

**Subcommittee to Study the Administration's Proposals
for the Methods for Selecting the Chief Executive in 2007
and for Forming the Legislative Council in 2008**

Follow up to meeting on 19 November 2005

Question raised by Members

The Administration has advised in paragraph 5 of its paper (LC Paper No.434/05-06(01)) that in accordance with the principle of gradual and orderly progress, even if consensus cannot be reached by LegCo, the CE and the Standing Committee of National People's Congress ("NPCSC") on the methods for selecting the CE and for forming the LegCo in 2012 and thereafter, the two methods will not go backwards. A Member has requested the Administration to advise in writing whether the Central Authorities have been consulted on this understanding, and if so, when did the consultation take place and what was the response.

Response by the Administration

We have consulted the Legislative Affairs Commission of the NPCSC around September 2005 on the drafting of the Amendments to Annexes I and II to the Basic Law. The Legislative Affairs Commission confirmed that the drafting was consistent with the Basic Law, as well as the NPCSC Interpretation and Decision made in April 2004.