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## 10 more Legco staff quit for interim body

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The resignations of 10 Legislative Council Secretariat staff were accepted by Secretary-General Ricky Fung Choi-cheung yesterday, paving the way for them to serve the provisional legislature.

The officers, believed to be headed by Assistant Secretary-General Ray Chan, will be the first to assist the interim body.

Apart from secretariat and clerical staff, the team also includes Assistant Legal Adviser Arthur Cheung.

President of the provisional legislature Rita Fan Hsu Lai-tai said the staff, who would start working for the body shortly after Lunar New Year, would "most probably" work in Shenzhen.

Mrs Fan would not say who,

or which organisation, would be their new employer, noting that a final decision would have to be made after the sub-group on the body's administration was set up.

One staff member said they would be employed on contract terms, but details had yet to be finalised. Mr Fung has waived the requirement on the 10 to give three months' notice.

The 10 members will also receive gratuities proportionate to the period they have served.

It is thought a further five members of staff will resign later to work for the interim body.

Chief Executive-designate Tung Chee-hwa had earlier pledged to allow the entire secretariat transfer to the post-1997 administration.

A secretariat spokesman said more staff would be resigning.