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Dear

**Legislative Council meeting on 7 January 2009**

I noted the concern that you expressed in your letter dated 8 January 2009 regarding the use of language by some of our Members at the Legislative Council meeting on 7 January. You also made reference to a Member crossing the floor to approach the public officer attending the meeting.

It is my duty as President of the Council to ensure that there is freedom of speech and debate in the Council. It is also my duty to maintain order in the Council in accordance with the Rules of Procedure.

At the Council meeting on 7 January, I asked a Member to be mindful of his language lest he might offend the Rules of Procedure. In the same debate, three Members, including the Member who crossed the floor of the Council unnecessarily, were instructed by me to stop acting out of order. Upon their ignoring my instructions, I ordered their immediate withdrawal from the Council.

In view of the concern that you have expressed, your letter, as well as this reply, will be provided to all Members of the Council for their information.

Yours sincerely

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President