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Dear Miss Tai.

Bills Committee on Chief Executive Election (Amendment) Bill 2010 and Legislative Council (Amendment) Bill 2010

At the meeting of the Bills Committee on 4 January, a Member enquired about the views that the Government had received from various political parties regarding the nomination threshold for the new District Council ("DC") functional constituency.

On 24 and 25 June 2010, the motions put forth by the Government concerning the (Draft) Amendments to the Methods for Selecting the Chief Executive and for Forming the Legislative Council ("LegCo") in 2012 were passed by a two-thirds majority of all LegCo Members. Subsequently, the Government consulted various political parties and LegCo Members on the arrangements for the two electoral methods.

Regarding the nomination threshold for the new DC functional constituency, the Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions proposed that the nomination threshold for a candidate should not exceed 15 persons, while the Economic Synergy considered it acceptable for the nomination threshold to be set

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at below 20 persons. Besides, some political parties and LegCo members considered that the nomination threshold should be set at 10 persons.

Yours sincerely,

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