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**Updated background brief on
Financial Services Development Council**

Purpose

This paper provides background information on the Financial Services Development Council ("FSDC") and summarizes the major views and concerns expressed by Members on related matters during discussions at meetings of the Legislative Council ("LegCo") and its committees since the legislative session 2012-2013.

Background

Establishment and terms of reference of the Financial Services Development Council

2. The financial services industry is an important pillar of Hong Kong's economy, contributing to one-six of the Gross Domestic Product and providing 250,000 jobs accounting for over 6% of the working population. It is also a major client of professional services and drives growth in other consumer industries. Given the rapid development in the global financial markets and the need to tap advice from market practitioners and experts, the Chief Executive ("CE") set up a preparatory task force ("PTF") on 27 June 2012 to study the establishment of FSDC to identify areas for further development of the financial services industry in Hong Kong, and to offer views and suggestions to the Government on related areas.

3. In December 2012, PTF submitted its report to the Government with recommendations on the mission, objectives, terms of reference, governance structure and modus operandi of FSDC. Having studied local and overseas experiences, PTF recommended that FSDC should adopt a corporate

structure and be constituted as a company limited by guarantee so that it could have its own identity and an independent image, and flexibility in business planning and resources management.¹ The Government announced in January 2013 the establishment of FSDC as a high-level, cross-sectoral government advisory body to engage the financial services industry and formulate proposals to map out the strategic direction for the development of Hong Kong as an international financial centre.

4. The objectives² of FSDC are to –
- (a) advise the Government on strategies and measures to expand the scope of the financial markets and enhance the competitiveness of Hong Kong as an international financial centre;
 - (b) provide a channel for stakeholders to express views and champion the interests of the financial services industry;
 - (c) support the financial services industry in developing the core competence and knowledge of its practitioners; and
 - (d) promote our financial services industry and Hong Kong as an international financial centre on the Mainland and overseas.
5. The terms of reference of FSDC are set out in **Appendix I**.

Governance structure of and funding arrangement for the Financial Services Development Council

6. On 17 January 2013, CE appointed the chairman and 21 members with different expertise and professional experience to the council of FSDC for a two-year term, and the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury as an ex-official member. On 16 January 2015, CE re-appointed the incumbent Chairman and 14 members, and appointed seven new members to the council for a term of two years from 17 January 2015. On 12 January 2017, CE re-appointed the incumbent Chairman and 18 members, and appointed four new members to the council from 17 January 2017 to 16 January 2019.

7. FSDC's work is underpinned by five committees namely, Policy Research Committee, Mainland Opportunities Committee, New Business

¹ The report of the preparatory task force is hyperlinked in Appendix III.

² Source: Website of the Financial Services Development Council ("FSDC").

Committee, Market Development Committee, and Human Capital Committee. On 5 April 2013, CE appointed 34 non-official members and two ex-official members to serve the five committees. On 2 April 2015, CE re-appointed 21 members and appointed 13 new members to serve the five committees from 5 April 2015 to 16 January 2017. On 12 January 2017, CE re-appointed 24 members and appointed 13 new members to serve the five committees from 17 January 2017 to 16 January 2019. The membership lists of FSDC and its committees are hyperlinked in **Appendix III**.

8. The operating cost of FSDC is absorbed through deployment of existing resources of the Financial Services Branch ("FSB") of the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau ("FSTB")³ whereas the cost for the seconded staff is borne by the seconding organizations.

Manpower arrangement of the Financial Services Development Council

9. The FSDC Secretariat is the executive arm of FSDC. According to the Government, the FSDC Secretariat was supported by two non-civil service contract staff and three civil service staff deployed from FSB of FSTB, and three professional staff seconded respectively from the Hong Kong Monetary Authority ("HKMA"), Hong Kong Trade Development Council ("HKTDC") and Securities and Futures Commission ("SFC"). In addition, a non-civil service Senior Advisor has been engaged for one year from August 2016 mainly to spearhead major research projects conducted by FSDC.

10. Anticipating that the scope and complexity of the work of the FSDC Secretariat will increase significantly in the coming few years, the Government has proposed to LegCo to create a non-civil service Executive Director ("ED") position in FSB for a period of three years to assist the FSDC Chairman and lead the FSDC Secretariat to support the delivery of the objectives of FSDC. The proposal was submitted to the Establishment Subcommittee ("ESC") for consideration on 4 January 2017. The Government has eventually withdrawn the proposal in view of the different opinions among Members.

