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**Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok's motion on
“Establishing a top-level dedicated structure to devise a population policy”**

Wording of the 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.