

**Expressions which have been ruled at meetings of the Council,
House Committee and Finance Committee
to be offensive and insulting language about Members or
public officers attending the relevant meeting¹ or
unparliamentary in the context in which the expressions were used**

(as at 26 May 2020)

(a) Expressions which have been ruled to be offensive and insulting language about Members or public officers attending the relevant meeting¹

“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 ²
“You are all stupid. Who are you trying to fool?”	27 September 1997 ²
“they have a sufficient number of rubber stamps here”	16 July 1999 ²
Member A ³ “has acted impudently and shamelessly”	13 October 2004 ²
Member B ³ “delivered his speech, he was so shameless as to insist that there were justifications”	16 March 2005 ²
people like Member C ³ “among the ‘dog class’ are helping the tyrant in his evildoing.....”	8 November 2006 ²
“that is the two so-called proverbs I said yesterday— ‘stumbling to death on the street’ and.....”	27 March 2009 ⁴
“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 ²
“It is those ‘castrati’, like ‘Eunuch LAM’, Stephen LAM, who are obstructing constitutional development”	9 June 2010 ²
“Lackey”	26 January 2011 ²
Member D ³ has “kissed the wrong ass”	9 January 2013 ²

¹ 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.

² Date of the relevant Council meeting.

³ ‘A’, ‘B’, ‘C’, ‘D’, ‘E’, ‘F’, ‘G’, ‘H’, ‘I’ and ‘J’ represent the names of the Members concerned.

⁴ Date of the relevant Finance Committee meeting.

Member E ³ was “like a dog running around, snapping at people”	7 May 2014 ²
“Members of the pro-establishment camp were chickens”	25 November 2016 ⁵
“Do you know how many people have viewed, on the Internet, the clip of your style of deliberating politics like ‘a shrew hurling abuse on the street’ ?”	20 January 2017 ⁴
“You are ‘dickhead(s)’, bullying us ‘egghead(s)’.”	2 May 2017 ⁴
“Member F ³ as part of a ‘flunkey’ ”	14 December 2017 ²
“Member G ³ was ‘low-down’ ”	3 May 2019 ⁵
“Member G ³ was ‘despicable and low-down’ ”	3 May 2019 ⁵
“Member H ³ was ‘a lackey and a slave’ ”	26 June 2019 ²
“habitually eat foreign sausage”	15 October 2019 ⁶
“PK”	12 December 2019 ²
“Member I ³ was ‘a scumbag’ ”	12 December 2019 ²
“the phoney Chair”	20 May 2020 ²
“You, the self-proclaimed Chair”	20 May 2020 ²
“Member J ³ was ‘ignoble’ ”	21 May 2020 ²

(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 (<i>The buzzer sounded</i>)”	1 April 2009 ²
“especially a so-called teacher of ‘dog shit’ law” ⁷	13 January 2010 ²
“The Chief Executive ‘is lying’ ”	9 May 2019 ²
“President, ‘you had better chop off that Member’s head’ ”	27 June 2019 ²
“Dog official”	19 December 2019 ²

⁵ Date of the relevant House Committee meeting.

⁶ Date of the relevant special House Committee meeting.

⁷ 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.