³ The estimated expenditure of FSDC in 2017-18 is about \$9.9 million, of which about \$2.2 million is for the salaries of the civil servants in the FSDC Secretariat. The remaining about \$7.7 million is under departmental expenses, to be used for promotional activities, research, workshops, industry engagement, website and publication, rental of the Secretariat office and remuneration of contract staff, etc.

The Work of the Financial Services Development Council

11. FSDC has published 33 research reports since its establishment in 2013. The reports cover a variety of topics including offshore RMB business, Mainland-related opportunities, the fund raising and securities investment platform, developing Hong Kong's asset management business and exchange-traded derivatives market, promoting Hong Kong's position as an international financial centre, developing human capital in the financial services industry, equity crowdfunding, development of financial technology ("Fintech") and green finance. The list of the reports and their hyperlinks are in **Appendix II**.

12. Apart from research work, FSDC has been actively promoting the financial services industry of Hong Kong through sponsoring and participating in a range of marketing campaigns in collaboration with other stakeholders as well as working on the development of human capital in the industry through organizing events and talks like the Career Day and Practitioner Speakers Series for university students. FSDC officially launched the FSDC Career Website in October 2016 to provide university students and members of the public with information on the career options in the financial services industry.

Major views and concerns expressed by Members

13. Members raised concerns about the establishment of FSDC at meetings of the Panel on Financial Affairs ("FA Panel") on 28 January 2013 during the briefing on the 2013 Policy Address on initiatives relating to financial services. FA Panel received briefings on the work of FSDC at the meetings on 4 February 2013, 6 January 2014, 13 April 2015, 4 January 2016 and 3 January 2017. FA Panel was consulted on the Government's proposal to create an ED post in the FSDC Secretariat on 15 November 2016 and the proposal was discussed at the meeting of ESC on 4 January 2017. Issues relating to FSDC were also discussed during the special meetings of the Finance Committee on 8 April 2013, 31 March 2014, 30 March 2015 and 3 April 2017 for the examination of the Estimates of Expenditure. The major views and concerns expressed by Members at the above meetings are summarized in the ensuing paragraphs.

The recommendation to set up the Financial Services Development Council as a company limited by guarantee

14. At the FA Panel meetings on 28 January and 4 February 2013, Members noted that with reference to similar overseas experiences, such as TheCityUK, PTF had recommended setting up FSDC as a company limited

by guarantee. However, as FSDC was only an advisory body with a small establishment, some Members considered that such proposal would have limited benefits in enhancing FSDC's corporate governance and providing greater flexibility to its operation. Some Members further expressed concern that the proposal would bypass LegCo's monitoring over FSDC. Given that TheCityUK was an industry trade union which collected fees from the industry in supporting its operation, some Members opined that it might not be suitable for FSDC to adopt a corporate structure similar to TheCityUK, and FSDC should defer the proposal so as to allay public concern.

15. The Government and FSDC explained that adopting a corporate structure with its own budget would provide FSDC with enhanced flexibility in business planning and resources management and greater efficiency in carrying out its functions. A similar model was also adopted by the Financial Dispute Resolution Centre (a non-statutory body set up as a company limited by guarantee) and the Investor Education Council (set up as a company solely owned by SFC). Nevertheless, in view of the wide public concern and the priority to commence studies on the development of the financial services industry, FSDC indicated that it would not pursue the proposal to set up a company limited by guarantee at the initial stage of its operation, and there was no timetable for taking forward the proposal in the near future.

Institutional and funding arrangements for the Financial Services Development Council

Financial Services Development Council as a Government advisory body

16. Members expressed concern about the status of FSDC. To better reflect FSDC's advisory role, some Members suggested that the Chinese name of FSDC be changed from "金融發展局" to "金融發展諮詢委員會" or "金融發展委員會".⁴ The Government clarified that FSDC was essentially an advisory body and would not take on any policy execution, or statutory/regulatory functions. As there was no standardized or established practice in the naming of advisory bodies and the suggested change might cause confusion to the public, FSDC considered it appropriate to continue using the rendition "局" in its Chinese name.

⁴ Some members proposed motions at the Panel on Financial Affairs ("FA Panel") meetings held on 4 February 2013, 6 January 2014 and 13 April 2015 urging the Government to change the Chinese name of FSDC to "金融發展諮詢委員會" or "金融發展委員會". These motions were negated.

