

**Proposed amendment by Hon Margaret NG (in *italic*)**

The Law Society wishes to assure the Honourable Members of the Legislative Council that once the parameters and likely cost are determined, it will seek a mandate from its members to carry out expeditiously an independent review. *The Law Society will consult its members on the recommendation of the review to decide on the way forward. The Law Society will inform the Legislative Council of the progress on these matters on or before 30 September 2003.* Any recommended arrangements will have to be acceptable to members of the Law Society, approved by the Chief Justice and transformed into amendments to the statutory rules to be approved by the Legislative Council before the expiration of the 5-year contracts at the end of September 2005. At this stage that is the "timetable" to which we shall be working.