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Clerk to Security Panel  
Legislative Council  
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(Attn: Mrs Sharon Tong)

Dear Mrs Tong

**Proposed Amendments to  
the Fire Services Ordinance (Cap. 95)**

During the discussion of the above subject at the Security Panel meeting held on 3 April, a member asked if the Fire Services Ordinance (FSO) was binding on the State. As requested, I am writing to provide a written response.

There is no express provision in FSO making it applicable to the Government or offices set up by the Central People's Government in Hong Kong (CPG offices). However, Fire Services Department (FSD) officers have the duty under FSO to, among other things, extinguish fire and protect life and property in case of fire. Section 10 of FSO specifically provides that, on the occasion of a fire or other calamity, they may take such measures as may appear to them to be necessary or expedient for the protection of life and property.

FSD officers have not encountered any problem when carrying out their duties in respect of premises of the Government or CPG offices.

Yours sincerely

( David Wong )  
for Secretary for Security