Bills Committee on Village Representative Election Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2009

Information requested by Members at the First Meeting on 8 June 2009

Introduction

At the meeting on 8 June 2009, Members requested the Administration to provide draft plans showing the boundaries of Lai Pek Shan and Yuen Long Kau Hui for the election of Resident Representatives ("RRs"), if they are included in the Schedule to the Village Representative Election Ordinance (Cap. 576) as proposed in the Village Representative Election Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2009. Members also asked the Administration for figures on enforcement against persons who had provided false information on voter registration for Village Representative ("VR") election.

Draft plans of Lai Pek Shan and Yuen Long Kau Hui

2. Preliminary plans on the village area of Lai Pek Shan and Yuen Long Kau Hui for the election of RRs are attached at <u>Annexes A and B</u> respectively. These plans are for indicative purpose only.

Provision of False Information on Voter Registration Form

3. Under section 32 of the Electoral Affairs Commission (Registration of Electors) (Village Representative Election) Regulation (Cap. 541K), any person who in voter registration application "makes any statement which the person knows to be false in a material particular or recklessly makes any statement which is incorrect in a material particular or knowingly omits any material particular" commits an offence and is liable a fine at level 2 (i.e. \$5,000) and to imprisonment for 6 months. The voter registration forms for Indigenous Inhabitant Representative and RR elections both contain a statement reminding applicants of the consequence of providing false or incorrect information. According to

our records, there were 10 cases of persons providing false information in the voter registration forms for the 2007 VR election. No prosecution was made after investigation by law enforcement agencies.

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