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To : All Members of the Legislative Council

Council meeting of 18 March 2015

Proposed resolution under the Public Finance Ordinance

The Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury will move, at the Council meeting of 18 March 2015, 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 \$81,582,078,000 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 2015.
2. Subject to this Resolution, the sum so charged may be expended against the heads of expenditure as shown in the Estimates of Expenditure 2015–16 laid before the Legislative Council on 25 February 2015 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
120	Pensions	026	Employees' compensation, injury, incapacity and death related payments and expenses	35
152	Government Secretariat: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau (Commerce,	000	Operational expenses	25

Head of Expenditure		Subhead		Percentage of provision shown in Estimates
Industry and Tourism Branch)				
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
		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	988	Payment to the Loan Fund	0
		991	Payment to the Civil Service Pension Reserve Fund	0

Speech by the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury
Moving the Vote on Account Resolution
in the Legislative Council on 18 March 2015

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 2015 and the time when the Appropriation Ordinance 2015 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 22 April 2015 resume the Second Reading Debate and then proceed to the Third Reading of the Appropriation Bill 2015. As such, the Appropriation Ordinance 2015 would not come into operation before late April 2015. To ensure that when the new financial year starts on 1 April 2015, 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 2015-16 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 **\$81,582,078,000** before the Appropriation Ordinance 2015 comes into operation. This represents around 23% of the total appropriation of **\$361,347,460,000** under the Appropriation Bill 2015. 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 2015-16 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 2015.

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	101,508	20,302
22	Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department.....	1,233,499	342,324
25	Architectural Services Department.....	1,892,270	378,454
24	Audit Commission	152,589	30,518
23	Auxiliary Medical Service	87,279	18,489
82	Buildings Department	1,243,103	248,621
26	Census and Statistics Department.....	675,314	135,063
27	Civil Aid Service.....	99,546	19,910
28	Civil Aviation Department.....	903,375	183,363
33	Civil Engineering and Development Department.....	2,257,938	454,900
30	Correctional Services Department	3,519,735	742,251
31	Customs and Excise Department	3,316,890	751,554
37	Department of Health.....	6,470,478	1,395,919
92	Department of Justice	1,980,026	396,596
39	Drainage Services Department	2,416,746	507,015
42	Electrical and Mechanical Services Department	462,437	104,488
44	Environmental Protection Department	6,996,144	4,191,252
45	Fire Services Department.....	5,380,447	1,436,421
49	Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	5,923,986	1,264,709
46	General Expenses of the Civil Service	3,351,738	813,268

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		\$'000	\$'000
166	Government Flying Service	583,253	389,878
48	Government Laboratory	445,799	145,792
59	Government Logistics Department	550,992	233,931
51	Government Property Agency	1,901,449	393,859
143	Government Secretariat: Civil Service Bureau	557,046	111,410
152	Government Secretariat: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau (Commerce, Industry and Tourism Branch)	1,829,156	542,453
55	Government Secretariat: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau (Communications and Technology Branch)	340,399	226,285
144	Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau	580,613	116,489
138	Government Secretariat: Development Bureau (Planning and Lands Branch)	315,760	152,752
159	Government Secretariat: Development Bureau (Works Branch)	416,442	128,344
156	Government Secretariat: Education Bureau	51,382,677	12,032,264
137	Government Secretariat: Environment Bureau	81,433	20,287
148	Government Secretariat: Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau (Financial Services Branch)	229,784	45,957
147	Government Secretariat: Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau (The Treasury Branch)	408,697	234,140
139	Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau (Food Branch)	84,292	16,859

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		\$'000	\$'000
140	Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau (Health Branch).....	50,400,595	10,814,595
53	Government Secretariat: Home Affairs Bureau	1,672,933	368,419
155	Government Secretariat: Innovation and Technology Commission	620,295	209,610
141	Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau	801,736	229,831
47	Government Secretariat: Office of the Government Chief Information Officer	714,743	177,207
142	Government Secretariat: Offices of the Chief Secretary for Administration and the Financial Secretary	853,206	170,926
96	Government Secretariat: Overseas Economic and Trade Offices	355,773	71,573
151	Government Secretariat: Security Bureau	356,065	71,213
158	Government Secretariat: Transport and Housing Bureau (Transport Branch)	223,327	61,525
60	Highways Department	2,639,769	529,986
63	Home Affairs Department	2,370,979	545,387
168	Hong Kong Observatory	275,514	57,315
122	Hong Kong Police Force.....	16,800,671	3,624,316
62	Housing Department	280,437	56,088
70	Immigration Department.....	3,910,311	786,831
72	Independent Commission Against Corruption	977,866	195,574
121	Independent Police Complaints Council.....	57,282	15,057

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	\$'000	\$'000
74 Information Services Department.....	449,664	89,933
76 Inland Revenue Department	1,451,062	290,213
78 Intellectual Property Department.....	137,480	27,496
79 Invest Hong Kong	115,139	23,028
174 Joint Secretariat for the Advisory Bodies on Civil Service and Judicial Salaries and Conditions of Service.....	29,191	5,839
80 Judiciary	1,437,185	289,641
90 Labour Department	1,917,957	714,851
91 Lands Department.....	2,265,591	453,119
94 Legal Aid Department	845,148	169,670
112 Legislative Council Commission.....	758,559	160,639
95 Leisure and Cultural Services Department	7,482,663	1,607,106
100 Marine Department	1,178,092	283,161
106 Miscellaneous Services.....	23,710,238	1,339,918
180 Office for Film, Newspaper and Article Administration	45,393	9,079
114 Office of The Ombudsman	107,146	21,490
116 Official Receiver's Office	154,373	30,923
120 Pensions	29,712,370	5,950,244
118 Planning Department	629,834	134,713
136 Public Service Commission Secretariat.....	21,943	4,389

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		\$'000	\$'000
160	Radio Television Hong Kong	823,102	198,143
162	Rating and Valuation Department	501,929	100,386
163	Registration and Electoral Office	743,819	148,764
169	Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance	21,452	4,291
170	Social Welfare Department.....	58,349,247	15,814,465
181	Trade and Industry Department	831,089	573,830
186	Transport Department	2,534,203	643,125
188	Treasury	371,085	74,217
190	University Grants Committee	16,988,115	3,397,623
194	Water Supplies Department	7,564,794	1,515,899
173	Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency	5,555,255	1,264,313
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		358,217,460	81,552,078
184	Transfers to Funds.....	3,130,000	30,000
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Total.....		361,347,460	81,582,078
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* The initial amount of funds on account under Head 106 includes \$1 billion under Subhead 789 Additional commitments for contingency.