立法會 Legislative Council

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就立法會會議程序提供證據一事 申請立法會特別許可

律政司已提交一項申請(**附錄I**),要求立法會根據《立法會(權力及特權)條例》(第382章)第7條及《議事規則》第90條給予特別許可,讓兩位立法會人員在*香港特別行政區訴曾蔭權*一案(案件編號:高院刑事案件2015年第484號)的刑事法律程序中作證。

- 2. 按照第382章第7(2)條及《議事規則》第90(4)條,立法會主席已命令就有關申請給予許可。第382章第7條及《議事規則》第90條的文本分別載於**附錄II及III**,供議員參考。
- 3. 按照立法會主席的指示,附錄IV所載的函件(只備英文本)已發送律政司,表明該特別許可是基於下述理解而給予:相關的立法會會議程序紀錄在法庭上使用的方式,應與第382章第3及4條所訂的特權一致,而有關各方將獲告知立法會對在刑事法律程序中使用或引用相關紀錄的立場。

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By Fax (2845 2444) and By Post

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Our Ref.: HCCC 484 of 2015

Dear Mr Chen,

Re: Application for Special Leave of the Legislative Council for officers of the Council to give evidence of Council Proceedings concerning the Chief Executive's Question and Answer Session on 1 March 2012

HKSAR v TSANG Yam-kuen Donald Case No.: HCCC 484 of 2015

We refer to our letter dated 8 October 2015 and the reply from your Mr Kelvin Lee, Senior Assistant Legal Advisor (Ag.) dated 12 November 2015 concerning our application for special leave of the Legislative Council ("LegCo") to facilitate attendance by the relevant officers in the captioned proceedings to produce two video discs containing footage of the Chief Executive's Question and Answer Session on 1 March 2012 ("the Q & A Session").

We consider that sections 4 and 8A of the Legislative Council (Powers and Privileges) Ordinance (Cap. 382) ("the Ordinance") are not engaged. Section 4 provides as follows:

"No civil or criminal proceedings <u>shall be instituted against</u> any member <u>for words spoken before</u>, or written in a report to, <u>the Council</u> or a committee, or by reason of any matter brought by him therein by petition, Bill, resolution, motion or otherwise."

We took the view that section 4 does not prohibit the production and use of evidence in a court of law. This is evident from a reading of section 21 which provides as follows:

"Upon any inquiry touching the privileges, immunities and powers of the Council or of any member, any copy of the journals printed or purporting to be printed by the Director of Government Logistics shall be admitted as evidence of such journals in all courts and places without any proof being given that such copy was so printed."

Furthermore, the institution of criminal proceedings against Mr Tsang has no relevance to what he said in the captioned LegCo proceedings.

Rather, the criminal prosecution is brought for his failure to declare or disclose to or conceal from the Executive Council ("ExCo") his dealings and negotiations with Wong Cho-bau, the major shareholder of Wave Media Limited ("WML"), in respect of a three-storey residential property in Shenzhen ("Shenzhen Property"). This happened at a time when he was involved in decision making in relation to WML's applications. The production of the footage will assist the Prosecution to prove, as a matter of history, the explanations offered by Mr. Tsang for his non-declaration to the ExCo in relation to the Shenzhen property. In so doing, it is not against section 4 of the Ordinance.

For your reference, Mr Bosco Chan Che-fai has produced the relevant video recordings by his statement dated 19 August 2015 in accordance with the requirements under section 22A of the Evidence Ordinance (Cap. 8). Mr. Kenneth Wong Kin Man has produced the official record of proceedings in respect of the Q & A Session. Those statements are admissible evidence in a court of law. Having furnished us with the video footage for use in court and a statement by the relevant officer, there is no reason why that officer should not be available to testify as to the authenticity of the videos or records in question.

We would therefore invite you to give special leave under section 7 of the Ordinance to allow the relevant officers to produce the official record of proceedings of the LegCo and the video discs containing footage of the Q & A Session.

Yours sincerely,

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陳先生:

有關: 向立法會申請特別許可讓立法 會人員就有關 2012年 3月 1日行 政長官答問會的立法會會議程 序提供證據

案件編號: ESCC 3247/2015

本函根據香港法例第 382 章《立法會(權力及特權)條例》第 7 條及《香港特別行政區立法會議事規則》(文件 A501)第 90 條向立法

會申請特別許可,讓下述立法會人員於針對曾蔭權 ("曾先生")而提起的刑事法律程序中就 2012 年 3 月 1 日行政長官答問會("答問會")提供證據。

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2	陳志輝先生	立法會秘書處公	- 交出兩隻載有答問會
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提出本申請的理由如下:曾先生被控兩項公職人員行為失當罪,違反普通法並可根據香港法例第 221 章《刑事訴訟程序條例》第 101I(1)條予以懲處。控罪一關乎曾先生沒有向行政會議申報或披露,或向行政會議隱瞞:與黃楚標進行的租赁商議及向東海聯合(集團)有限公司支付的人民幣 800,000 元款項。控罪二關乎曾先生沒有向時任行政長官辦公室常任秘書長麥端宇及其他人披露,或向該麥端宇及其他人 隐瞞:他在一個深圳東海花園單位的租賃權益及何周禮獲聘用負賣該單位的室內設計。由於曾先生曾在答問會上提供資料,而該等資料構成這兩項控罪的主題事宜、因此黃先生及陳先生須提供證據,交出有關答問會的《立法會會議過程正式紀錄》及影像片段。

