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SUBJECT: LegCo elections: Implications for the Administration

A hostile majority?

17. The importance of establishing good relations with LegCo is greater than ever before. The administration can only pass legislation or obtain funding if it can obtain the support of a majority in LegCo. [Handwritten note: So the political reality is that we must do everything in our power to prevent a serious confrontation with those who can command a majority in LegCo. This will mean making even greater efforts than in the past to explain to LegCo members the merits of our proposals and showing even greater willingness to listen to - and take account of - their views.]

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