

Legislative Council

The Chairman,

Personal Views on Football Gambling Legislation

I, Cheung Koon Fook, am holding the following views against the legislation of football gambling in Hong Kong:

1. that the economic benefits, if any, thus gained are not well grounded as they are grounded on the hard-earned income and not the productivity of the public. It is going to be an unhealthy and not down-to-earth business of the Government;
2. that the whole gambling business is founded on the fact that the operator is always the winner. This means that the great majority of those who gamble are losers. They will suffer from further loss of their already meager incomes. We can think of the consequences then;
3. that such legislation will be educating the public to mistake football gambling to be a right thing, which by nature should be a wrong thing in the first place. Such distortion of view of value will only harvest life-long sufferings of the person concerned.
4. Finally, I would like to conclude with these words from the Bible:
“ God made mankind upright, but men have gone in search of many schemes.’
(Ecclesiastes 7:29)