

Review of Control of Obscene and Indecent Articles Ordinance
Written Submissions received in the first round of public consultation

Explanatory Notes

On 3 October 2008, the Government launched the first round of public consultation on the Review of the Control of the Obscene and Indecent Articles Ordinance. The consultation lasted for four months and ended on 31 January 2009. Members of the public were invited to send in their views through the following channels:

- By post to the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau
- By fax (2511 1458)
- By email (info@coiao.gov.hk)
- Via discussion forums on websites (www.coiao.gov.hk and www.news.gov.hk)

2. Over 18 800 written submissions from organisations and individuals were received during the consultation period. After deducting 6 402 identical submissions which were repeatedly submitted by the same persons, the total number of submissions is 12 417.

3. All the written submissions have been uploaded to this website, except the repeated ones and those the senders of which have asked to keep confidential. Advertising messages and irrelevant letterheads contained in the submissions, as well as offensive languages, have been removed. The submissions have been arranged according to the modes of submission (classified by fax/mail, email and electronic forum), types of senders (categorized by organizations, groups of individuals and individuals) and, where possible, in chronological order. Submissions sent after 31 January 2009 are published at the end.

4. For written submissions in template format with identical content submitted by different individuals, only one submission for each template is published.

5. In order to protect personal privacy, senders' personal data has been removed from the submissions, unless the sender is an organisation or has asked to publish those personal data.