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Room 116, New Henry House  
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Dear Hon. Ng,

**Complaint from Prisoner Mr. Brian Hall**

Thank you for your letter of 4 June 2004 to the Secretary for Security. I am authorized to reply on his behalf.

The complaint of Mr. Hall is being investigated by the Police. Mr. Hall was interviewed at Stanley Prison by officers of Aberdeen Police Station on 6 May 2004. The Police have also interviewed a number of Stanley Prison staff who were involved in Mr. Hall's complaint. The investigation is continuing. On the part of the Correctional Services Department (CSD), its Complaints Investigation Unit (CIU) has taken up the complaint and an interim reply was issued to Mr. Crawley on 8 April 2004. Mr. Hall was interviewed by a CIU investigator regarding the complaint on 8 and 13 April 2004. An interim reply was sent to him on 20 and 30 April 2004 respectively. The enquiry of CIU has been temporarily suspended pending the outcome of the police investigation. Mr. Hall has been informed of the situation in writing.

Please rest assured that CSD is committed to the safe and humane treatment of persons committed to its custody. All complaints about violence against prisoners will be investigated fully and handled in the most serious manner.

Thank you for your concern about the rights and welfare of prisoners.

Yours sincerely,

( Kenny Cheung )  
for Secretary for Security