

**Subcommittee on
District Councils Ordinance
(Amendment of Schedules 1 and 3) Order 2013**

**Response to Issues Raised by the Subcommittee
at the Meeting on 6 January 2014**

Purpose

This paper sets out the Administration's response to the issues raised by Members at the meeting of the Subcommittee on District Councils Ordinance (Amendment of Schedules 1 and 3) Order 2013 held on 6 January 2014.

School net arrangement

2. For the concerns of the two public secondary schools in the area of the two District Council constituency areas ("DCCAs") on the school net arrangement, as pointed out at the meeting on 6 January, to facilitate the concerned schools and students to adjust to the change in school net, the Education Bureau is prepared to follow the established practice to allow these two secondary schools to net some school places to the Eastern District for Central Allocation to primary students studying in schools in the district, in principle, in each Secondary School Places Allocation cycle until the 2014 Primary One cohort is admitted to Secondary One in the 2020/21 school year. The Education Bureau will consult stakeholders and schools on the number of places concerned. The Education Bureau has engaged the two secondary schools on the relevant arrangements and the schools have indicated in-principle agreement to these arrangements. The Education Bureau will also follow up on the views of the schools on other facilitating arrangements and render necessary assistance.

Statistical data

3. Some Members hoped that the Census and Statistics Department ("C&SD") could provide statistical data of the two DCCAs as far as practicable to facilitate research organizations to make comparison of the statistical data of the Wan Chai District and the Eastern District before and after the transfer of the two DCCAs. At present, population

censuses/by-censuses covered a wide range of information such as demographic, educational, economic, household and housing statistics down to the DCCA level. Research organizations could readily make use of the information for their comparison and study.

4. Separately, a Member mentioned the existing practice that C&SD will, on a cost recovery basis, provide assistance in compiling tailor-made statistics from past population censuses according to specific users' requirements to facilitate academic research. He asked whether the service will continue to be provided by C&SD after the two DCCAs are transferred to the Wan Chai District. C&SD confirmed that it will continue to provide the service as far as practicable on a cost recovery basis.

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