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(English Version)

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To : Mr. Fred PANG

Clerk to Subcommittee
The Legislative Council

Dear Mr. Pang

Subcommittee on Waterworks (Amendment) Regulation 2017
Meeting on 20 June 2017

- (1) Referring to the case as if there is found a problem with supplying water for drinking purposes after applying for the completion of the works to the water supplies department, the WSD will prosecute without setting time limit.

This prosecution is very unfair to the Liscence Plumbers. According to the provisions of the Inland Revenue Ordinance, it requires the company to keep related important documents and accounting information at least 7 years only. If the Government does not set a time limit to proceed a prosecution in plumbing work, in other words, work documents / material records / job records / minutes of meetings, all need to be retained. Can the government set a time limit for the completion of the works of residential units, after the Water Supplies Department issue a consent, may the government set a water test once a year? The test reports are used as a reference for the government and whether the government needs to take any action.

In fact, contractors and liscence plumbers purchase the plumbing materials which are registered and designated by the Water Supplies Department; both of them are intermediary role only. I would like to ask you here, do the plumbing material manufacturers have any assurance that the plumbing materials are suitable for drinking water pipelines and will it never be a problem? Please judge it with your conscience. Does it fair to liscence plumbers to take all the responsibilities in this legislation?

- (2) Whether the Water Supplies Department can consider including the service commitments and transparency in this legislation and amending Ordinance. So that law-abiding contractors and liscence plumbers can acquire the time required to apply for water meters and their processing situations.

At present, there is a procedure for the application of the water meter but no service commitment. The Government should consider whether this is fair to the stakeholders.

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