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Mr. R.C. Allcock Legal Policy Division Department of Justice 1st & 4th floor Queensway Government Offices HONG KONG

Dear Bor.

Professional Indemnity Scheme (PIS)

At the AJLS Panel on 22 November 2004, the Law Society informed Members that they are proceeding with drafting the Rules for the Qualifying Insurers Scheme (QIS) in accordance with the outcome of the EGM. Members were told that the draft Rules are expected to be done by the end of December 2004.

The Department of Justice has indicated that it is unable to give its support to the Scheme at this stage but will work with the Law Society to find a solution.

As the time frame is extremely tight, I should be grateful if you could let me know what progress has been made so far. It would be in keeping with LegCo's usual practice whereby policy changes involving legislation is given an early airing in the relevant Panel.

With best regards

Yours sincerely

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c.c. President of the Law Society

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