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Clerk to Bills Committee
(Attn: Mr Raymond LAM)
Prevention of Child Pornography Bill
Legislative Council
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road,
Central
Hong Kong

Dear Mr LAM,

**Bills Committee on
Prevention of Child Pornography Bill**

I refer to your letter dated 18 April 2002 regarding the captioned subject addressed to the Committee on Child Abuse.

The Committee on Child Abuse (the Committee), chaired by the Director of Social Welfare, is a cross-departmental and multi-disciplinary group set up to map out strategies and examine ways to facilitate multi-disciplinary collaboration to address the problem of child abuse in Hong Kong. It comprises members from Health and Welfare Bureau, Information Services Department, Hong Kong Police Force, Education Department, Home Affairs Department, Department of Health, Hospital Authority, Hong Kong Council of Social Service, Hong Kong Family

Welfare Society, Hong Kong Psychological Society, Against Child Abuse and End Child Sexual Abuse Foundation.

While the Committee supports the objectives of the Bill for the protection of children, individual members have different opinions on the detailed provisions in the Bill. As such, the Committee will not present specific views or attend the meeting of the Bills Committee. We understand that individual members of the Committee and their represented organizations may attend meetings of the Bills Committee or forward their views separately.

Social Welfare Department supports the enactment of the Bill which will offer better protection of children against sexual exploitation by creating various offences in relation to child pornography, pornographic performance by children and sex tourism. The Department is committed to upholding the welfare of the child. We adopt a child-centred, family-focused and community-based approach as the direction of our family services. Any abuse or exploitation of the child should not be tolerated.

Please feel free to contact the undersigned at 2892 5184 if you need further information.

Yours sincerely,

Signed
(Tommy Chan)
Secretary
Committee on Child Abuse

cc Members of Committee on Child Abuse