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Ms Joanne Mak
Clerk to Panel on Constitutional Affairs
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
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Dear Ms Mak,

At the meeting of the Panel on Constitutional Affairs held on 21 July 2014, a member of the Panel enquired about the number of organisations which had requested to meet with the Task Force on Constitutional Development (“Task Force”) but meetings could not be arranged, and the reasons for such meetings not being arranged.

You may wish to note that, as widely publicised through various channels, the public were encouraged to provide their views on constitutional development to the Government in writing during the five-month consultation period. In fact, we have received around 124 700 written submissions during the consultation period and they have since been published in the Appendices to the Consultation Report.

In addition to receiving written submissions, the Task Force and relevant Politically Appointed Officials (“PAOs”) also endeavoured to accede to invitations to attend meetings, forums and seminars, etc. to listen to the views of the various sectors of the community. However, much as we would like to do so, the Task Force was unable to meet with all organisations and individuals which requested meetings due to time and other logistical constraints. For your information, during the consultation period, the Task Force and relevant PAOs attended a total of 226 consultation and district events, and declined 63 invitations.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Anna Leung'.

(Miss Anna Leung)
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