



## Legco Panel on Constitutional Affairs

### **Special meeting on 19 Feb., 2005**

Topic : Methods for selecting the Chief Executive in 2007 (including the composition and operation of the Election Committee) and for forming the Legislative Council in 2008

#### 1) Method for selecting the Chief Executive in 2007

- a) If point (7) of Annex I of the Basic Law refers to terms subsequent to the year 2007 but NOT including year 2007, the only area for discussion is point (2) of Annex I - the composition and formation of the Election Committee, as we can see. The number of Committee members is fixed at 800 equally distributed over 4 sectors. Our opinion is that the numbers of subsectors and eligible parties in each subsector could be expanded to seek wider representation.
- b) If point (7) of Annex I of the Basic Law refers to terms including year 2007, our opinion is :
  - i) the size of the Election Committee could be expanded;
  - ii) the numbers of subsectors and eligible parties in each subsector could be expanded;
  - iii) the nomination threshold of the candidate for the office of Chief Executive could be lowered to a more realistic level of, say, 5%.

#### 2) Method for forming the Legislative Council in 2008

- i) functional constituencies shall be preserved;
- ii) composition of each constituency could be polished to accommodate wider representation;
- iii) if the size of the Legislative Council is to be expanded then re-organisation of the constituencies could be considered and in this case we request reviewing the feasibility of establishing 'construction' as a separate constituency.

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