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Professor K C CHAN
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Dear Prof CHAN,

Finance Committee

Notice of motions proposed by members under paragraph 21 of the Finance Committee Procedure for deciding on matters under the Public Finance Ordinance (Cap. 2)

I enclose for your information a note on my direction regarding the captioned subject which is issued to members of the Finance Committee ("FC") concurrently with this letter.


Under paragraph 21 of the Finance Committee Procedure ("FCP"), the notice of the items of business to be included in the agenda of FC should reach the Clerk to FC at least six clear days before the meeting concerned. FC Chairman may, however, allow a shorter notice but it shall not be shorter than two clear days for motions proposed by members for deciding on matters under the Public Finance Ordinance (Cap. 2). As mentioned in the note, the operational experience gained from recent instances of handling such motions has revealed that it is important for the Administration to give the requisite notice period in order to allow members to propose motions under FCP 21 if they wish to do so, as it is possible that the relevant items are discussed and voted on at the meeting when they are included in the agenda of FC for the first time.

To ensure that members have sufficient time to peruse relevant financial proposals and, if they so wish, propose such motions for decision by FC, I have directed that the arrangements as set out in paragraph 14 of the note regarding the application and operation of FCP 21 be adopted in future. Your attention is drawn to paragraph 14(a) and (b) in particular regarding the notice of agenda items from the Administration. To recapitulate –

- (a) for financial proposals in respect of which FC may specify "terms and conditions" or "conditions, exceptions or limitations" pursuant to relevant legislation, while FCP 21 provides that notice of the agenda items should reach the Clerk at least six clear days before the meeting concerned, the Administration is requested to give the longest possible notice; and
- (b) the Administration is also requested to stagger the items on the type of financial proposals mentioned in (a) above for deliberation by FC to avoid the inclusion of too many such items in the agenda of FC meetings on a particular day.

I trust that you and your colleagues will extend your cooperation in the matter so that the arrangements can be implemented smoothly.

Yours Sincerely,



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Chairman of the Finance Committee

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