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To : Mrs Percy MA  
Clerk to Bills Committee

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Bills Committee on  
Legislative Council (Amendment) Bill 1999

Meeting at 8:30 am on 28 May 1999

- (1) I would like to propose the following amendments relating to functional constituencies (preferably with justifications) -

Create a New Functional  
Constituency for Hotels

Their request and  
justification is attached

- (2) I shall ~~not~~ be able to attend the above meeting.

Signature : Howard Young  
 Name : Howard Young  
 Date : 26/5/99

\* Please delete as appropriate.

1. Hotel industry investment in HK is huge, industry-related investment is about \$150 billion in 1997-1998.
2. Tourism core business includes hotels, airlines and tour operators. Tourism FC represents mainly tour operators.
3. Grouping Hotel industry with Catering sector is also inappropriate. Because hotels target at tourists and earn largely foreign exchange, while catering sector focuses mainly on locals.
4. In 1998 hotel sector managed to form an election committee. Hotel industry first time had a vote in FC election.
5. Hotel industry now demands for an independent FC for its uniqueness and economic contribution to the community.
6. In view of closing the two municipal councils, which may free two seats in Legco, we strongly urge the Administration to consider granting hotel industry an independent FC.