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Dear Mr. Lam,

Village Representative Election Bill

I refer to your letter of 18 October 2002 and my reply of 22 October 2002.

The Equal Opportunities Commission has advised that, as far as it can anticipate matters, the provisions of the Village Representative Election Bill are consistent with the Sex Discrimination Ordinance (Cap 480). A copy of the Commission's letter dated 25 October 2002 is attached for your information.

Yours sincerely,

(Stephen Fisher)
for Secretary for Home Affairs

c.c. DHA (Attn.: Miss Monica Chen)
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Dear Mr. Fisher,

Re : Village Representative Election Bill

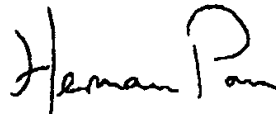
I refer to my letter dated 23 October 2002.

Please be advised that, as far as the Commission can anticipate matters, the provisions of the Village Representative Election Bill are consistent with the Sex Discrimination Ordinance Cap. 480 ("SDO").

However, consistency with the SDO does not necessarily mean the Bill is also compliant with other legislation and instrument, such as the Hong Kong Bill of Rights. You will appreciate that the Commission is not charged with the function of ensuring compliance with the Hong Kong Bill of Rights and it would not be appropriate for us to offer any comment thereon.

The above is the view of the Commission at this stage.
Should there be any new development, we will inform you as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,



Herman L.H. Poon
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