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Beating the drum?

SPEAKING to Insight, Law Society president and Senior Counsel Michael Hoo Yee Seng said his Law Society is "not a rubber stamp of the Government. But, there's a need. We're reminding the Government, and the public, that it's our responsibility.

The Law Society has not been enshrined in any major statute with the Government, and the Courts have not been given statutory powers. In fact, the Law Society is not even mentioned in the registrar's returns of solicitors.

National University of Singapore (NUS) law professor Thomas内の主語は不明です。the latter is made to function as a sort of general ombudsman in the Government's long-standing approach to civil liberties, but this is limited to a few specific cases.

"The Law Society's role is to provide advice on the interpretation of the law, or to comment on policies that affect the legal profession. They are not the Government's advisors, but rather a reminder of the Constitution and the rule of law."

Law Society officials say the Law Society's role is to provide a "watchdog" function, and to ensure that the Government is acting within the law.

"They are not empowered to challenge the Government's policies, but they can provide guidance and advice to the public on how to interpret the law."