



Legislative Council - November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017

# Motion to Amend the Standing Rules of Legislative Council

**Whereas**, many motions were submitted late at the November 2<sup>nd</sup> Legislative Council, preventing councilors from adequately debating those motions;

**Whereas**, it is essential for good governance and the democratic process that all business put forth at Legislative Council be subject to consultation and scrutiny;

**Whereas**, the Internal Regulations state that “[all] motions to adopt a particular resolution shall be made in writing and forwarded to the Speaker at least seven (7) days prior to the relevant meeting of the Legislative Council.”<sup>1</sup>;

**Whereas**, the Internal Regulations also state that “No resolution which has not been distributed to Councilors at least two (2) days in advance of the meeting at which it is to be debated may be placed before the Legislative Council, except where a motion to waive the deadline is passed.”<sup>2</sup>;

**Be it Resolved**, that the following clauses be added to the Standing Rules of Legislative Council for the 2017-2018 academic year<sup>3</sup>:

4.4. Any motion submitted less than 48 hours before the next Legislative Council shall automatically be considered a notice of motion.

4.5. Any motion submitted between 7 days and 48 hours before the next Legislative Council must be announced and made available to all Councilors, through Facebook and email, failing which the motion shall automatically be considered a notice of motion.

4.6. In the case of urgent business, the requirements set out by clauses 4.4 and 4.5 may be waived by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority vote of Legislative Council.

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<sup>1</sup> Internal Regulations of Governance, 11.1

<sup>2</sup> Internal Regulations of Governance, 11.2

<sup>3</sup> “Motion Regarding the Adoption of the Standing Rules for the 2017-2018 Legislative Council”, adopted by Legislative Council on September 14, 2017



**Be it Further Resolved,** that the original clause 4.4 of the Standing Rules for the 2017-2018 Legislative Council be renumbered 4.7.

**Moved by:**

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APPROVED