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**Paper for the House Committee meeting
on 3 October 2014**

**Priority allocation of a debate slot for a motion debate
on the Report of the Joint Subcommittee on Long-term Care Policy**

Purpose

This paper invites Members to consider the request, made by the Panel on Welfare Services ("WS Panel") and the Panel on Health Services ("HS Panel") under rule 14A(h) of the House Rules ("HR"), for priority allocation of a debate slot for a motion debate on the Report of the Joint Subcommittee on Long-term Care Policy ("Joint Subcommittee Report") at the Council meeting of 29 October 2014.

Report of Joint Subcommittee

2. The Joint Subcommittee was jointly appointed by the WS Panel and the HS Panel in November 2012 to study the long-term care policy and services (including home-based, community based and residential care services for the elderly, people with disabilities and the chronically ill), discuss the policy concerned with the Administration and make timely recommendations.

3. The Joint Subcommittee held a total of 18 meetings during which members had discussed with the Administration and received views from deputations. Having regard to the discussions with the Administration and the deputations' views, the Joint Subcommittee has made a number of recommendations. The details of the Joint Subcommittee's deliberations and recommendations are set out in its Report (Annex I to LC Paper No. CB(2)2154/13-14(01)).

Motion debate

4. In view of the wide public concern on long-term care policy and

services, it is proposed that the approval of the House Committee ("HC") should be sought for priority allocation of a debate slot under HR 14A(h) for moving a motion for debate on the Report at the Council meeting of 29 October 2014. The debate will provide an opportunity for all Members to express views on the subject and for the Administration to respond.

5. HR 14A(h) provides that Panels and their subcommittee may make a request for priority allocation of debate slots, which shall be put forward to HC for consideration on a case-by-case basis. As the Joint Subcommittee was dissolved in end-July 2014 after completion of its work, it has been proposed that the WS Panel and HS Panel, as the parent committees of the Joint Subcommittee, make a joint request to HC for the debate slot. It has also been proposed that in addition to the debate on the Joint Subcommittee Report, only one other debate on a Member's motion not intended to have legislative effect should be held at the Council meeting of 29 October 2014. The endorsement of the proposals by the two Panels has been sought by circulation of papers. The proposals are supported by a majority¹ of the members of the two Panels.

6. Subject to HC's agreement to allocate a debate slot to the WS Panel and HS Panel, the two Panels will designate Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG, Chairman of the former Joint Subcommittee, to move the motion for debate on the Joint Subcommittee Report at the Council meeting of 29 October 2014. The wording of the motion is in the **Appendix**.

7. Under HR 14A(h), should HC accede to the request of the WS Panel and HS Panel for allocating a slot to Dr CHEUNG to move the motion at the Council meeting of 29 October 2014, the debate slot will not be counted as Dr CHEUNG's own slot.

Advice sought

8. Members are invited to consider the two Panels' request for priority allocation of a debate slot under HR14A(h).

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¹ Among the 31 members of the two Panels, 27 are in favour of the proposals while two are against them.

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張超雄議員就
"長期護理政策聯合小組委員會的報告"提出的議案

議案措辭

"本會察悉長期護理政策聯合小組委員會的報告。"

(Translation)

**Motion on "Report of the Joint Subcommittee on Long-term Care Policy"
to be moved by Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung
at the Council meeting of Wednesday, 29 October 2014**

Wording of the Motion

"That this Council notes the Report of the Joint Subcommittee on Long-term Care Policy."