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Secretary for Constitutional Affairs  
(Attn : Mr Raymond TAM)  
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Dear Mr TAM,

**Bills Committee on Chief Executive Election (Amendment)  
(Term of Office of the Chief Executive) Bill**

**Follow up to meeting on 28 April 2005  
and next meetings of the Bills Committee**

At this morning's meeting, the Administration was requested to provide a written response on the following issues raised by members –

- (a) to explain how it has arrived at the view that the provisions in the Bill are consistent with the interpretation made by the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (NPCSC) on 27 April 2005; and
- (b) to respond to the suggestion of the Legal Adviser that it might be necessary to consider the drafting and legal effect of the Bill (including its long title) in the light of the interpretation, which refers to possible amendments to Annex I of the Basic Law (BL) for the election of the Chief Executive (CE) in 2007 in accordance with which the term of office of the new CE elected under BL 53(2) shall be determined.

I should be grateful if you would let me have your bilingual response (with soft copy via e-mail [ftsang@legco.gov.hk](mailto:ftsang@legco.gov.hk)) **as soon as possible**.

The next meeting of the Bills Committee will be held **from 8:30 am to 12:45 pm on 29 April 2005**. If the Bills Committee cannot conclude its deliberation at tomorrow's meeting, it will continue discussion on **Saturday**,

**30 April 2005 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.**

Please let me have the Administration's bilingual attendance list for the meeting on 30 April 2005 **as soon as possible**.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

( Mrs Percy MA )  
Clerk to Bills Committee

c.c. Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP (Chairman)