

**2002 Civil Service Pay Adjustment
Public Officers Pay Adjustment Bill
Proposed Committee Stage Amendment (4)**

Purpose

This paper briefs Members on the Administration's proposal to introduce a new Committee Stage Amendment to the Public Officers Pay Adjustment Bill (the Bill).

Background

2. Clause 11 of the Bill empowers the Chief Executive in Council to amend Schedule 3, which specifies the pay or the pay and allowances of the public officers to which the legislation does not apply. At the Bills Committee meeting held on 25 June 2002, some Honourable Members suggested that in the interest of clarity, the Administration should consider deleting clause 11 and setting out the classes of public officers to whom the Bill will not apply in the main body of the Bill.

Proposed Committee Stage Amendment

3. Having considered Honourable Members' comments, we consider that we do not envisage any need to amend Schedule 3 before 1 October 2002. We therefore propose the following Committee Stage Amendment which will supersede the proposal set out in paragraph 5 of LC Paper No. CB(1)2121/01-02(01).

Add a new clause after clause 2

2A. Application

(1) This Ordinance does not apply to

(a) the pay of a public officer who is remunerated on a salary, being a starting salary, that is not linked to the annual civil service pay adjustment;

(b) the pay or allowances of a judicial officer –

(i) holding a judicial office –

(A) specified in Schedule 1 of the Judicial Officers
Recommendation Commission Ordinance (Cap. 92);
or

(B) known as Senior Deputy Registrar, High Court; or

(ii) appointed by the Chief Justice.

Amendment to Part 6

Delete Part 6

Amendment to Schedule 3

Delete Schedule 3

4. Members are invited to note the proposed Committee Stage Amendment.

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