

Transcript of remarks by SCMA on National Anthem Bill

Following is the transcript of remarks made by the Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs, Mr Erick Tsang Kwok-wai, at a media session before attending the Legislative Council meeting today (May 27):

Reporter: There are protests springing up across Hong Kong and also some in Kowloon, mainly because people are concerned about freedoms, with the imminent national anthem and national security legislation. How do you, as the minister, alleviate people's concerns?

Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs: For the NPC (National People's Congress)'s legislation about national security, there is a principle of the legislation under which the Hong Kong people's freedoms will be preserved. So I don't think the new legislation will have any influence on our freedoms. Thank you.

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