



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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