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Mrs. Percy Ma

Clerk to Panel

Legislative Council

Legislative Council Building

8 Jackson Road, Hong Kong

Dear Mrs Ma,

**Consultancy Report: System for the Determination of Judicial Remuneration**

Thank you for your letter dated 30 May 2003.

The Bar Council has considered the two questions raised in your letter and has the following views to offer : -

- (a) As a matter of general interpretation, when one speaks of increase or reduction of salary, one does not take into account any element of inflation or deflation, unless the context obtained requires.
  
- (b) If it is a matter of legislation it is a question for the legislature to make it clear whether when they want to provide for any prohibition of reduction of salary, they would like to take into account inflation or deflation. If they do, then it is advisable to state that in clear language.

Yours sincerely,

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Chairman

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