The Government Information Bureau (GCS) director, Victor Chan, stressed that GCS held a total of 23 meetings with representatives of six press associations and 30 media companies. “In summary, it can be said that there are no contradictions between the views of sector and citizens concerning the Councils. The prevalent opinion in the media sector does not accept representatives of the government in the Councils, while citizens argue that the Councils shouldn’t be part of a legal body and should be created by the communication sector with the participation of citizens. The positions of the sector and citizens do not contradict the principle advocated by the Government. That is, the self-regulatory entity should be defined by the industry itself,” he said.

Questioned by journalists, Angus Cheong defended the use of the deliberative polling day. “It was a very deep work held during a full day with the participation of 2,000 people, who gave many opinions,” he said.