17. At the meeting on 4 February 2013, FA Panel passed a motion urging the Government to study the feasibility of developing FSDC into a statutory body in the future. At the FA meetings on 13 April 2015 and 3 January 2017, some Members asked if consideration would be given to turning FSDC into a statutory body. The Government responded that it was not expected that there would be significant changes in the status of FSDC. FSDC opined that while it would be desirable if FSDC could be developed into a statutory body in the future, there was no plan to take forward the proposal as it was not envisaged that the roles and functions of FSDC would change even if it took on a new status.

18. At the FA Panel meetings on 4 January 2016 and 3 January 2017, some Members enquired whether the Government would consider providing FSDC with executive power to implement its recommendations so as to bring timely benefits to the local financial services industry. The Government advised that it might not be appropriate to provide FSDC with policy execution power given that FSDC was a high-level, cross-sectoral government advisory body to engage the financial services industry, formulate proposals to promote the further development of the Hong Kong financial services industry, and map out the strategic direction for development.

Manpower and funding arrangements

19. While some Members expressed concern about the adequacy of resources for FSDC, some other Members queried whether the present funding arrangement with the expenditure of FSDC met by the Government was intended to bypass monitoring by LegCo. To enhance transparency and accountability, some Members suggested that the budget of FSDC should form part of FSTB's budget and be incorporated into the Estimates requiring LegCo's approval.

20. The Government emphasized that the operation of FSDC was highly transparent and open to public monitoring. The expenditure of FSDC would be reflected in the Estimates commencing from the financial year 2013-2014.

21. At the FA meetings on 4 January and 15 November 2016, Members enquired about the Government's plans in reviewing the institutional, funding and manpower arrangements of FSDC to facilitate its future work. Some Members also expressed concern about the staff secondment arrangement of FSDC.

22. The Government and FSDC advised that the financial and manpower arrangements for FSDC should be reviewed after the first three years of its operation, and considered that the current secondment arrangement for staff and funding arrangement (i.e. the operating cost of FSDC to be met from the resources of FSB) would be maintained. The Government also pointed out that as the seconded staff possessed knowledge and expertise in various subject areas, they could help providing valuable inputs to facilitate the work and future development of FSDC. Given that officers were seconded from HKMA and SFC to the FSDC Secretariat, they were familiar with the operation of the regulators, and hence could facilitate FSDC's communication and co-ordination with them, especially in carrying out policy review and undertaking initiatives to promote Hong Kong's financial services industry.

23. During the discussion of the Government's proposal of creating the ED post in the FSDC Secretariat at the FA Panel meeting on 15 November 2016 and the ESC meeting on 4 January 2017, while some Members supported the proposal considering that the post help promote the development of financial industry in Hong Kong, some other Members cast doubt on the need for the post and opined that the current staff secondment arrangement appropriate. Some Members considered it more appropriate to leave to the new-term Government to decide on whether the proposed position should be created.

24. The Government explained that in view of the fast changing international economic landscape, a dedicated officer at a senior level was required to lead the FSDC Secretariat in supporting its work programme. In addition to assisting the FSDC Chairman and leading the FSDC Secretariat, the post holder would also be involved in policy research and industry surveys as well as maintain close liaison with the Government, regulatory and trade bodies. It was expected that the ED position, to be taken up by a person with sound knowledge and solid experience in the financial services industry, could enhance FSDC's work in promoting the development of the industry. The Government stressed that there was continuity in the work of the Government and such work would not be suspended by the change of the term of Government. That said, the new-term Government could review whether the work of FSDC should continue, redeploy the ED position or change the scope of its work where necessary.

Research work of the Financial Services Development Council

25. Some Members highlighted the need for FSDC to conduct in-depth study and propose measures to facilitate the development of the small and

medium-sized enterprises ("SMEs") in the financial services industry, including small and medium-sized securities firms, enabling them to operate under a level-playing field with large enterprises, and to help them access the Mainland market.

26. The Government and FSDC stressed that the role of FSDC was to advise on measures to enhance Hong Kong's business-friendly environment and capture new market opportunities for further development of the entire financial services sector taking a macro perspective rather than focusing on promoting the interests of particular groups of industry players like SMEs. FSDC had been engaging the industry through a bottom-up approach and taking into account the suggestions of various stakeholders. FSDC Council and some committees of FSDC also included representatives from small and medium-sized securities firms. FSDC would gauge the industry's views on ways to enhance human capital for future development of Hong Kong's financial services sector. It was expected that enhancement in human capital and manpower training would benefit SME firms which might encounter resources constraints in this area.

