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Dear Ms MAK,

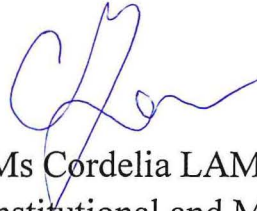
Supplementary Information on the National Anthem Bill

Clause 5(1) of the National Anthem Bill (the Bill) requires that the national anthem must be played and sung on each occasion set out in Schedule 3 to the Bill. “A major sporting event held by the Government” is one of the occasions listed in Schedule 3. At the meeting on 25 April 2019, a member of the Bills Committee enquired about the events to which “a major sporting event held by the Government” in Schedule 3 to the Bill refer. Having consulted the Home Affairs Bureau, our reply is as follows.

2. Currently, the only major sporting event held by the Government is the biennial Hong Kong Games, which is a territory-wide major multi-sports event with the 18 District Councils as participating units. As for the Masters Games mentioned in the member’s enquiry, it is one of the smaller scale sports programmes organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department. It is not a major sporting event. Organised on a

biennial basis, the Masters Games welcomes any people aged 35 or above to participate to enjoy the fun of sports.

Yours sincerely,



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