

AIR CANADA 25th October, 2004

The Honorable Donald Tsang, OBE JP
Chief Secretary for Administration
12th Floor, West Wing
Central Government Office
Lower Albert Road, Central
Hong Kong



Dear Mr. Tsang,

Re: Representation of the Tourism Industry

We are writing to express our concern in the current voting system as well as the number of representatives representing the tourism industry in the Election Committee for electing the Chief Executive and in the Tourism functional constituencies of the Legislative Council.

The tourism industry mainly consisted of three areas of business, namely, airlines, hotels and travel agents. The current situation is, the existing number of travel agents is far greater than the number of hotels, not to mention airlines. The present voting system for both of the above-mentioned elections is that only one vote can be cast by each body corporate regardless of the corporate size, its number of staff as well as its influence over the industry. As a result, both a body corporate having thousands of members and the owner of a shelf company (in which he is the only member) has one vote to cast. This has not only made the representation of the tourism industry well out of balance but also has created the possibility of fixing an election by means of creating new shelf companies.

To better serve the purpose of balancing the influence among the three different areas of business as well as the size and influence of different body corporate, we believe the number of votes shall be expanded, depending on the number of staff it employs.

We hope that our recommended arrangement could be implemented in the next Chief Executive Election 2007 and Legislative Council Election 2008.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

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