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Miss Flora Tai
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Bills Committee on Village Representative
Election Bill
Legislative Council
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Dear Miss Tai,

Bills Committee on Village Representative Election Bill

At the Bills Committee meeting held on 4 December 2002, Members asked the Administration to respond to the following queries in writing :

- (a) whether fishermen and boat dwellers who do not reside in an Existing Village could participate in Resident Representative elections;
- (b) whether representatives of fishermen and boat dwellers could continue to serve as members of a Rural Committee after the Village Representative Election Bill is passed;
- (c) whether a member of a people's congress or a people's consultative body at the national level or the local level in the People's Republic of China would be eligible to run for an office of Village Representative under clause 23(1)(h) of the Bill or to hold office as Village Representative under clause 9(1)(f); and

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- (d) whether a member of the legislature of the Macau Special Administrative Region would be eligible to run for an office of Village Representative under clause 23(1)(h) of the Bill or to hold office as Village Representative under clause 9(1)(f)?

As regards (a) above, fishermen and boat dwellers who do not reside in an Existing Village would not be eligible to register as electors for an Existing Village. They would also not be eligible to register as electors for an Indigenous Village or a Composite Indigenous Village as they are not indigenous inhabitants.

As regards (b) above, the position of representatives of fishermen and boat dwellers as members of a Rural Committee is not affected by the Bill. Their position as members of a Rural Committee is governed by the constitution of the Rural Committee concerned. They can continue to serve as Rural Committee members after the Bill is passed.

As regards (c) above, a member of a people's congress or a people's consultative body at the national level or the local level in the People's Republic of China would be eligible to run for or to hold an office of Village Representative under the Bill.

As regards (d) above, a member of the legislature of the Macau Special Administrative Region would not be eligible to run for or to hold an office of Village Representative under the Bill.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr. Alan Chong)