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Mrs. Percy Ma,
Clerk to the LegCo Panel on
Administration of Justice and Legal Services,
Legislative Council Building,
HONG KONG.

Dear Madam,

Review of the provision of legal aid services
Criminal cases assigned by the Department of Justice to
Senior Counsel

I refer to your letter of 29 April, addressed to the Secretary for Justice. I apologise for the delay in furnishing a reply, which is entirely my fault.

2. Since the 1 May 1999 the Department of Justice has briefed Senior Counsel to appear in 8 criminal cases i.e. in 3 trials and 5 appeals.

Yours faithfully,

(John Reading, SC)
Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions
for the Secretary for Justice.

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