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From : Clerk to the Legislative Council

To : All Members of the Legislative Council

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**Council meeting of 28 June 2023**

**Amendments to Hon Holden CHOW's motion on  
"Strengthening child-minding services"**

Further to the email (LC Paper No. CB(3)503/2023) issued on 14 June 2023, the President has given permission for three Members (Dr Hon Hoey Simon LEE, Hon Kenneth LEUNG and Hon KWOK Wai-keung) to move amendments to Hon Holden CHOW'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) Dr Hon Hoey Simon LEE;
  - (ii) Hon KWOK Wai-keung; and
  - (iii) Hon Kenneth LEUNG;
- (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. The terms of the original motion and the marked-up version of the amendments (LC Paper No. CB(3)539/2023(01)) are attached for Members' easy reference. The amendments are also accessible via the hyperlink below: <https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr2023/english/counmtg/motion/cm20230628m-chdh.htm>

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 (paragraph 2(a) and (i) above refers), and another five minutes to speak on the amendment(s) (paragraph 2(f) above refers). The mover(s) of the amendment(s) and other Members may each speak once up to a maximum of five minutes.

5. For enquiries, please contact **Miss Mandy NG at tel. no. 3919 3307**.

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for Clerk to the Legislative Council

Encl.

(Translation)

**Motion debate on  
“Strengthening child-minding services”**

**1. Hon Holden CHOW’s original motion**

That this Council urges the Government to actively strengthen child care services provided in a home-based or centre-based setting so as to ease child care pressure on dual-income parents.

**2. Motion as amended by Dr Hon Hoey Simon LEE**

That *the fertility rate of Hong Kong has been persistently on the low side in recent years; due to factors such as post-epidemic changes in the economic environment, higher child-raising costs, and more women choosing to realize self-worth in the workplace, Hong Kong people’s childbearing aspirations have declined further;* this Council urges the Government to actively strengthen child care services provided in a home-based or centre-based setting, *and in particular, solve the problem of insufficient daytime child-minding places for children aged 0-3,* so as to ease child care pressure on dual-income parents.

Note: Dr Hon Hoey Simon LEE’s amendment is marked in *bold and italic type*.

**3. Motion as amended by Hon KWOK Wai-keung**

That *the birth rate in Hong Kong has been declining continuously; according to the State of World Population 2023 published by the United Nations Population Fund, the average number of children born to each woman in Hong Kong is only 0.8, which is among the lowest in the world, hence* this Council urges the Government to actively strengthen child care services provided in a home-based ~~or~~ *and* centre-based ~~setting~~ *settings, including providing training for home-based child carers and raising the allowance to attract more people to become home-based child carers,* so as to ease child care pressure on dual-income parents, *ethnic minority and single-parent families, and parents of children with special educational needs.*

Note: Hon KWOK Wai-keung’s amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

#### **4. Motion as amended by Hon Kenneth LEUNG**

That this Council urges the Government to, *based on the principle of 'Educare'*, actively strengthen child care services provided in a home-based or centre-based setting, *including increasing subvented places of child care services for children aged below two, enhancing the manning ratio of child care centres, and upgrading the software and hardware facilities and service standards of home-based care providers or care centres*, so as to ease child care pressure on dual-income parents.

Note: Hon Kenneth LEUNG's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type*.