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To : All Members of the Legislative Council

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**Council meeting of 12 June 2024**

**Amendments to Hon LAM So-wai's motion on  
"Reviewing Hong Kong's mental health policy"**

The President has given permission for three Members (Hon Lillian KWOK, Hon CHAN Pui-leung and Dr Hon Hoey Simon LEE) to move amendments to Hon LAM So-wai's motion. The terms of the original motion and the marked-up version of the amendments (LC Paper No. CB(3)458/2024(01)) are **attached** for Members' information.

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 Lillian KWOK;
  - (ii) Hon CHAN Pui-leung; and
  - (iii) Dr Hon Hoey Simon LEE;
- (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. 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.

(Jessica CHAN)  
for Clerk to the Legislative Council

Encl.

(Translation)

**Motion debate on  
“Reviewing Hong Kong’s mental health policy”**

**1. Hon LAM So-wai’s original motion**

That the 14th Five-Year National Health Plan has identified seven tasks, including improving mental well-being and mental health services; recently, quite a number of tragedies relating to persons in mental recovery have occurred in Hong Kong, arousing extensive concern in society; the waiting time for psychiatric specialist outpatient (‘SOP’) services at Hong Kong’s public hospitals is long, and according to the information of the Hospital Authority, from April 2023 to March 2024, the waiting time for new psychiatric SOP cases in the New Territories East Cluster is the longest, reaching 99 weeks, which is a worrying situation; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to:

- (1) review the existing mental health policy;
- (2) allocate additional resources to public healthcare institutions for improving mental health services;
- (3) strengthen the cooperation between public and private healthcare institutions in the area of psychiatric treatment, so as to shorten the waiting time for psychiatric SOP services; and
- (4) subsidize persons in mental recovery to seek consultation at private healthcare institutions, so as to alleviate the pressure on the psychiatric services of public healthcare institutions.

**2. Motion as amended by Hon Lillian KWOK**

That *in 2012, the country passed the Mental Health Law of the People’s Republic of China, which covers strengthening the psychological health promotion and mental disorder prevention as well as improving the level of psychological health of the public, while* the 14th Five-Year National Health Plan has identified seven tasks, including improving mental well-being and mental health services; recently, quite a number of tragedies relating to persons in mental recovery have occurred in Hong Kong, arousing extensive concern in society; the waiting time for psychiatric specialist outpatient (‘SOP’) services at Hong Kong’s public hospitals is long, and according to the information of the Hospital Authority, from April 2023 to March 2024, the waiting time for new psychiatric SOP cases in the New Territories East Cluster is the longest, reaching

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- (4) subsidize persons in mental recovery to seek consultation at private healthcare institutions, so as to alleviate the pressure on the psychiatric services of public healthcare institutions;
- (5) *optimize the three-tiered service model of the community psychiatric services, making good use of professionals in the counselling profession, art therapy, family therapy and so on to support mental health services; and*
- (6) *incorporate mental health in the scope of primary healthcare services, providing preliminary psychological counselling services at District Health Centres.*

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

### **3. Motion as amended by Hon CHAN Pui-leung**

That *as the World Health Organization points out, 'there is no health without mental health'*; the 14th Five-Year National Health Plan has identified seven tasks, including improving mental well-being and mental health services; recently, quite a number of tragedies relating to persons in mental recovery have occurred in Hong Kong, arousing extensive concern in society; the waiting time for psychiatric specialist outpatient ('SOP') services at Hong Kong's public hospitals is long, and according to the information of the Hospital Authority, from April 2023 to March 2024, the waiting time for new psychiatric SOP cases in the New Territories East Cluster is the longest, reaching 99 weeks, which is a worrying situation; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to:

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- (4) subsidize persons in mental recovery to seek consultation at private healthcare institutions, so as to alleviate the pressure on the psychiatric services of public healthcare institutions; *and*
- (5) *strengthen mental health support services in primary healthcare and enhance public awareness of mental health.*

Note: Hon CHAN Pui-leung's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

#### **4. Motion as amended by Dr Hon Hoey Simon LEE**

That the 14th Five-Year National Health Plan has identified seven tasks, including improving mental well-being and mental health services; recently, quite a number of tragedies relating to persons in mental recovery have occurred in Hong Kong, arousing extensive concern in society; the waiting time for psychiatric specialist outpatient ('SOP') services at Hong Kong's public hospitals is long, and according to the information of the Hospital Authority, from April 2023 to March 2024, the waiting time for new psychiatric SOP cases in the New Territories East Cluster is the longest, reaching 99 weeks, which is a worrying situation; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to:

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- (4) subsidize persons in mental recovery to seek consultation at private healthcare institutions, so as to alleviate the pressure on the psychiatric services of public healthcare institutions; *and*

- (5) *collaborate with non-governmental organizations to provide daytime child-minding services for children with mental health problems, so as to support the primary carers of these families.*

Note: Dr Hon Hoey Simon LEE's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.