謹此感謝閣下提供協助。

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副刑事檢控專員沈仲平博士

二零一五年十月八日

7. 未經許可不得就立法會或任何 委員會的會議程序作證

- (1) 如未經立法會特別許可,任何議員或立法會人員,以及受僱在立法會或任何委員會會議席上錄取會議紀要或保存證據紀錄的人,不得就上述會議紀要或證據紀錄的內容、或就提交立法會或任何委員會的文件內容(視屬何情況而定)、或就立法會或任何委員會所進行的會議程序或訊問(視屬何情況而定),在其他地方作證。
- (2) 在立法會休會或押後會議期間,第(1)款所提述的特別許可,可由主席給予;如主席因不在香港或喪失履行職務能力以致不能行事者,則可按照議事規則給予。

(由 2000 年第 71 號第 3 條修訂)

CAP. 382 Legislative Council (Powers and Privileges)

7. Evidence of proceedings in the Council or any committee not to be given without leave

- (1) No member or officer of the Council, and no person employed to take minutes or keep any record of evidence before the Council or a committee, shall give evidence elsewhere in respect of the contents of such minutes or record of evidence, or of the contents of any document laid before the Council or committee, as the case may be, or in respect of any proceedings or examination held before the Council or committee, as the case may be, without the special leave of the Council.
- (2) During a recess or adjournment of the Council, the special leave referred to in subsection (1) may be given by the President or, if the President is unable to act owing to his absence from Hong Kong or incapacity, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure. (Amended 71 of 2000 s. 3)

90. 就立法會會議程序提供證據一事取得許可的程序

- (1) 為取得根據《立法局(權力及特權)條例》(第382章)第7條所需的立法會許可,以就會議紀要、作證紀錄或提交立法會、委員會或小組委員會會議席上省覽的任何文件的內容,或就立法會、委員會或小組委員會的任何會議或審查程序,在立法會以外的地方提供證據,要求該許可的人須向立法會秘書書面陳述其請求及說明其理由,並須提供立法會秘書在個別情況下按立法會主席的指示所進一步要求的資料。
- (2) 許可的請求須列入立法會主席所指定會議的議程內;除 非立法會藉任何議員在該次會議動議的一項可無經預告的議案,決定 拒絕給予許可,否則立法會須當作已命令給予許可。
- (3) 立法會秘書須以書面將立法會的決定通知該要求許可的人。
- (4) 凡有人在立法會休假、休會待續或解散期間,向立法會要求取得第(1)款所述的許可,可由立法會主席給予,如立法會主席不能執行主席職務,則可由主持立法會會議的議員給予許可。

90. Procedure for Obtaining Leave to Give Evidence of Council Proceedings

- (1) For the purpose of obtaining the leave of the Council under section 7 of the Legislative Council (Powers and Privileges) Ordinance (Cap. 382) in order that evidence may be given elsewhere in respect of the contents of minutes, records of evidence or any document laid before the Council or a committee or subcommittee, or in respect of any proceedings or examination held before the Council or a committee or subcommittee, the person seeking such leave shall submit to the Clerk a written statement of the request and the reasons therefor and such further information as the Clerk, on the direction of the President, may require in any particular case.
- (2) The request for leave shall be placed on the Agenda for such meeting as the President may appoint and, unless on a motion which may be moved without notice at that meeting by any Member the Council determines that such leave shall be refused, the Council shall be deemed to have ordered that such leave be granted.
- (3) The Clerk shall give written notice of the decision of the Council to the person by whom the request for leave is made.
- (4) Where the leave of the Council referred to in subrule (1) is sought during any recess or adjournment or dissolution of the Council such leave may be given by the President or, if the President is unable to act, by the Member presiding.

附錄 IV Appendix IV (只備英文本 English version only)

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18 August 2016 By Fax (2869 0236) and By Post

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Dear Ms CHAN,

Application for special leave of the Legislative Council for officers of the Council to give evidence of Council proceedings concerning the Chief Executive's Question and Answer Session on 1 March 2012

> HKSAR v TSANG Yam-kuen Donald Case No.: HCCC 484 of 2015

I refer to your request in your letter dated 6 June 2016 for the special leave of the Council for two officers of the Council to produce the official record of the proceedings of the Council and the video recordings ("the relevant records") relating to the Chief Executive's Question and Answer Session on 1 March 2012 and our subsequent exchange of correspondence on 22 June and 18 July 2016.

This is to advise you that the special leave of the Council is granted under section 7(2) of the Legislative Council (Powers and Privileges) Ordinance (Cap. 382) and Rule 90(4) of the Rules of Procedure of the Legislative Council on the understanding that the relevant records will be used in court in such a way that is consistent with the privileges provided in sections 3 and 4 of Cap. 382 in the light of the principles developed in decided cases regarding the use of parliamentary records in courts. We also expect that the Legislative Council's stance with respect to the use of or reference to the relevant records in the above criminal proceedings will be conveyed to the parties concerned having regard to the principle of fairness and the interests of the administration of justice.

Yours sincerely,

(Ms Dora WAI)

for Clerk to the Legislative Council