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Subject Inquiry on West Kowloon Reclamation Concept Plan Design
Competition

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Dear Chairman

Regarding the inquiry of Mr. C Y Leung's involvement in the West Kowloon Reclamation Concept Design Competition, I would like to point out that the Select Committee should make it clear about the concept of "Declaration of Interests" and that of "Declaration of Conflict of Interests" when considering whether the allegation made to Mr. Leung is valid. For this case, in advance "Declaration of Conflict of Interests" was impossible for members of the jury since the entries were anonymous and the members involved should have no ideas about who the participants were. It is not logical and absolutely unfair to ask members of the jury to declare interests with those who were unknown to them. Notwithstanding this, the Secretariat, who is the administrative organisation that possessed all the participants' details, should be responsible to check whether the participants and/or their affiliates have any interests with members of the jury. Nevertheless, there was a rule that if any participants/entries were found to have interests with the members, they would be disqualified. And that was eventually the case.

I would also like to point out that the inquiry set up for this case is of no justice since many of the LegCo Members involved in the decision-making process of setting up a Committee to make inquiry were in fact part of the campaign teams of the other two CE candidates. These LegCo Members should DECLARE THEIR INTERESTS at the first place and should avoid making any decision on it. The involvement of these LegCo Members in the decision-making process has seriously undermined the impartiality of LegCo and the whole LegCo has paid for this. Moreover, it is quite ridiculous to invite public views or opinion on this matter since this is the responsibility of the Select Committee to investigate the fact available and based on these facts, to make a judgement or conclusion. The role and weigh of public views or opinion obtained in the process of making judgement or drawing the conclusion are not clear and that would discredit the whole process.

Finally, I am regret that the whole matter is a huge waste of public money and public resources.

Yours faithfully

Ms. Tsang