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Secretary for Constitutional Affairs  
(Attn : Mr Joseph LAI Yee-tak)  
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Dear Mr LAI,

**Subcommittee on Particulars Relating to Candidates on  
Ballot Papers (Legislative Council) Regulation**

**Follow up to meeting on 6 January 2004**

At the meeting on 6 January 2004, members of the Subcommittee made the following comments -

The Regulation

- (a) the cut-off dates for application for registration of name/ emblem (1 and 15 March 2004 for the 2004 LegCo election) are considered to be too early and should be extended;
- (b) a candidate who is the sole candidate on a nomination list should be allowed to print on a ballot paper three names/emblems, which is the quota permitted under the Regulation;
- (c) allowing candidates to use "Independent Candidate" or "Non-affiliated candidate" on the ballot paper would cause confusion to electors. The Administration should adopt the more commonly acceptable term;

Design of ballot paper

- (d) candidates on the same list should be allowed flexibility to decide on the size or format of the photograph(s), subject to the space permitted on the ballot paper;

- (e) a few options on the design of photographs to be printed on the ballot paper could be prepared for the candidates to consider;
- (f) there should be clear indication on the ballot paper as to which prescribed bodies appearing on a nomination list are in support of which candidates;
- (g) the ballot paper should not be confined to A3 size, so as to allow flexibility for improvements to be made to the design of the ballot paper;
- (h) any prescribed body on a nomination list should support all the candidates on the list; and
- (i) if there is only one candidate on a nomination list, the print size of the name/emblem etc could be made larger.

I should be grateful for your bilingual written response to the comments. made by members. The next meeting of the Subcommittee will be held at 5:00 pm on 12 January 2004 in Conference Room A of LegCo Building. Please let me have a bilingual attendance list by **9 January 2004**.

Yours sincerely,

( Mrs Percy MA )  
Clerk to Subcommittee