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From: Clerk to the Legislative Council

To : All Members of the Legislative Council

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## Amendments to Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok's motion on "Establishing a top-level dedicated structure to devise a population policy"

The President has given permission for Hon Kenneth LEUNG and Hon Nixie LAM to move amendments to Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok's motion. The terms of the original motion and the marked-up version of the amendments (LC Paper No. CB(1)856/2025(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 Kenneth LEUNG; and
    - (ii) Hon Nixie LAM;
  - (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 "Establishing a top-level dedicated structure to devise a population policy"

### 1. Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok's original motion

That according to the latest projections on Hong Kong's future population and manpower, Hong Kong is facing challenges such as a persistently low birth rate, a continuous ageing trend in the population and a gradually declining labour force participation rate, and there will be serious manpower shortage in different industries and at different levels of the occupational hierarchy; in this connection, this Council urges the SAR Government to face up to the demographic changes in Hong Kong as early as possible and establish a top-level structure dedicated to devising a population policy, and through strengthening interdepartmental coordination and tying in with the development of the 'eight centres', to carry out comprehensive planning that meets the needs of different economic sectors and various public services, so as to promote short, medium and long-term population policies for the sustainable development of Hong Kong's economy and society.

## 2. Motion as amended by Hon Kenneth LEUNG

That population development is not only related to national rejuvenation, but also closely related to the long-term prosperity and stability of Hong Kong; according to the latest projections on Hong Kong's future population and manpower, Hong Kong is facing challenges such as a persistently low birth rate, a continuous ageing trend in the population and a gradually declining labour force participation rate, and there will be serious manpower shortage in different industries and at different levels of the occupational hierarchy; in this connection, this Council urges the SAR Government to face up to the demographic changes in Hong Kong as early as possible and establish improve the strategy and policy system on population development, including establishing a top-level structure dedicated to devising a population policy, conducting ongoing and targeted research on and deployment for Hong Kong's population development, and setting a total population target, and through strengthening interdepartmental coordination and tying in with the development of the 'eight centres', to carry out comprehensive planning that meets the needs of different economic sectors and various public services, so as to promote short, medium and long-term population policies for the high-quality development of Hong Kong's population, and the enhancement of the city's scale and vibrancy, thereby allowing the sustainable development of Hong Kong's economy and society.

<u>Note</u>: Hon Kenneth LEUNG's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

### 3. Motion as amended by Hon Nixie LAM

That our country advocates supporting Chinese modernization with high-quality population development; according to the latest projections on Hong Kong's future population and manpower, Hong Kong is facing challenges such as a persistently low birth rate, a continuous ageing trend in the population and a gradually declining labour force participation rate, and there will be serious manpower shortage in different industries and at different levels of the occupational hierarchy; in this connection, this Council urges the SAR Government to face up to the demographic changes in Hong Kong as early as possible and establish a top-level structure dedicated to devising a population policy, and through strengthening interdepartmental coordination and tying in with the development of the 'eight centres', to carry out comprehensive planning that meets the needs of different economic sectors and various public services, so as to promote short, medium and long-term population policies for the sustainable development of Hong Kong's economy and society; this Council also urges the SAR Government to, having regard to the practical concerns and other influencing factors currently faced by Hong Kong people in making decisions on childbearing, introduce practicable and more targeted support measures, and facilitate the development of assisted reproductive technology and services, so as to promote the long-term balanced development of population.

Note: Hon Nixie LAM's amendment is marked in **bold and italic type**.