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Miss Odelia LEUNG
Clerk to Bills Committee
Bills Committee on Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Amendment) Bill
2006
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road
Central
Hong Kong

Dear Miss Leung,

**Bills Committee on
Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Amendment) Bill 2006
Follow-up to the meeting on 10 November 2006**

Thank you for your letter dated 13 November 2006. At the request of the Bills Committee on the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Amendment) Bill 2006 (the Bill), I attach at Annex for Members' advance information the Committee Stage Amendments to the Bill.

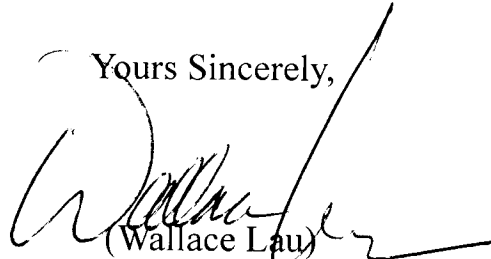
At the resumption of the Second Reading debate of the Bill, we will undertake to conduct a review on the relevant laws jointly with major stakeholders and parties, including major animal welfare groups, report the results of the review to the relevant Panel in 12 months' time and strengthen our enforcement actions in respect of cases of cruelty.

Regarding continuing offence, according to regulation 21(1) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Regulations (Cap. 169A), "*any*

person who contravenes regulations 2 to 19 shall be liable to a fine of \$2,000 or, in the case of continuing offence, the sum of \$200 for every day during which the offence continues.” Hence, continuing offence is applicable to any of the offences under regulations 2 to 19 of Cap. 169A.

I should be grateful if you would pass on this reply to the Bills Committee.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wallace Lau', written over the typed name.

(Wallace Lau)

for Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

c.c. DAFC (Attn: Mr S P Lau)
(Attn: Dr Eric Tai)
(Attn: Dr. Kenny Ho)
DoJ (Attn: Ms Lonnie Ng)

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PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2006

COMMITTEE STAGE

Amendments to be moved by the Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

<u>Clause</u>	<u>Amendment Proposed</u>
2	By deleting “at level 6 and to imprisonment for 12 months” and substituting “of \$200,000 and to imprisonment for 3 years”.
3	By deleting “at level 6 and to imprisonment for 12 months” and substituting “of \$200,000 and to imprisonment for 3 years”.
4(2)	In the proposed section 8(1A), by deleting “level 4” and substituting “level 5”.
5(a)	By deleting “level 4” and substituting “level 5”.