

Legal Provisions against Pressuring Electors Not to Nominate a Particular Candidate

In response to media enquiries on legal provisions against pressuring electors not to nominate a particular candidate, the Electoral Affairs Commission (“EAC”) gave the following reply on 31 May 2005:

Intimidation is an offence under section 24 of the Crimes Ordinance (Cap 200). A person found guilty of the offence is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$2,000 and two years’ imprisonment and on conviction upon indictment to five years’ imprisonment.

Bribery has always been an offence at common law liable to imprisonment or a fine.

The EAC, the Independent Commission Against Corruption and related authorities will handle all complaints received during the election process in accordance with the law.

The EAC will continue to ensure that the 2005 Chief Executive Election and all other future elections will be conducted in a fair, open and honest manner.

Dated 31 May 2005