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Paper for the House Committee meeting on 15 March 2019

Priority allocation of a debate slot for a motion debate on the Report of the Subcommittee to Follow Up Issues Relating to the Unified Screening Mechanism for Non-refoulement Claims

Purpose

This paper invites Members to consider the request of the Subcommittee to Follow Up Issues Relating to the Unified Screening Mechanism for Non-refoulement Claims ("the Subcommittee") for the priority allocation of a debate slot under rule 14A(h) of the House Rules ("HR") for a motion debate on its Report at the Council meeting of 15 May 2019.

Report of the Subcommittee

- 2. The Subcommittee was appointed by the House Committee ("HC") on 28 October 2016 to follow up issues relating to non-refoulement claims (including but not limited to the arrangements of the unified screening mechanism, legal aid arrangements, prosecution policy, welfare and schooling arrangements, housing arrangements for non-refoulement claimants awaiting screening, as well as law and order issues caused by these claimants), and make timely recommendations.
- 3. The Subcommittee commenced work in March 2018 and held a total of seven meetings to discuss with the Administration and gauge views from deputations on a number of issues of concern. Upon completion of its work, the Subcommittee has summarized its discussions and drawn up a number of recommendations as set out in its Report submitted to HC on 1 March 2019 (LC Paper No. CB(2) 874/18-19).

Motion debate

- 4. In view of wide public concern on issues relating to the unified screening mechanism for non-refoulement claims, the Subcommittee considers that an opportunity should be provided for Members to express their views on the subject and for the Administration to provide its response. The Subcommittee has therefore proposed that HC's approval be sought for the priority allocation of a debate slot under HR14A(h) for moving a motion for debate on the Report of the Subcommittee at a Council meeting. The wording of the motion is in the **Appendix**.
- 5. HR14A(h) provides that Panels, other committees and subcommittees of the Council 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. Having regard to the schedule of Council meetings in March and April 2019 and the anticipated businesses to be transacted, it has been proposed to hold the aforesaid motion debate at the Council meeting of 15 May 2019. It has also been proposed that in addition to the debate on the motion on the Report of the Subcommittee, only one other debate on a Member's motion not intended to have legislative effect should be held at the same Council meeting.
- 6. Subject to HC's agreement to allocate a debate slot, Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, Chairman of the then Subcommittee, will move the motion on the Report of the Subcommittee for debate at the Council meeting of 15 May 2019. Pursuant to HR14A(h), the debate slot would not be counted as Dr QUAT's own slot.

Advice sought

7. Members are invited to consider the Subcommittee's request for priority allocation of a debate slot under HR14A(h) as set out in paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

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2019 年 5 月 15 日(星期三) 立法會會議席上葛珮帆議員就 "跟進免遣返聲請統一審核機制有關事宜小組委員會的報告" 提出的議案

議案措辭

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(Translation)

Motion on "Report of the Subcommittee to Follow Up Issues Relating to the Unified Screening Mechanism for Non-refoulement Claims" to be moved by Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT at the Council meeting of Wednesday, 15 May 2019

Wording of the Motion

"That this Council notes the Report of the Subcommittee to Follow Up Issues Relating to the Unified Screening Mechanism for Non-refoulement Claims."