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**Subcommittee on Proposed Resolutions under
Construction Industry Council Ordinance and
Pneumoconiosis and Mesothelioma (Compensation) Ordinance**

The captioned Subcommittee had, at its meeting on 6 June 2018, completed scrutiny of the proposed resolutions under the Construction Industry Council Ordinance (Cap. 587) and the Pneumoconiosis and Mesothelioma (Compensation) Ordinance (Cap. 360) ("PMCO") in respect of raising the levy thresholds under the respective Ordinances, and reported its deliberations at the House Committee meeting on 15 June 2018. The report of the Subcommittee is available at: https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr17-18/english/hc/sub_leg/sc11/reports/sc11_rpt.htm. The proposed resolutions were passed at the Council meeting of 27 June 2018.

2. In the course of deliberations, members were keenly concerned about how the accumulated fund under Pneumoconiosis Compensation Fund could be better used to support the patients suffering from pneumoconiosis or mesothelioma (or both) as well as their families. Members demanded the Administration to conduct a comprehensive review of the statutory compensation under PMCO.

3. Given the ambit of the proposed resolutions under scrutiny, the Chairman and members of the Subcommittee generally considered that the wider policy issues relating to the review of the statutory compensation under PMCO largely fall outside the purview of the Subcommittee. The Subcommittee agreed that the relevant issues would be referred to the Panel on Manpower, including deciding whether and when a public hearing shall be arranged to receive views from stakeholders, in particular the patients concerned, their families and relevant patient groups.

4. In the above connection, I should be grateful if you would bring the matter to the attention of the Chairman of the Panel on Manpower.



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c.c. Hon HO Kai-ming (Chairman of the Subcommittee)