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Mr Patrick MOSS  
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Dear Mr MOSS,

**LegCo Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services**  
**Solicitors (Professional Indemnity) (Amendment) Rules 2001**

Thank you for attending the Panel meeting on 18 September 2001.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Panel agreed to recommend to the House Committee meeting on 5 October 2001 that a subcommittee should be set up to scrutinise the Amendment Rules. To facilitate the consideration of the subcommittee if formed, the Panel also agreed that the Law Society should be requested -

- (a) to provide information on how the proposed increase in contributions would affect law firms of different sizes and businesses and the provision of legal services;
- (b) to explore whether the amount of contribution paid by a firm under the existing scheme should take into account its claims records and nature of business; and
- (c) to explore whether the existing scheme should be replaced by alternative schemes.

The subcommittee, if formed, will be working under a very tight timetable. It is expected that the first meeting of the subcommittee will be held in the week following the House Committee meeting. I shall formally invite the Law Society to attend the meeting when the meeting arrangements are finalized.

Yours sincerely,

( Mrs Percy MA )  
Clerk to Panel