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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)

Thank you for your letter of 12 March 2015.

You explained that "the term of office" as referred to in the phrase ("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") in L.N. 49 and L.N. 50 relates to the member in question. However, this meaning does not appear to be reflected in the amendments set out in section 3(a) and (b) of L.N. 49 and L.N. 50.

In order to reflect the above policy's intent more clearly, would the Administration consider amending section 3(a) and (b) of L.N. 49 and L.N. 50 along the following lines: -

- (a) "for a candidate at an election with the term of office of the elected members ending on [date]"; and
- (b) "for a candidate at an election with the term of office of the elected members ending on a date after 31 December 2015.".

To assist the Subcommittee in its scrutiny of the above items of subsidiary legislation, we would be grateful for your reply in bilingual form by 23 March 2015.

Yours sincerely,

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