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S-CEO01

(Question Serial No. S016)

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Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Shirley LAM)

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Question: (This is a follow-up question on reply serial no. CEO006)

The reply states that "in line with established practice, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government will not respond to or comment on its communication or correspondence with the Central Authorities". Could the Government confirm that there is no provision in the Basic Law and other local legislation that prohibits the HKSAR Government from disclosing the content of its communication or correspondence with the Central Authorities to the Legislative Council?

If there is no legal basis to support the Government's "established practice", would the Government reply to the original question, i.e. "would the Government set out in a table the requests made by the Central People's Government for submission of reports by the Chief Executive in the past 5 years, including the content of such reports"?

Asked by: Hon CHU Hoi-dick (LegCo internal reference no.: 2071)

Reply:

As stated clearly in our written reply serial no. CEO006, in line with established practice, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government will not respond to or comment on its communication or correspondence with the Central Authorities. The Office has nothing else to add.

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