



24 February 2011

The Hon Jasper Tsang Yok-sing, GBS, JP
President
Legislative Council
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road
Central
Hong Kong

Dear President,

Legislative Council Meeting on 23 February 2011

I regret that in the space of a week I have to write to you again to express our grave disquiet over the totally unacceptable behaviour of the Hon Leung Kwok-hung which remains unabated despite removal of him from Council proceedings. It has reached a point where it can no longer be tolerated.

In the proceedings of the Council yesterday, the Hon Leung threw objects at the Financial Secretary whilst he was delivering his Budget Speech. If it was not for the intervention of security officers, some of the objects would have hit the Financial Secretary and other officials. Some of the objects were thrown with considerable force and one of the objects, the bitter melon, broke up into pieces upon hitting the front bench. On the last occasion, the Hon Leung threw crumpled up plastic bottles at the Secretary for Labour and Welfare. In both instances, this threatening and violent behaviour could have resulted in physical harm.

I refer to your letter dated 21 February 2011 where you advised that a further request had been made of the Committee on Rules of Procedure to look into possible changes to the rules and procedure dealing with grossly disorderly conduct of Members. It would appear that no specific action is intended to be taken in relation to the incident on 17 February 2011. I would be grateful if you could inform me what action, if any, the Legislative Council will take in relation to Hon Leung's conduct on 17 and 23 February 2011. If no effective action is taken, I may have to consider referring the two incidents to the relevant authorities and look forward to your cooperation.

I note that further incidents took place at the Special Finance Committee meeting this morning at which the Hon Albert Chan, Wong Yuk-man and Leung Kwok-hung threw objects at the Financial Secretary. This raises serious concern for the personal safety and welfare of public officials who are attending proceedings in the Legislative Council and this makes the matter all the more urgent.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Henry Tang', with a stylized flourish at the end.

(Henry Tang)

Chief Secretary for Administration