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**Objects brought into the Chamber by Members  
during Council meetings**

Some Members have expressed concern about the safety aspect of inflated balloons being brought into the Chamber and allowed to rise to the ceiling of the Chamber. I have then sought professional advice from the Architectural Services Department ("ArchSD").

2. According to ArchSD's advice, explosion might occur if an inflated balloon were entangled in the lighting ring and if it reached the surface of the electric lamps when under operation. The release of flammable substances inside the balloon upon its explosion as well as any particles of the balloon itself falling onto the upper side of the lighting ring may not only affect the performance of the electric switchgear at the lighting ring but may also result in potential risk to its safe operation. Besides, any rising object, such as an inflated balloon, inside the Chamber may affect the reliable operation of the fire alarm detection system installed in the Chamber and may trigger off unwanted fire alarms.

3. In the light of ArchSD's advice, the President has directed that no inflated balloons should be brought into the Chamber during Council meetings.

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