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Dear Mr Wong,

Proposed Amendment to the Name of the "Architectural, Surveying and Planning" Functional Constituency

Thank you for your letter of 16 July 2012. Further to our interim reply on 19 July 2012, I set out below our response to the issue raised in your letter.

The architectural, surveying and planning functional constituency is established under section 20(1)(k) of the Legislative Council Ordinance (Cap. 542)("LCO") for the purpose of returning a Legislative Council member representing the constituency. The composition of the architectural, surveying and planning functional constituency, as provided for under section 20K of the LCO, includes :

(a) architects registered under the Architects Registration Ordinance (Cap 408);

(b) members of The Hong Kong Institute of Architects entitled to vote at general meetings of the Institute;

(c) landscape architects registered under the Landscape Architects Registration Ordinance (Cap 516);

(d) members of The Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects entitled to vote at general meetings of the Institute;

(e) professional surveyors registered under the Surveyors Registration Ordinance (Cap 417);

(f) members of The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors entitled to vote at general meetings of the Institute;

(g) professional planners registered under the Planners Registration Ordinance (Cap 418); and

(h) members of The Hong Kong Institute of Planners entitled to vote at general meetings of the Institute.

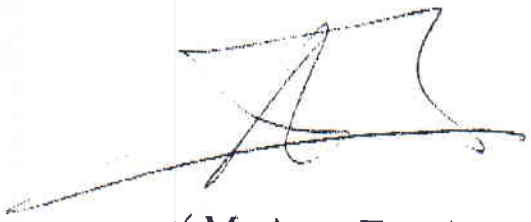
The present nomenclature of some functional constituencies may not stipulate each and every component of a functional constituency. Nevertheless, section 20K made it clear that landscape architects are eligible to be registered for the architectural, surveying and planning functional constituency.

We are mindful of your proposal to change the name of this functional constituency to the architectural, surveying, planning and landscape functional constituency which will necessitate legislative

amendments to relevant provisions of the LCO. In this regard, it also calls for prior and informed discussion with the Legislature and the community. We will give the proposal careful consideration when we may review relevant provisions of the LCO in future.

Thank you again for your proposal and views.

Yours sincerely,



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