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Mrs. Percy Ma
Clerk to Panel
Legislative Council
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road
Central, Hong Kong

Dear Mrs. Ma,

**LegCo Panel on administration of Justice and Legal Services
Jurisdiction to award costs in criminal proceedings**

Thank you for your letter of 29th September 2001. The Bar Council has considered the matter and supports the proposal of the Law Society that the legislation providing for the award of costs in criminal proceedings be amended to make provision for power in the court to award costs to the Defendant in circumstances in which the prosecution apply unsuccessfully for a review of an acquittal in the magistracy.

Yours sincerely,

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Chairman

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