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Chairman
Subcommittee on Members' Remuneration and
Operating Expenses Reimbursement
The Legislative Council

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Honourable Chairman,

Regarding the mechanism of annual adjustment to Members' remuneration and operating expenses reimbursement

I am writing to urge the subcommittee to discuss the mechanism of annual adjustment to Members' remuneration and operating expenses reimbursement at the next scheduled meeting in December.

It was announced on October 26th that the annual adjustment for the year 2017-18 is to be a 1.5% increase. Not only does it fail to catch up with inflation which is currently at 2%, it is also the lowest level of annual adjustment in the past four years. Under the current mechanism, such annual adjustment will become effective without consultation with any Legislative Council (LegCo) members, which is unreasonable and undesirable. Without consultation, it is difficult to determine whether the prescribed adjustment level is adequate to cover growing operating expenses of Members' offices.

I would appreciate it if the subcommittee could discuss possible ways to review and update the mechanism of annual adjustment for Members' remuneration and operating expenses reimbursement for future years in the next meeting.

Sincerely,

Hon Jeremy Tam Man-Ho

