

Issues raised at the Bills Committee Meeting on 10 June 2002

At the Bills Committee Meeting on 10 June 2002, the Administration was requested to provide information on the charges made against a man who sent out letters threatening to kill and referred himself as “Usama bin Laden of Hong Kong”, and the maximum penalties of the related offences. The Administration’s response is set out in the following paragraphs.

2. The Amended Charges for Committal against the defendant in the case are listed below:

1st Charge – Sending a letter threatening to murder or kill a person, contrary to section 15 of the Offences against the Person ordinance, Cap. 212.

2nd Charge – Sending a letter threatening to murder or kill a person, contrary to section 15 of the Offences Against the Person ordinance, Cap. 212.

3rd Charge – Attempting to administer a noxious thing with intent to injure, aggrieve or annoy a person contrary to section 23 of the Offences Against the Person Ordinance, Cap. 212 and section 159G of the Crimes Ordinance, Cap. 200.

4th Charge – Attempting to administer a noxious thing with intent to injure, aggrieve or annoy a person contrary to section 23 of the Offences Against the Person Ordinance, Cap. 212 and section 159G of the Crimes Ordinance, Cap. 200.

5th Charge - Sending a letter threatening to murder or kill a person, contrary to section 15 of the Offences Against the Person Ordinance, Cap. 212.

3. Section 15 of the Offences Against the Person Ordinance, Cap. 212 provides that any person who is guilty of the offence triable upon indictment shall be liable to imprisonment for 10 years whereas section 23 of the same Ordinance also provides that any person who is guilty of the offence triable upon indictment shall be liable to imprisonment for 3 years.

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