

(Translation)

Question on district administration of north-eastern Lantau Island
(Paper IDC 49/2016)

Written Reply from Home Affairs Department

Our reply to the question raised by District Council Member Ms Amy YUNG is as follows:

1. Consultation on projects and policies implemented on north-eastern Lantau Island

The bureaux/departments would consult relevant stakeholders when formulating proposals and measures, and will consider and decide on how consultations are to be undertaken (e.g. scope of consultation, target groups, etc.).

For policies and measures involving different districts, we note that bureaux/departments would consult the districts concerned. The Islands District Office considers there is no need to set up a liaison mechanism.

The Islands District Council Secretariat could reflect to the relevant bureaux/departments the views of members on the projects/policies implemented on north-eastern Lantau Island after the meeting.

2. Delineation of constituencies

The delineation of each district is listed in Schedule 1 to the District Councils Ordinance, and thus any changes thereto require amending the Ordinance. The Government has been very cautious about making changes to district boundaries, and will consider all relevant factors and views from all parties concerned gathered through consultation. The relevant District Council(s) and stakeholders would be consulted. Besides, any such amendment to the Ordinance requires the consent of the Chief Executive-in-Council and approval of the Legislative Council.

As for the delineation of District Council constituencies, the Electoral Affairs Commission Ordinance provides that the Electoral Affairs Commission is responsible for conducting review and making recommendations to the Chief Executive. Recommendations have to be made in accordance with the statutory criteria (including following the existing boundaries of the districts) and the recommendations are submitted to the Chief Executive after consulting the public on the provisional recommendations. Declaration of constituencies of District Councils is made by the Chief Executive-in-Council by order published in the Gazette.

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