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**Question on arrangement for
statement making and raising motions at District Council meeting**

Ms Amy YUNG notified this Council that she would raise the following enquiry at the Islands District Council meeting to be held on 24 February this year:

“ Earlier, at the meetings of Central & Western and Tai Po District Councils (DCs), the District Officers (DOs) and Secretariat staff walked out mid-way. The Chief Secretary for Administration Mr Matthew CHEUNG explained that it was because the DOs did not agree with the proposals and the requests of Members were deemed ultra vires, etc.

However, 18 Chairmen of the last term of DCs made a joint statement supporting amendments made to the Fugitive Offenders Ordinance, which was also known as “send to China bill”, and passed a motion on “opposing the Occupy Central movement”. Both were beyond the ambit of DCs.

I would like the staff of the Islands District Office to respond to the following:

1. Why did the DOs do nothing to block the statement and motion which were beyond the authority of DCs vested under the District Councils Ordinance?
2. As for future motions proposed by Members, whether prior consent of DOs is required before Members can take a vote?
3. Please describe the duties and responsibilities of DOs and the Secretariats at DC meetings. ”

Islands District Council Secretariat

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