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Clerk to Panel
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Dear Mrs CHOW,

**Panel on Constitutional Affairs
Follow-up to meeting on 18 July 2005
Issues relating to Prorogation of the Council**

Thank you for your letter of 26 September 2005 enclosing a letter of the Hong Kong Bar Association of 23 September 2005 concerning the captioned matter.

In our panel paper (CB(2)2255/04-05(04)), we were merely referring to the Bar Association's position that "the objective of prorogation will be frustrated if LegCo is allowed to resume its business in circumstances other than the one prescribed by law". Having carefully considered the letter of the Bar Association, we would like to reaffirm the Administration's position as set out in our papers (CB(2)2255/04-05(04) and CB(2)862/04-05(03)), that is, that the existing arrangements concerning prorogation are appropriate and consistent with the Basic Law, and should therefore remain unchanged.

Yours sincerely,

(W H CHOW)
for Secretary for Constitutional Affairs