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Dear Ms CHENG,

**District Council Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 7) Order 2015  
(L.N. 49 of 2015) (“Order”)**

**and**

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

Thank you for your letter of 10 March 2015.

2. You asked whether it is appropriate to refer to “term of office of a District Council” in the captioned Order and the Regulation, having regard to provisions under the District Councils Ordinance (Cap. 547).

3. Please note that in the formulation adopted (“for an election of a member for the term of office of a District Council ending on [date]/ for any subsequent term of office of a District Council”), the phrase “for the term of office of a District Council ending on [date]” / “for any subsequent term of office of a District Council” is to describe “an election of a member”. Hence, the term of office relates to the member

in question. A similar formulation has been adopted in the past, e.g., in section 3 of the Declaration of Constituencies (District Councils) Order 2011 (Cap. 547F) and section 3 of the Declaration of Constituencies (District Councils) Order 2014 (Cap. 547G).

4. We consider that this formulation is appropriate and that it would not give rise to ambiguities.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Henry Keung', written in a cursive style.

( Henry KEUNG )

for Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

c.c. DoJ (Attn: Mr Henry CHAN)