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Miss Flora Tai
Clerk to Bills Committee
Bills Committee on Village Representative
Election Bill
Legislative Council
8 Jackson Road
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Dear Miss Tai,

Bills Committee on Village Representative Election Bill

At the Bills Committee meeting held on 4 December 2002, a Member asked the Administration to clarify whether the representatives of fishermen and boat dwellers now serving on a Rural Committee could continue to serve as Rural Committee members after the Village Representative Election Bill is passed.

The position of representatives of fishermen and boat dwellers as members of a Rural Committee is not affected by the Bill. Their membership status is governed by the constitution of the Rural Committee concerned. They can continue to serve as Rural Committee members.

Yours sincerely,

(Stephen Fisher) for Secretary for Home Affairs

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