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Clerk to the Legislative Council  
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Dear Ms Wai,

**Request for calling the Chief Executive's  
special question and answer session**

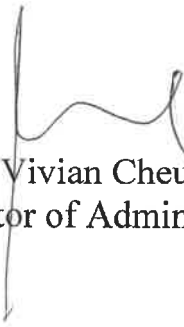
I refer to your letter of 27 May 2020 conveying the captioned request of five Legislative Council (LegCo) Members in relation to the National People's Congress (NPC)'s Decision on establishing and improving the legal system and enforcement mechanisms for the HKSAR to safeguard national security and the National Security Law (NSL).

As set out in the letters of the Chief Secretary for Administration of 1 June and 5 June 2020 to the LegCo President, the Government would like to reiterate that national security is outside the limits of the autonomy of the HKSAR but a matter under the purview of the Central Authorities. The NSL is a national law under the ambit of "defence and foreign affairs as well as other matters outside the limits of the autonomy of the Region" as set out in Article 18(3) of the Basic Law. Given that the details of the NSL to be enacted by the Standing Committee of the NPC and to be listed under Annex III of the Basic Law for application in the HKSAR by promulgation are not yet made public, it is premature and impracticable for the Chief Executive or the HKSAR Government to offer views in response to questions raised by LegCo Members concerning the NSL.

We also note that in the recent rulings of the LegCo President, three oral questions regarding the NSL have been ruled out of order and not been permitted to be raised by the respective LegCo Members on the basis that the subject in question is outside the limits of the autonomy of the HKSAR, and the details of the relevant legislation are under drafting and not yet made public.

Having regard to the above, the HKSAR Government considers it not appropriate for the Chief Executive to accede to the request.

Yours sincerely,

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( Ms Vivian Cheung )  
for Director of Administration