

S for S speaks on appointment as Candidate Eligibility Review Committee member

Following is the transcript of remarks by the Secretary for Security, Mr Tang Ping-keung, at a media session after attending the meeting of the Panel on Security at the Legislative Council Complex this afternoon (July 6):

Reporter: On candidate eligibility first, how can you convince the public that in future when you vet the eligibility of future candidates, you will be fair because the possible candidates would have maybe criticised you or the Police Force in the past? And second question, would the Police essentially be kind of deciding who can run in future elections looking forward, since the Police will first do the vetting of background checks and the Candidate Eligibility Review Committee is also comprising of a significant amount of four policemen or people with disciplined services background?

Secretary for Security: I think as senior officers, we are all doing our parts fairly and impartially and yet the Committee also comprises people with high reputation from the community. So I don't think what you are saying will happen. Thank you.

(Please also refer to the Chinese portion of the transcript.)