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Dear Mr Wong,

Evidence (Miscellaneous Amendment) Bill 2002

I refer to Part I of the above Bill, i.e. competence and compellability of spouses in criminal proceedings.

The Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill 1990, which was defeated in the Legislative Council, also involved the same issues. I wonder if the Administration could provide a comparison, preferably in table form, of the present legislative proposals and those in the 1990 Bill?

I would be most grateful for your reply in bilingual form at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

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