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Tuesday English News Report:

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New underground music venue or justice secretary's band room?

The **fallout** over the **illegal** structures in the home of Hong Kong Justice Secretary Teresa Cheng and her husband (and neighbour) Otto Poon continues, and it is hard to know where to begin.

Photographs of the rooms' interiors, published by *Apply Daily* yesterday, have unsurprisingly caused a **stir** online. Not only does Cheng have multiple properties in a city where most people can barely afford to buy a flat, she's also **decked out** her basement with a 100 square foot Japanese-style tatami room complete with a Miffy plush toy sitting in the corner. Her husband, meanwhile, has a 100-square-foot subterranean home cinema room, and a 50-square-foot wine cellar that can store 200 bottles of wine.

We don't know if Cheng actually plays any instruments — but the revelation of these rooms has **prompted** some to **raise eyebrows** at Cheng's claims that she was "too busy" to check if her home had illegal structures.

Others, still upset about the closure of underground indie music venue Hidden Agenda, which was shuttered after **tangling** with authorities, leapt at the chance to point out a little bit of **hypocrisy**. Why, they asked, does a justice secretary with, essentially, her own illegal underground music venue get to serve in the government, while one of the city's longest-running live establishments gets shut down for license **breaches**?

The scandal **engulfing** Cheng began earlier this year. Almost immediately as she took on the role the justice chief job, it emerged that her house, and that of her husband, had at least nine unauthorized extensions including rooms on the roof, extensions on the ground floor, basements, canopies, and a swimming pool.

The revelations were embarrassing not just for the government, but particularly for Cheng, who has degrees in engineering and law, and even co-authored a book on construction law that you can borrow from your local library.

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Questions to think about:

- What is the main issue raised in this article and why do think it has caused a stir?
- What makes this case particularly ironic?
- Why is it so important for people in important positions to be good role models.
- What are the challenges for people in positions of power or in the spotlight?



I: Vocabulary and understanding meaning: Match the meaning and/or synonym (words with a similar or the same meaning) to the words which have been highlighted in bold in the article.

Column A: Word from text	Letter	Column B: Meaning or synonym
1. fallout (n)		A: unlawful
2. illegal (adj)		B: cause or bring about something
3. stir (n)		C: of saying you have higher standards, but doing the opposite, having double standards
4. deck out (phrasal verb)		D: commotion, a state of confusion
5. prompt (v)		E: negative or adverse results of a situation or an incident
6. raise eyebrows		F: get all mixed up or to mess with something/get in the middle of something, make something confused or complicated
7. tangle (v)		G: to decorate something elaborately (often with meaning more than is needed)
8. hypocrisy (n)		H: an act of breaking or failing to observe a law, agreement, or code of conduct
9. breach (n)		I: sweep over or to surround or completely cover something or someone
10. engulf (v)		J: something which causes you to be surprised or disapproving

II: Usage of vocabulary: Choose the most appropriate word from the table above to fill in the missing words of the sentences below making sure your answers are grammatically correct.

- The shopkeeper was fined because it is _____ to sell alcohol or cigarettes to anyone under the age of 18.
- The (a) _____, in other words, the after effects from the scandal meant many ministers of the cabinet were forced to resign. It caused quite a (b) _____ and commotion for the government.
- The fire _____ and took over the whole building and firefighters were not able to save it.
- I decided to _____ my room in all types of different furniture.
- The ropes on the ship got all _____ and it took ages to sort it all out as they were in a real mess.
- Because of a _____ in security, people were held up at the airport for a long time.
- What a _____! He says one thing and does exactly the opposite.
- Many things Trump says (a) _____ or cause people to (b) _____ their _____ in surprise or disapproval.

Challenge of the week: What job is this?

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