

LegCo to debate motion on vote of no confidence in Chief Executive

The following is issued on behalf of the Legislative Council Secretariat:

The Legislative Council (LegCo) will hold a meeting on Wednesday (May 29) at 11am in the Chamber of the LegCo Complex. During the meeting, Members will debate a motion on vote of no confidence in the Chief Executive.

The motion, to be moved by Mr Andrew Wan, states: "That this Council has no confidence in the Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam."

Mr Kwok Wai-keung will also move a motion on supporting elderly persons aged between 60 and 64 on all fronts. The motion states: "That given the absence of a statutory retirement age in Hong Kong at present, quite a number of employees are forced to retire upon reaching the age of 60; it is often difficult for them to rejoin the labour market after retirement due to such factors as age, physical conditions, inadequacy of suitable job positions and age discrimination, and as the age thresholds for application for most social services and welfare benefits for the elderly provided by the Government are 65 or above, elderly persons aged between 60 and 64 are unable to receive such support; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to review the elderly policies and services of various departments and support elderly persons aged between 60 and 64 on all fronts, such as employment, welfare, healthcare and transport, including:

(1) enacting legislation against age discrimination in workplace;

(2) formulating rules and regulations on re-employment of elderly retirees and rationalizing the Mandatory Provident Fund arrangements, so as to enhance the employment protection for elderly persons aged between 60 and 64;

(3) enhancing the employment support for elderly persons aged between 60 and 64, providing designated employment programmes and retraining courses for them, and encouraging the provision of more job positions and industries suitable for the elderly in the market;

(4) offering subsidies to elderly persons aged between 60 and 64 who have taken up employment again as well as their employers, and providing the \$2 concessionary transport fare to elderly persons aged between 60 and 64 to further motivate them to take up employment again;

(5) adjusting the age requirements for various types of elderly welfare for the benefit of elderly persons aged between 60 and 64, including the Elderly Health Care Vouchers, the Old Age Living Allowance, the Old Age Allowance and the Elderly Comprehensive Social Security Assistance; and

(6) formulating measures and allocating resources to motivate elderly persons aged between 60 and 64 to actively participate in neighbourhood

mutual help activities, volunteer work and social affairs in the community, thereby encouraging them to make continuous contribution to society."

Prof Joseph Lee, Dr Priscilla Leung, Mr Kwong Chun-yu, Dr Fernando Cheung and Mr Leung Che-cheung will move separate amendments to Mr Kwok Wai-keung's motion.

Meanwhile, Mr Wong Ting-kwong will move a motion under section 34(4) of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance to extend the period for amending the Protected Places (Amendment) Order 2019, the Protected Places (Safety) (Authorized Guards) (Amendment) Order 2019, the Military Installations Closed Areas (Amendment) Order 2019, the Shipping and Port Control (Amendment) Regulation 2019 and the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (General) (Amendment) Regulation 2019 laid on the table of the Council on May 8, 2019 to the meeting of June 26, 2019.

During the meeting, Members will also ask the Government 22 questions on various policy areas, six of which require oral replies.

The agenda of the above meeting can be obtained via the LegCo Website (www.legco.gov.hk). Please note that the agenda is subject to change, and the latest information about the agenda could be found on the LegCo Website.

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