

## **Foreword**

The Government published the Consultation Document on Further Development of the Political Appointment System on 26 July 2006 for a four-month consultation which was ended on 30 November 2006.

### **Public submissions**

2. At the close of the consultation period, we received a total of 218 written submissions in response to the consultation document. They comprise the following three categories.

- (a) There are 185 submissions for which the senders have not requested anonymity of their identity. These submissions are contained in this Appendix. They are arranged, where possible, according to the number of strokes of the sender's name/title in Chinese and, where the name/title of the sender is in English only, the alphabetical order of the sender's name/title.
- (b) There are 27 submissions for which the senders have requested anonymity of their identity, and 2 submissions for which we are unable to ascertain whether the senders want their identity to be made known when their views are published<sup>1</sup>. They are also contained in Appendix, and are arranged after those under (a) above.
- (c) There are 4 submissions for which the senders have requested confidentiality of their submissions. The submissions are not included in the Appendix.

3. We received 3 submissions shortly after 30 November 2006. As these submissions reached us after the close of the consultation period, they have not been reflected in the account of public views in the Report. We have included them in a separate section at the end of this Appendix for public information.

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<sup>1</sup> For these submissions, the senders have not left any contact method. We are therefore unable to get in touch with them on our approach so that they may request anonymity if they so wish.

### **Electronic mail and facsimile that cannot be further processed**

4. Facsimiles received during the consultation period which were advertisements were not processed further. In addition, according to notifications issued to us by the Central Internet Gateway of the HKSAR Government, electronic mails addressed to the consultation mailbox which were spam mail or were suspected of being virus infected were not processed further.

### **Commercial lines contained in submissions**

5. For submissions transmitted to us by electronic mail, we have removed advertising message, if any, contained therein. The contents of these submissions are otherwise published in their entirety.

### **Handling of personal data**

6. In order to safeguard privacy, we have removed senders' personal data, such as residential addresses, email addresses, identity card numbers and telephone numbers, where provided, when publishing their submissions in this Appendix. For submissions under paragraph 2(b) above, we have removed the names of the senders from the relevant submissions.

### **Copyright handling**

7. Some submissions contained photocopies of newspaper cuttings or books/magazines. As these articles involve copyright, they are not published in this paper unless the senders have shown that they have obtained written consent from the publisher or the copyright owner concerned.

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