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Mrs Percy Ma
Clerk to the Panel on
Administration of Justice and Legal Services
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road
Central
Hong Kong

Dear Mrs Ma,

**Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services (“the AJLS Panel”)
Civil Justice Reform**

Thank you for your letter of 12 November 2003 enquiring the progress of the review on the civil rules and procedures of the High Court.

Having regard to the responses received during the consultation, the Working Party on Civil Justice Reform is now finalizing its Final Report. It is expected that the Final Report would be submitted to the Chief Justice and be published in early 2004. The AJLS Panel would be briefed on the recommendations of the Working Party upon the publication of the Final Report.

It is expected that we would be in a better position to give a firmer indication of the exact timing of the publication of the Report by the end of this year. We will revert to you on this in due course.

Yours sincerely,

(Miss Emma Lau)
for Judiciary Administrator