27. With a view to facilitating the development of green finance in Hong Kong, some Members urged FSDC to expedite study on subjects including exploring the feasibility of developing Hong Kong as a regional carbon trading platform, providing tax incentives to venture capital enterprises engaged in green finance business, awarding "Green Label" to green projects and formulating measures to encourage investors to invest in green projects considering the relative high investment risk and low investment return of such projects. Some members also sought information on the criteria for determining a green bond.

28. FSDC explained that green finance could refer to capital raising and financial investments flowing into any projects identified with green characteristics. There were potentials in developing green finance in Hong Kong. Though green finance was a relatively new subject area, following the outcome of international climate negotiations in Paris in December 2015 (COP21), governments round the world were proactively taking steps to develop green finance. The Central Government had put great emphasis on the subject, and had established a working group on green finance under the People's Bank of China. Moreover, with the promulgation of the Principles for Responsible Investment by the United Nations, more and more enterprises were incorporating green elements such as environmental, social and corporate governance issues into their investment projects.

29. As regards members' enquiry on the criteria for determining a green bond, FSDC responded that rating agencies had developed the labeling/certification process to facilitate identification of "green characteristics" of bond products. A few local companies had issued green bonds in London given that the relevant labeling/certification market for green bonds in the United Kingdom was relatively more mature. The Government advised that it was working together with the Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency in developing a Green Labeling Scheme for the implementation of green finance in Hong Kong.

30. At the FA Panel meeting on 3 January 2017, some Members suggested that FSDC should study the development of Fintech in Hong Kong, in particular to formulate measures to facilitate small and medium-sized securities firms in adopting Fintech in their business including providing financial support to these firms in developing Fintech.

31. The Government pointed out that the Financial Secretary had included in the 2016-17 Budgets a number of measures to facilitate the development of Fintech in Hong Kong, including the provision of financial support to Fintech start-ups and financial institutions. Moreover, SFC had already set up a coordination office to liaise with the securities industry with a view to identifying innovative financial products and services that could be introduced in Hong Kong.

32. While noting that the main objective of FSDC was to promote the development of Hong Kong's financial services industry, some Members opined that it was equally important to ensure proper regulation of its financial activities and strengthen investor protection, especially with increasing integration of the Hong Kong securities market with those of the Mainland. These Members considered that FSDC should conduct research on market regulation and strengthening investor protection.

33. FSDC advised that Hong Kong's regulatory regime was sound and all listed entities in Hong Kong were required to comply with the Listing Rules and other relevant regulatory requirements. As regards investor protection, the Investor Education Centre was responsible for investor education in Hong Kong, while FSDC recognized the need in delivering a clear message to Hong Kong investors in investing overseas (including the Mainland) that they should be aware of the risks involved and seek to understand the relevant regulatory regimes, including the regulations concerned and the investor protection measures available. FSDC would continue to explore opportunities brought by integration of the Hong Kong and Mainland markets.

Timeframe for implementation of proposals put forth by the Financial Services Development Council

34. Members expressed concern at several FA Panel meetings about the timeframe for taking forward the recommendations of FSDC, and enquired about the progress of the Government and the regulators in taking forward the various recommendations. Some Members stressed the importance to implement FSDC's proposals timely as circumstances in the global and local financial markets were changing rapidly, and called on the Government to work out the plans in this regard.

35. The Government advised that it would take time to examine the feasibility of FSDC's recommendations and consult a wider catchment of stakeholders on FSDC's proposals, some of which require amendments to legislation, such as proposals relating to the existing taxation and regulatory regimes in Hong Kong. Moreover, while some of FSDC's proposals could be pursued when the necessary legislative amendments were in place, others would hinge on the relevant Mainland policies and its pace of financial market liberalization. Hence, it was necessary for the Government to observe the developments in related issues in considering the plans and timing for implementing these proposals.⁵ FSDC added that it would closely monitor the progress in taking forward the various recommendations and inform the public of the latest development through FSDC's annual reports.

36. At the FA meeting on 15 November 2016, some Members enquired about the progress in taking forward the recommendations of FSDC regarding the issuing of green bonds by the Government and whether the Government would consider providing tax incentives to encourage corporates to issue green bonds.

