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**Paper for the House Committee meeting
of 20 March 2015**

**Questions scheduled for the
Legislative Council meeting of 25 March 2015**

Questions by:

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| (1) | Hon Frederick FUNG | (Oral reply) |
| (2) | Hon James TIEN | (Oral reply) |
| (3) | Hon Emily LAU | (Oral reply) |
| (4) | Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung | (Oral reply) |
| (5) | Hon CHAN Hak-kan | (Oral reply) |
| (6) | Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai
<i>(Replacing his previous question)</i> | (Oral reply)(New question) |
| (7) | Hon Gary FAN | (Written reply) |
| (8) | Hon Starry LEE | (Written reply) |
| (9) | Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan
<i>(Hon Claudia MO has given up the
question slot)</i> | (Written reply)(New question) |
| (10) | Hon Albert HO | (Written reply) |
| (11) | Hon KWOK Wai-keung | (Written reply) |
| (12) | Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki | (Written reply) |
| (13) | Hon Paul TSE | (Written reply) |
| (14) | Hon Kenneth LEUNG | (Written reply) |
| (15) | Hon James TO | (Written reply) |
| (16) | Hon TANG Ka-piu | (Written reply) |
| (17) | Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN | (Written reply) |
| (18) | Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT | (Written reply) |
| (19) | Hon Kenneth LEUNG | (Written reply) |
| (20) | Hon Albert HO | (Written reply) |
| (21) | Hon CHAN Hak-kan | (Written reply) |
| (22) | Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT | (Written reply) |

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NOTE :

議員將採用這種語言提出質詢

Member will ask the question in this language

Assessment of the performance
of the Government and principal officials

(6) Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai (Oral Reply)

On the 5th of this month, the Premier of the State Council delivered the Report on the Work of the Government at the third session of the Twelfth National People's Congress. It was mentioned in the Report that "[t]here is still much to be improved in the work of the government, with some policies and measures not being satisfactorily implemented. A small number of government employees behave irresponsibly; shocking cases of corruption still exist; and some government officials are neglectful of their duties, holding onto their jobs while failing to fulfill their responsibilities". He also stated that "[w]e will work to improve the mechanisms for assessing performance, and commend those who perform well, admonish those who do not, and expose and hold to account those who are indolent, sloppy, or neglectful of their duties". In mentioning the streamlining of administration and delegation of powers, he emphasized that "[i]t goes without saying that powers should not be held without good reason". On the other hand, quite a number of comments and opinion polls indicate that the policy implementation by the current-term SAR Government has been difficult, the relationship between the Executive Authorities and the Legislature is poor, the popularity ratings of the Chief Executive and some principal officials have been persistently low, and people's dissatisfaction with the Government continues to rise. All of the above have reflected that the Accountability System for Principal Officials exists in name only, and a governance crisis has emerged. Regarding the assessment of the performance of the SAR Government and the principal officials according to the Premier's remarks, will the Government inform this Council:

- (1) whether the Government has reviewed which policies and measures have not been satisfactorily implemented at present, and whether there are incompetent principal officials who have failed to fulfill their responsibilities, thereby resulting in their persistently low popularity ratings and the continuous rise in people's dissatisfaction with the Government; if it has conducted such a review, of the details; if not, the reasons for that;
- (2) as there are comments that since the Government is supervised by the people, the low popularity ratings of officials reflect that people do not approve of their capabilities and performance, whether the Government has admonished and held to account principal officials with low popularity ratings who did not perform well, so that the Accountability System will not exist in name only; if it has, of the details; if not, the reasons for that; and
- (3) given that subsequent to the authorities' withdrawal of the financial proposal relating to the establishment of the Innovation and Technology Bureau in the middle of last month due to filibustering by some members

of the Finance Committee of this Council, the Chief Executive appointed a former Vice President of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University as his Innovation & Technology Adviser and as a non-official Member of the Executive Council, and quite a number of political parties have criticized such practice as rule-breaking, whether the Government has assessed if such practice is tantamount to using powers in a wilful manner; whether the Chief Executive has consulted Members of the Executive Council before deciding to make such appointments; if he has, of the details; if not, the reasons for that?

Medical parole for prisoners

(9) Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan (Written Reply)

It has been reported that an incident recently occurred in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, in which prison officers were held hostage by some prisoners, and such prisoners eventually committed suicide by shooting themselves in the head. These prisoners had made a number of demands and accused the authorities of applying inconsistent criteria for vetting and approval of prisoners' applications for medical parole. Regarding medical parole for prisoners in Hong Kong, will the Government inform this Council:

- (1) of the number of prisoners in Hong Kong who suffered from serious illnesses and, among them, the number of those who died as a result, in each of the past 10 years;
- (2) of the number of prisoners in each of the past 10 years who submitted applications for remission of sentence or parole on grounds of serious illness, together with a breakdown by application outcome; and
- (3) whether it knows the countries or places in which there are legislative provisions on prisoners' application for medical parole; whether the laws of Hong Kong allow prisoners to apply for medical parole on grounds of serious illness; if they do not, whether the authorities will amend the relevant legislation by making reference to the practices adopted in those countries or places?