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Mrs Percy Ma Clerk to LegCo Panel on Constitutional Affairs Legislative Council 3/F Citibank Tower 3 Garden Road, Central Hong Kong

Dear Mrs Ma,

## Free Air Time for Candidates to Participate in Electioneering Programmes on TV and Radio

At the meeting of the Legislative Council (LegCo) Panel on Constitutional Affairs held on 15 December 2003, the Hon Emily Lau requested the Administration to consider providing more free air time for candidates to participate in electioneering programmes on TV and radio. We undertook to follow up the matter with the Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK).

Members may wish to note that we have already relayed the Hon Emily Lau's request to RTHK, requesting it to take her view into consideration when planning the publicity programme for the 2004 LegCo election. We will follow up on this matter with RTHK when finalising the overall publicity programmes for the election.

Yours sincerely,

( Joseph Lai ) for Secretary for Constitutional Affairs