37. The Government considered that it would be more practicable to invite the public sector bodies to consider issuance of green bonds. Second party opinion or third party verification was required for the issuance of green bonds. Issuers in Hong Kong would need to obtain the said certification from other jurisdictions (mainly in Europe) given that Hong Kong did not have the relevant framework for such certification work. The Government would study measures to facilitate the issuance of green bonds in Hong Kong, focusing initially on the certification process. Green finance was a new area in the financial service industry and only a few

⁵ Upon request of FA Panel at the meeting on 3 January 2017, the Government has provided information on its responses to FSDC's reports and the progress in taking forward the various recommendations (LC Paper No. CB(1)676/16-17(02), hyperlinked in Appendix III).

jurisdictions were studying the provision of tax incentives to corporates in this regard.

Council questions

38. Members raised questions relating to the establishment and work of FSDC at the LegCo meetings of 31 October 2012, 8 May 2013, 15 October 2014 and 25 March 2015. Issues covered in the questions include the specific targets of FSDC on the development of the banking industry, the measures to avoid duplication of efforts and fragmentation of responsibilities in FSDC and the financial regulatory authorities, FSDC's consultation work with the professional bodies relating to the financial services industry, arrangements for declaration of interests by members of FSDC, policy development proposals of FSDC on the Mainland/Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement, and FSDC's recommendations to address the manpower demand of the financial services industry. The questions and the Government's responses are hyperlinked in **Appendix III**.

Latest development

39. The Government will brief FA Panel at the meeting on 6 November 2017 on its proposal to incorporate FSDC as a company limited by guarantee and to provide funding to FSDC through subvention.

Relevant papers

40. A list of relevant papers is contained in **Appendix III**.

Financial Services Development Council

Terms of Reference

1. To conduct policy research and industry surveys for the formulation of proposals to the Government and regulators;
2. To work with regulatory and trade bodies to identify new opportunities for, and any constraints on, the sustainable growth and diversity of the financial services industry;
3. To maintain a dialogue with the relevant bodies on the Mainland and overseas to support Hong Kong's financial services industry in accessing new markets and growth areas;
4. To facilitate the upgrading of skills and expertise through collaboration with education and training institutions, trade bodies and practitioners; and
5. To promote, on the Mainland and overseas, our financial services industry and Hong Kong as an international financial centre through seminars, road shows, publications, and through active participation in international events.

[Source: Website of the Financial Services Development Council]

**List of reports published by
The Financial Services Development Council**

(As at 12 October 2017)

| Date | Subject |
|----------------|--|
| November 2013 | <u>Strengthening Hong Kong as a Leading Global International Financial Centre</u> |
| November 2013 | <u>Proposals to Advance the Development of Hong Kong as an Offshore Renminbi Centre</u> |
| November 2013 | <u>Development and Reform of Mainland China's Financial Sector and the Strengthening and Enhancement of Hong Kong's Pivotal Role as a Financial Centre</u> |
| November 2013 | <u>Developing Hong Kong as a Capital Formation Centre for Real Estate Investment Trusts</u> |
| November 2013 | <u>Proposals on Legal and Regulatory Framework for Open-ended Investment Companies in Hong Kong</u> |
| November 2013 | <u>Synopsis Paper Proposing Tax Exemptions and Anti-avoidance Measures on Private Equity Funds in the 2013-2014 Budget</u> |
| April 2014 | <u>Pilot Scheme for Training Courses</u> |
| April 2014 | <u>Promotional Activities by the Financial Services Development Council</u> |
| June 2014 | <u>Positioning Hong Kong as an International IPO Centre of Choice</u> |
| September 2014 | <u>Policy Development Proposals on the "Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement"</u> |
| December 2014 | <u>Disclosure of Interests Regime in Hong Kong</u> |
| December 2014 | <u>Developing Hong Kong as an Offshore RMB-denominated Reinsurance Centre</u> |

