initial amount of funds on account
		\$'000	\$'000
166	Government Flying Service	367,280	184,408
48	Government Laboratory	435,759	151,831
59	Government Logistics Department	537,179	225,015
51	Government Property Agency	1,873,206	388,210
143	Government Secretariat : Civil Service Bureau	521,385	104,277
152	Government Secretariat : Commerce and Economic Development Bureau (Commerce, Industry and Tourism Branch)	1,644,960	439,562
55	Government Secretariat : Commerce and Economic Development Bureau (Communications and Technology Branch)	314,910	206,850
144	Government Secretariat : Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau	582,912	127,719
138	Government Secretariat : Development Bureau (Planning and Lands Branch)	492,049	351,850
159	Government Secretariat : Development Bureau (Works Branch)	448,025	164,337
156	Government Secretariat : Education Bureau	47,369,464	10,207,542
137	Government Secretariat : Environment Bureau	80,408	20,082
148	Government Secretariat : Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau (Financial Services Branch) ..	312,895	130,170
147	Government Secretariat : Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau (The Treasury Branch)	1,883,242	1,717,369
139	Government Secretariat : Food and Health Bureau (Food Branch)	76,150	15,230
140	Government Secretariat : Food and Health Bureau	48,507,848	10,432,618

Head of Expenditure		Amount shown in the Estimates	Initial amount of funds on account
		\$'000	\$'000
(Health Branch)			
53	Government Secretariat : Home Affairs Bureau	1,546,324	340,642
155	Government Secretariat : Innovation and Technology Commission	587,163	186,466
141	Government Secretariat : Labour and Welfare Bureau	753,727	211,747
47	Government Secretariat : Office of the Government Chief Information Officer	690,227	163,284
142	Government Secretariat : Offices of the Chief Secretary for Administration and the Financial Secretary	833,832	175,920
96	Government Secretariat : Overseas Economic and Trade Offices	333,479	66,696
151	Government Secretariat : Security Bureau	325,154	65,031
158	Government Secretariat : Transport and Housing Bureau (Transport Branch)	200,136	54,810
60	Highways Department	2,549,814	513,182
63	Home Affairs Department	2,183,530	476,454
168	Hong Kong Observatory	259,781	51,957
122	Hong Kong Police Force	15,515,188	3,289,987
62	Housing Department	261,054	52,211
70	Immigration Department	3,694,051	747,224
72	Independent Commission Against Corruption	937,127	187,426
121	Independent Police Complaints Council	55,988	12,448
74	Information Services Department	408,758	81,752

Head of Expenditure		Amount shown in the Estimates	Initial amount of funds on account
		\$'000	\$'000
76	Inland Revenue Department.....	1,389,503	277,901
78	Intellectual Property Department	133,516	26,704
79	Invest Hong Kong	114,967	22,994
174	Joint Secretariat for the Advisory Bodies on Civil Service and Judicial Salaries and Conditions of Service.....	29,704	5,941
80	Judiciary	1,356,642	273,377
90	Labour Department	1,912,412	707,831
91	Lands Department	2,162,090	434,398
94	Legal Aid Department.....	833,151	166,631
112	Legislative Council Commission	717,691	153,795
95	Leisure and Cultural Services Department	6,889,307	1,466,905
100	Marine Department.....	1,156,473	280,213
106	Miscellaneous Services	11,915,636	1,838,786
180	Office for Film, Newspaper and Article Administration.....	43,790	8,758
114	Office of The Ombudsman	102,816	20,644
116	Official Receiver's Office	147,624	29,573
120	Pensions.....	27,317,100	5,470,824
118	Planning Department.....	607,936	133,637
136	Public Service Commission Secretariat	20,782	6,235
160	Radio Television Hong Kong.....	784,477	187,776

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		\$'000	\$'000
162	Rating and Valuation Department.....	479,332	95,867
163	Registration and Electoral Office.....	268,299	53,660
169	Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance	18,404	3,681
170	Social Welfare Department	55,909,483	15,211,325
173	Student Financial Assistance Agency	5,380,592	1,249,378
181	Trade and Industry Department.....	828,458	582,038
186	Transport Department	2,063,030	480,981
188	Treasury	369,410	73,882
190	University Grants Committee.....	15,601,731	3,277,369
194	Water Supplies Department	7,095,920	1,426,279
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		328,329,320	78,658,470
184	Transfers to Funds.....	7,519,000	19,000
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Total		335,848,320	78,677,470
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* The initial amount of funds on account under Head 106 includes \$1 billion under Subhead 789 Additional commitments for contingency.