

**President's Ruling on Mr. Fred Li's Question on  
Provision of Health Services for the Elderly  
(Anticipation Rule)**

Honourable Members, we will start the sitting with questions. The first question will be asked by Mr. Fred Li. Although the thrust of his question is on the provision of health services for the elderly, the last part of his question, that is, part (c), asks whether the Government will consider lowering the age limit for eligibility to receive medical services at concessionary rates to 60 years of age.

Subsequent to the issue of the Order Paper, I have received notice of a motion from Mr. Li himself for debate at the sitting of this Council on 22 May and have directed under Standing Orders that the motion be printed in the terms in which it was handed in. The motion urges the Government to provide half-fee concession to elderly persons aged 60 and above when charging them for general public medical services.

Under the rule of anticipation, a matter must not be anticipated if it is contained in a more effective form of proceeding than the proceeding by which it is sought to be anticipated. As a motion is a more effective form of proceeding than a question, I have therefore disallowed part (c) of Mr. Li's question which anticipates his own motion and is therefore out of order. Mr. Li may still ask parts (a) and (b) of his question.