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**Amendments to motion on
“Concerning about the problem of slow progress in vetting and approving
funding applications for infrastructure projects”**

Further to LC Paper No. CB(3) 307/14-15 issued on 22 December 2014, Hon NG Leung-sing and Hon Alan LEONG have respectively given notice of their intention to move separate amendments to Hon Abraham SHEK’s motion on “Concerning about the problem of slow progress in vetting and approving funding applications for infrastructure projects” scheduled for the Council meeting of 21 January 2015. As directed by the President, Hon NG Leung-sing’s and Hon Alan LEONG’s amendments will be printed in the terms in which they were handed in on the Agenda of the Council.

2. The President will order a joint debate on the above motion and the two amendments. To assist Members in debating the motion and the amendments, I set out below the procedure to be followed during the debate:

- (a) the President calls upon Hon Abraham SHEK to speak and move his motion;
- (b) the President proposes the question on Hon Abraham SHEK’s motion;
- (c) the President calls upon the two Members who wish to move amendments to speak in the following order, but no amendment is to be moved at this stage:
 - (i) Hon NG Leung-sing; and
 - (ii) Hon Alan LEONG;

- (d) the President calls upon the public officer(s) to speak;
- (e) the President invites other Members to speak;
- (f) the President gives leave to Hon Abraham SHEK to speak for the second time on the two amendments;
- (g) the President calls upon the public officer(s) to speak again;
- (h) in accordance with Rule 34(5) of the Rules of Procedure, the President has decided that he will call upon the two Members to move their respective amendments in the order set out in paragraph (c) above. The President invites Hon NG Leung-sing to move his amendment to the motion, and forthwith proposes and puts to vote the question on Hon NG Leung-sing's amendment;
- (i) after Hon NG Leung-sing's amendment has been voted upon, the President deals with Hon Alan LEONG's amendment to the motion; and
- (j) after Hon Alan LEONG's amendment has been dealt with, the President calls upon Hon Abraham SHEK to reply. Thereafter, the President puts to vote the question on Hon Abraham SHEK's motion, or his motion as amended, as the case may be.

3. For Members' reference, the terms of the original motion and of the motion, if amended, are set out in the **Appendix**.

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Encl.

(Translation)

**Motion debate on
“Concerning about the problem of slow progress in vetting and approving
funding applications for infrastructure projects”
to be held at the Council meeting of 21 January 2015**

1. Hon Abraham SHEK’s original motion

That, since the start of the 2013-2014 legislative session, the Legislative Council has been slow in approving funding applications for infrastructure projects; if the situation cannot be reversed in the near future, infrastructure works will definitely be delayed, thereby pushing up works costs and affecting the livelihood of practitioners of the construction industry and relevant industries as well as the industries’ sustainability, and eventually hindering Hong Kong’s long-term economic development; in this connection, this Council urges the Administration to face up to the problems concerned, and proactively join hands with this Council to seek solutions, so as to expedite the approval of outstanding and new funding applications for infrastructure projects.

2. Motion as amended by Hon NG Leung-sing

That, since the start of the ~~2013-2014~~ legislative session, ~~the Legislative Council~~ *current term of the Legislative Council, this Council* has been slow in ~~approving~~ *scrutinizing* funding applications for *various livelihood-related* infrastructure projects; if the situation cannot be reversed *turned around* in the near future, infrastructure works will definitely be delayed, thereby pushing up works costs and affecting the livelihood of practitioners of the construction industry and relevant industries ~~as well as~~, the industries’ sustainability *and the living of many people*, and eventually hindering Hong Kong’s long-term economic development *and undermining Hong Kong’s global competitiveness*; in this connection, this Council urges the Administration *as well as groups and people from various sides* to face up to the problems concerned, and ~~proactively~~ *engage in active communication and* join hands ~~with this Council~~ to seek solutions, so as to *that this Council can* expedite the approval of outstanding and new funding applications for *livelihood-related* infrastructure projects.

Note: Hon NG Leung-sing’s amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

3. Motion as amended by Hon Alan LEONG

That, since the start of the 2013-2014 legislative session, ~~the Legislative Council has been slow in~~ *as the Government has repeatedly pushed through the more controversial infrastructure projects regardless of public opinions and has also hijacked the Legislative Council by the livelihood-related projects, forcing this Council to either first vet and approve the funding applications for the more controversial infrastructure projects or be at a lose-lose situation, thereby rendering this Council slow in vetting and approving funding applications for infrastructure projects and livelihood-related projects*; if the situation cannot be ~~reversed~~ *changed* in the near future, infrastructure works will definitely be delayed, thereby pushing up works costs and affecting the livelihood of practitioners of the construction industry and relevant industries as well as the industries' sustainability, and eventually hindering Hong Kong's long-term *social and* economic development; in this connection, this Council urges the Administration to face up to the problems concerned, and ~~proactively join hands with this Council to seek solutions~~ *enabling this Council to vet and approve the funding applications for livelihood-related projects on a priority basis*, so as to expedite the approval of ~~outstanding and new funding applications for infrastructure projects~~ *vetting and approval of outstanding funding applications*.

Note: Hon Alan LEONG's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.