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Dear Mr CHEUNG,

**Chief Executive Election (Amendment)  
(Term of Office of the Chief Executive) Bill**

I refer to your letter dated 11 April 2005. The Administration's response to the three questions raised in your letter is as follow :

- (a) This is an important issue but not an urgent one that needs to be dealt with through this amendment Bill. The Administration will examine the question you raised carefully and thoroughly. We will make known our findings when we are in a position to do so.
- (b) & (c) The Administration accepts that there is a need to clarify the situation. However, these are not urgent issues that need to be addressed in the context of the current Bill. If necessary, we may deal with them when we consider possible amendments to the method for selecting the Chief Executive in 2007 in the context of the current review of constitutional development.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Raymond TAM'.

( Raymond TAM )

for Secretary for Constitutional Affairs