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Legislative Council  
Legislative Council Building  
8 Jackson Road  
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(Attn: Mrs Sharon Tong)

Dear Mrs Tong,

**Bills Committee on  
Registration of Persons (Amendment) Bill 2001**

**Privacy Compliance Audit**

The issue of privacy compliance audit on the Smart Identity Card System (“SMARTICS”), which is expected to commence operation in mid-2003, was raised at the Bills Committee meeting held on 14 November 2002. I write to confirm that the Administration will make necessary arrangements with the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data (the “Commissioner”) in order to have a privacy compliance audit conducted in twelve months after the SMARTICS is up and running. The Commissioner has been consulted on this commitment. The Immigration Department will work out the detailed audit arrangements with the Commissioner in due course. When the audit is completed, the

Administration will provide a copy of the report to the Legislative Council for Members' reference.

Yours sincerely,

(Alan K M CHU)  
for Secretary for Security

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