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**Amendments to Hon POON Siu-ping's motion on
"Policy on unemployment loan"**

Further to LC Paper No. CB(3) 595/20-21 issued on 26 May 2021, the President has given permission for Hon LUK Chung-hung and Hon Vincent CHENG to move amendments to Hon POON Siu-ping's motion, and has directed that the amendments be printed in the terms in which they were handed in on the Agenda of the Council.

2. The President will order a joint debate on the above motion and the amendments. I set out below the relevant proceedings in which the President will:

- (a) call upon the motion mover to speak and move the motion;
- (b) propose the question on the motion;
- (c) call upon the Members who wish to move amendments to the motion to speak in the following order, but no amendment is to be moved at this stage:
 - (i) Hon LUK Chung-hung; and
 - (ii) Hon Vincent CHENG;
- (d) call upon the public officer(s) to speak;

- (e) invite other Members to speak;
- (f) call upon the motion mover to speak on the amendments;
- (g) call upon the public officer(s) to speak again;
- (h) deal with the amendments in the order set out in paragraph (c) above, i.e. first invite the mover of the first amendment to move the amendment and forthwith propose and put to vote the question on the amendment, and thereafter proceed to deal with the remaining amendment(s); and
- (i) after all amendments have been dealt with, call upon the motion mover to reply, and then put to vote the question on the motion, or the motion as amended, as the case may be.

3. For Members' reference, the terms of the original motion and the marked-up version of the amendments are set out in the **Appendix**.

4. Members are reminded that in accordance with Appendix IIIA to the House Rules, the **maximum duration of this joint debate (including voting) is four hours**. The motion mover will have a total of 10 minutes to make introductory speech and reply, and another five minutes to speak on the amendment(s). The mover(s) of the amendment(s) and other Members may each speak once up to a maximum of five minutes. The public officer(s) will not be subject to any speaking time limit.

5. Members are also invited to note that the above motion was originally scheduled for the Council meeting of 9 June 2021 and has now been rescheduled to the Council meeting of 16 June 2021.

(Miranda HON)
for Clerk to the Legislative Council

Encl.

(Translation)

**Motion debate on
“Policy on unemployment loan”**

1. Hon POON Siu-ping’s original motion

That this Council urges the Government to formulate a sustainable policy on unemployment loan and, prior to that, the Government should continue the 100% Personal Loan Guarantee Scheme to help the unemployed alleviate their financial pressure.

2. Motion as amended by Hon LUK Chung-hung

That *the rampant COVID-19 epidemic has led to a global economic downturn of which Hong Kong cannot be spared, with many industries having been dealt a heavy blow, the overall unemployment and underemployment rates remaining high and people’s daily lives being gravely affected; some academics and experts anticipated that it would be difficult for the Hong Kong economy to fully recover within a short period of time; in this connection,* this Council urges the Government to formulate a sustainable policy on unemployment loan and, prior to that, the Government should *immediately introduce a cash allowance for unemployment and suspension of work, subject to a ceiling of \$9,000 for a six-month payment period, and* continue the 100% Personal Loan Guarantee Scheme ~~to help with the~~ *beneficiaries of the Scheme expanded to the underemployed and people taking no-pay leave, so as to improve the unemployment assistance scheme, thereby helping* the unemployed alleviate their financial pressure.

Note: Hon LUK Chung-hung’s amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

3. Motion as amended by Hon Vincent CHENG

That *as Hong Kong has all along lacked a comprehensive unemployment protection system, the unemployed often face heavier financial pressure particularly in times of economic downturn; in this connection,* this Council urges the Government to formulate a sustainable policy on unemployment loan and, prior to that, the Government should continue the 100% Personal Loan Guarantee Scheme ~~to help~~ *and conduct a study on the arrangement for an*

unemployment assistance, so as to improve the unemployment protection system, thereby helping the unemployed alleviate their financial pressure.

Note: Hon Vincent CHENG's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.