| Date | Subject |
|----------------|---|
| January 2015 | <u>Developing Hong Kong's Human Capital in Financial Services</u> |
| April 2015 | <u>Chinese Enterprises "Going Global" : Opportunities and Hong Kong's Policy Responses</u> |
| September 2015 | <u>Enhancing Hong Kong's Role as a Centre for Regional and International Financial Institution Operations: Booking</u> |
| October 2015 | <u>Strengthening Hong Kong as a Capital Formation Centre for Exchange Traded Funds</u> |
| December 2015 | <u>A Paper on Limited Partnership for Private Equity Funds</u> |
| December 2015 | <u>A Paper on the Tax Issues on Open-ended Fund Companies and Profits Tax Exemption for Offshore Private Equity Funds</u> |
| December 2015 | <u>Strengthening Hong Kong as a Retail Fund Distribution Centre</u> |
| February 2016 | <u>Hong Kong's Position Limits Regime for Exchange-traded Derivatives – the Need for Revision</u> |
| March 2016 | <u>Introducing a Regulatory Framework for Equity Crowdfunding in Hong Kong</u> |
| April 2016 | <u>Recommendations for Capitalising on the Unique Advantages of Hong Kong in the Process of Renminbi Capital Account Convertibility</u> |
| May 2016 | <u>Hong Kong as a Regional Green Finance Hub</u> |
| November 2016 | <u>Proposal on the Mainland-Hong Kong Bond Market Connect</u> |
| December 2016 | <u>The 13th Five-Year Plan: Opportunities for the Hong Kong Financial Industry and Policy Recommendations</u> |
| December 2016 | <u>A Paper on Tax Issues Affecting Hong Kong to Become a Preferred Location for Regional and International Financial Institutions to Originate and Trade International Financial Products</u> |
| March 2017 | <u>Turning Crisis into Opportunities: Hong Kong as an Insurance Hub with Development Focuses on Reinsurance, Marine and Captive</u> |

| Date | Subject |
|----------------|---|
| April 2017 | <u>Optimising Hong Kong's Listed Structured Products Market</u> |
| May 2017 | <u>The Future of FinTech in Hong Kong</u> |
| May 2017 | <u>Hong Kong – Building Trust Using Distributed Ledger Technology</u> |
| July 2017 | <u>Recommendations for Developing Hong Kong as an Aircraft Leasing and Financing Hub</u> |
| July 2017 | <u>Proposals to Extend Offshore Private Equity Fund Tax Exemption to Hong Kong Businesses</u> |
| September 2017 | <u>A Proposal for the Introduction of Group Tax Loss Relief in Hong Kong</u> |

[Source: Website of the Financial Services Development Council]

Appendix III

List of relevant papers

| Date | Event | Paper/Minutes of meeting |
|-----------------|--|--|
| 31 October 2012 | Oral question on "Development of Banking Industry" raised by Hon NG Leung-sing | Hansard (pages 65-74) |
| December 2012 | - | Preparatory Task Force's Report on the Setting Up of a Financial Services Development Council ("FSDC") |
| 16 January 2013 | 2013 Policy Address | 2013 Policy Address (paragraph 16 on FSDC) |
| 17 January 2013 | Appointments to FSDC | Press release |
| 28 January 2013 | Special meeting of the Panel on Financial Affairs ("FA Panel") | Administration's paper (paragraphs 6-9) (LC Paper No. CB(1)422/12-13(01)) Minutes (paragraphs 2-14) (LC Paper No. CB(1)1403/12-13) |
| 4 February 2013 | Meeting of the FA Panel | FSDC's paper (LC Paper No. CB(1)484/12-13(04)) Fact sheet on FSDC (Chinese version only) (LC Paper No. FS21/12-13) Minutes (paragraphs 24-55) (LC Paper No. CB(1)930/12-13) |
| 5 April 2013 | Appointments to committees of FSDC | Press release |

| Date | Event | Paper/Minutes of meeting |
|----------------|--|---|
| April 2013 | Special meeting of Finance Committee for examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2013-2014 | <p><u>Written questions raised by members in relation to FSDC</u> (Reply serial numbers: FSTB(FS)012, 016, 033, 044, 063, 071, 082, 089, 118, 126, 129, 145 and S-FSTB(FS)02)</p> <p><u>Minutes</u> (paragraphs 3.8-3.9)</p> |
| 8 May 2013 | Written question raised by Hon Emily LAU on "Arrangements for declaration of interests by members of the Financial Services Development Council" | <p><u>Hansard</u> (pages 105-107)</p> |
| 6 January 2014 | Meeting of the FA Panel | <p><u>FSDC's paper</u> (LC Paper No. CB(1)625/13-14(03))</p> <p><u>Background brief</u> (LC Paper No. CB(1)625/13-14(05))</p> <p><u>Minutes</u> (paragraphs 8-31) (LC Paper No. CB(1)1310/13-14)</p> <p><u>Follow-up paper</u> (LC Paper No. CB(1)2065/13-14(02))</p> |
| 31 March 2014 | Special meeting of Finance Committee for examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2014-2015 | <p><u>Written questions raised by members in relation to FSDC</u> (Reply serial numbers: FSTB(FS)010, 015, 037, 095, 102 and 103)</p> <p><u>Minutes</u> (paragraphs 4.9-4.11)</p> |

