

**Expressions which have been ruled to be offensive  
and insulting language about Members or public officers  
attending the relevant meeting<sup>1</sup> or unparliamentary in the context  
in which the expressions were used**

*(as at 4 August 2014)*

(a) Expressions which have been ruled to be offensive and insulting language about Members or public officers attending the relevant meeting<sup>1</sup>

“as the saying goes, ‘foul grass grows out of a foul ditch’. The Chinese Government had hand-picked the members of the Preparatory Committee, who then selected the 400 members of the Selection Committee. This same group of people will then nominate candidates for the Chief Executive.”	13 November 1996 <sup>2</sup>
“You are all stupid. Who are you trying to fool?”	27 September 1997 <sup>2</sup>
“they have a sufficient number of rubber stamps here”	16 July 1999 <sup>2</sup>
Member A <sup>3</sup> “has acted impudently and shamelessly”	13 October 2004 <sup>2</sup>
Member B <sup>3</sup> “delivered his speech, he was so shameless as to insist that there were justifications”	16 March 2005 <sup>2</sup>
people like Member C <sup>3</sup> “among the ‘dog class’ are helping the tyrant in his evildoing.....”	8 November 2006 <sup>2</sup>
“that is the two so-called proverbs I said yesterday— ‘stumbling to death on the street’ and.....”	27 March 2009 <sup>4</sup>
“some Members of this Council sought to realize their personal desires under the banner of justice ..... especially the Members representing the legal profession”	9 December 2009 <sup>2</sup>
“It is those ‘castrati’, like ‘Eunuch LAM’, Stephen LAM, who are obstructing constitutional development .....”	9 June 2010 <sup>2</sup>
“Lackey”	26 January 2011 <sup>2</sup>
Member D <sup>3</sup> has “kissed the wrong ass”	9 January 2013 <sup>2</sup>
Member E <sup>3</sup> was “like a dog running around, snapping at people”	7 May 2014 <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> By virtue of Rule 10(2) of the Rules of Procedure (“RoP”), the scope of prohibition against the use of offensive and insulting language about Members under Rule 41(4) of RoP is expanded to cover the use of such language about public officers attending the meeting concerned for the relevant item of business.

<sup>2</sup> Date of the relevant Council meeting.

<sup>3</sup> ‘A’, ‘B’, ‘C’, ‘D’ and ‘E’ represent the names of the Members concerned.

<sup>4</sup> Date of the relevant Finance Committee meeting.

(b) Expressions which have been ruled to be unparliamentary

“these two words ‘仆街’ (stumbling to death on the street) are certainly not foul language, it is just that you twisted (*The buzzer sounded*) .....

1 April 2009<sup>2</sup>

“especially a so-called teacher of ‘dog shit’ law .....

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13 January 2010<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> The President stated at the Council meeting that such remarks were offensive and insulting and were inappropriate. However, as these remarks were not specifically about Members of this Council, he therefore could not rule that the remarks were in breach of Rule 41(4) of RoP.