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The Financial Secretary
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Dear Financial Secretary

Appropriation Bill 2016

Thank you for your letter of 21 April 2016 to the President, who has directed me to reply on his behalf.

The President has ruled admissible 407 Committee stage amendments (“CSAs”) to the captioned Bill in accordance with the Rules of Procedure and in adherence to the Council’s view that Article 74 of the Basic Law does not apply to his consideration of admissibility of proposed CSAs to bills.

As stated by the President in his ruling, in the discharge of its powers and functions under Article 73(2) of the Basic Law, the Council should complete examining and voting on the Bill within a reasonable time. He is fully aware of the serious backlog of Government and Member business to be dealt with by the Council before its prorogation on 16 July 2016. As you know, the President announced on 19 April 2016 and reiterated at the start of Committee stage of the Bill on 20 April 2016 that the relevant proceedings on the Bill, including debates on the CSAs thereto, are timetabled, and all the proceedings are expected to be completed at the Council meeting of 11 May 2016.

Yours sincerely

(Dora WAI)
for Clerk to the Legislative Council