| Date | Event | Paper/Minutes of meeting |
|-----------------|--|--|
| 14 July 2014 | FSDC released its Annual Report 2013/14 | Annual Report |
| 15 October 2014 | Written question raised by Hon NG Leung-sing on "Implementation of the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement in financial services" | Hansard (pages 201 - 202) |
| 16 January 2015 | The Government announced re-appointment of Chairman and 14 incumbent members of FSDC, and appointment of seven new members for a term of two years | Press release (including membership list of FSDC with effect from 17 January 2015) |
| 25 March 2015 | Written question raised by Hon Kenneth LEUNG on "Manpower planning for various professions in Hong Kong" | Hansard (pages 110-112) |

| Date | Event | Paper/Minutes of meeting |
|------------------|--|---|
| March/April 2015 | Special meeting of Finance Committee for examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-2016 | <p><u>Written questions raised by members in relation to FSDC</u> (Reply serial numbers: FSTB(FS)024, 036, 075, 095 and 097)</p> <p><u>Supplementary question raised by a member in relation to FSDC</u> (Reply serial numbers: S-FSTB(FS)04)</p> <p><u>Minutes</u> (paragraphs 5.9-5.10)</p> |
| 2 April 2015 | The Government announced re-appointment of 21 incumbent members and appointment of 13 new members to FSDC committees | <u>Press release</u> (including membership list of FSDC committees with effect from 5 April 2015) |
| 13 April 2015 | Meeting of the FA Panel | <p><u>FSDC's paper</u> (LC Paper No. CB(1)696/14-15(03))</p> <p><u>Updated background brief</u> (LC Paper No. CB(1)696/14-15(04))</p> <p><u>Minutes</u> (paragraphs 27-56) (LC Paper No. CB(1)962/14-15)</p> |
| May 2015 | FSDC released its Annual Report 2014/15 | <u>Annual Report</u> |

| Date | Event | Paper/Minutes of meeting |
|------------------|--|--|
| 4 January 2016 | Meeting of the FA Panel | <p>FSDC's paper (LC Paper No. CB(1)358/15-16(03))</p> <p>Updated background brief (LC Paper No. CB(1)358/15-16(04))</p> <p>Minutes (paragraphs 5-24) (LC Paper No. CB(1)485/15-16)</p> |
| April 2016 | Special meeting of Finance Committee for examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2016-2017 | <p>Written questions raised by members in relation to FSDC (Reply serial numbers: FSTB(FS)036, 049, 105 and 107)</p> |
| May 2016 | FSDC released its Annual Report 2015/16 | <p>Annual Report</p> |
| 15 November 2016 | Meeting of the FA Panel | <p>Administration's paper (LC Paper No. CB(1)78/16-17(05))</p> <p>Background brief (LC Paper No. CB(1)78/16-17(06))</p> <p>Minutes (paragraphs 48-66) (LC Paper No. CB(1)364/16-17)</p> |
| 3 January 2017 | Meeting of the FA Panel | <p>FSDC's paper (LC Paper No. CB(1)363/16-17(03))</p> <p>Updated background brief (LC Paper No. CB(1)363/16-17(04))</p> <p>Minutes (paragraphs 74-88) (LC Paper No. CB(1)755/16-17)</p> <p>Follow-up paper (LC Paper No. CB(1)676/16-17(02))</p> |

| Date | Event | Paper/Minutes of meeting |
|------------------|--|--|
| 4 January 2017 | Meeting of the Establishment Subcommittee | Administration's paper (Item No. EC(2016-17)20) Minutes (LC Paper No. ESC54/16-17) |
| 12 January 2017 | The Government announced appointments of FSDC and the five committees under FSDC | Press release (including membership list of FSDC and the five committees under FSDC with effect from 17 January 2017) |
| March/April 2017 | Special meeting of Finance Committee for examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2017-2018 | Written questions raised by members in relation to FSDC (Reply serial numbers: FSTB(FS)001, 002, 004 and 093) Minutes (paragraphs 8.13-8.18) |
| May 2017 | FSDC released its Annual Report 2016/17 | Annual Report |