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From : Clerk to the Legislative Council

To : All Members of the Legislative Council

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**Council meeting of 26 October 2022**

**Amendments to Hon Edward LEUNG's motion on  
"Shortening the waiting time for  
specialist outpatient services at public hospitals"**

Further to the email (LC Paper No. CB(3) 669/2022) issued on 13 October 2022, the President has given permission for three Members (Dr Hon David LAM, Ir Hon LEE Chun-keung and Dr Hon Stephen WONG) to move amendments to Hon Edward LEUNG's motion, and has directed that the amendments be printed in the terms in which they were handed in on the Agenda of the Council.

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) Dr Hon David LAM;
  - (ii) Ir Hon LEE Chun-keung; and
  - (iii) Dr Hon Stephen WONG;
- (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. The terms of the original motion and the marked-up version of the amendments (LC Paper No. CB(3) 700/2022(01)) are attached for Members' easy reference. The amendments are also accessible via the hyperlink below: <https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr2022/english/counmtg/motion/cm20221026m-lhe.htm>.

4. 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.

5. For enquiries, please contact **Ms Jacqueline LAW at tel. no. 3919 3306**.

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Encl.

(Translation)

**Motion debate on  
“Shortening the waiting time for  
specialist outpatient services at public hospitals”**

**1. Hon Edward LEUNG’s original motion**

That at present, the waiting time for specialist outpatient services at public hospitals is excessively long, and the waiting time for some stable new case bookings even spans years, resulting in many patients being unable to receive proper treatment before their clinical conditions deteriorate; in this connection, this Council urges the authorities to actively optimize the use of private healthcare resources to triage and take care of patients seeking specialist outpatient services at public hospitals, including expanding the scope of medical Public-Private Partnership programmes to cover more specialty diseases; this Council also urges the authorities to set targets on the median waiting time of stable new case booking for specialist outpatient services at public hospitals, and progressively shorten the waiting time for such new case bookings.

**2. Motion as amended by Dr Hon David LAM**

That ~~at present~~, the waiting time for specialist outpatient services at public hospitals is excessively long, and the waiting time for some stable new case bookings even spans years, resulting in many patients being unable to receive proper treatment before their clinical conditions deteriorate; in this connection, this Council urges the authorities to actively optimize the use of private healthcare resources to triage and take care of patients seeking specialist outpatient services at public hospitals, including expanding the scope of medical Public-Private Partnership programmes to cover more specialty diseases, *establishing a primary healthcare system centering on family doctor and enlisting various healthcare professionals to perform their respective duties in the community, so as to implement the principle of ‘money follows patient’ and facilitate the public to seek medical consultation in the community*; this Council also urges the authorities to set targets on the median waiting time of stable new case booking for specialist outpatient services at public hospitals, and progressively shorten the waiting time for such new case bookings.

Note: Dr Hon David LAM’s amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

### 3. Motion as amended by Ir Hon LEE Chun-keung

That *Hong Kong people have a keen demand for specialist healthcare services*; at present, the waiting time for specialist outpatient services at public hospitals is excessively long, and the waiting time for some stable new case bookings even spans years, resulting in many patients being unable to receive proper treatment before their clinical conditions deteriorate; in this connection, this Council urges the authorities to:

- (1) actively optimize the use of private healthcare resources to triage and take care of patients seeking specialist outpatient services at public hospitals, including expanding the scope of medical Public-Private Partnership programmes to cover more specialty diseases; ~~this Council also urges the authorities to~~
- (2) *in view of the shortage of healthcare personnel, admit more qualified specialist doctors and nurses to practise in Hong Kong*;
- (3) *establish specialist primary healthcare networks in the community; and*
- (4) set targets on the median waiting time of stable new case booking for specialist outpatient services at public hospitals, and *make good use of big data and other technologies to progressively shorten the waiting time for such new case bookings.*

Note: Ir Hon LEE Chun-keung's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

### 4. Motion as amended by Dr Hon Stephen WONG

That at present, the waiting time for specialist outpatient services at public hospitals is excessively long, and the waiting time for some stable new case bookings even spans years, resulting in many patients being unable to receive proper treatment before their clinical conditions deteriorate; in this connection, this Council urges the authorities to *implement strategic purchasing and* actively optimize the use of private healthcare resources to triage and take care of patients seeking specialist outpatient services at public hospitals, including *strengthening the functions of primary healthcare in prevention, triage, early treatment, chronic disease care and community care*, expanding the scope of medical Public-Private Partnership programmes to cover more specialty diseases, *while at the same time examining whether the current medical Public-Private Partnership programmes (e.g. the Project on Enhancing Radiological Investigation Services through Collaboration with the Private Sector) will*

*result in the wastage of more specialist doctors from public hospitals to the private healthcare sectors*; this Council also urges the authorities to set targets on the median waiting time of stable new case booking for specialist outpatient services at public hospitals, and *expeditiously publish the findings of the manpower projection for specialist doctors and increase healthcare personnel in the public healthcare system according to the findings of the projection, so as to* progressively shorten the waiting time for such new case bookings.

Note: Dr Hon Stephen WONG's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type*.