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**Dear Percy** 

I refer to the meeting of the Bills Committee this morning.

The question I wish to raise with the Administration relates to paragraph 11 of the Legal Service Division Report LS46/04-05.

I note the Administration's response of 13 April to the Senior Assistant Legal Advisor. However, the effect of the proposed amendment on the Ordinance is not a matter for future consideration. It has to be ascertained before the bill can be approved. Otherwise LegCo will be enacting in the dark, and moreover passing legislation without being fully aware of its meaning and legal effect.

The Administration's response of 13 April is beside the point. I request the Administration to answer the 3 questions raised. If the Administration does not know the answer, it should say so.

Yours sincerely

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