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relating to Chief Executive election
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Dear Mrs Ma,

**Subcommittee on subsidiary legislation
relating to Chief Executive election**

***Meeting on 31 October 2001 and
follow up to meeting on 23 October 2001***

Thank you for your letter of 23 October.

We have considered Members' suggestion raised at yesterday's meeting with respect to section 12 of the Election Committee (Appeals) Regulation (L.N. 196 of 2001). We agree with Members that the provision should be amended to the effect that the ruling by the Revising Officer under section 6 or his decision upon review under section 10 will not invalidate acts done by a member of the Election Committee whose election or whose registration as such a member is questioned before the ruling or the decision, as the case may be, is made. The Administration will move a motion to amend the Regulation at the sitting of the Legislative Council scheduled for 14 November (as I understand that the Subcommittee will extend the negative vetting period by one week to 14 November).

As undertaken at yesterday's meeting, the Administration will also amend relevant provisions of the Election Committee (Registration) (Voters for Subsectors) (Members of Election Committee) (Appeals) Regulation (L.N. 197 of 2001) and the Registration of Electors (Appeals) (Amendment) Regulation 2001 (L.N. 199 of 2001) to ensure consistency between the English text and its Chinese translation. The motion to amend the Regulation will also be moved at the aforesaid sitting.

We will revert to you with the amendments to be moved by the Administration and a timetable for subsidiary legislation relating to the Chief Executive election once we are in a position to do so.

Yours sincerely,

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