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Dear Mr KEUNG,

District Councils Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 7) Order 2015 (L.N. 49 of 2015)

Maximum Amount of Election Expenses (District Council Election) (Amendment) Regulation 2015 (L.N. 50 of 2015)

It is noted that reference is made to "term of office of a District Council" in L.N. 49 and L.N. 50. However, no such reference is used in the District Councils Ordinance (Cap. 547). Instead, reference is made to "term of office of the elected members" (e.g. sections 27(4) and 33(2) of Cap. 547). This is different from the Legislative Council Ordinance (Cap. 542) which refers to "term of office of the Legislative Council" (see e.g. sections 4 and 10 of Cap. 542). In the circumstances, please consider whether it is appropriate to refer to "term of office of a District Council" in L.N. 49 and L.N. 50.

As the above items of subsidiary legislation will be considered at the House Committee meeting on 13 March 2015, we would be grateful for your reply in both English and Chinese by <u>12 March 2015</u>.

Yours sincerely,

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