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Clerk, Public Accounts Committee
 (Attn : Ms Dora WAI)
 Legislative Council
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Dear Ms WAI

**The Director of Audit's Report on the
 Results of value for money audits (Report No. 45)
 Chapter 7 : Recovery of legal costs by the Legal Aid Department**

Thank you for your letter dated 24 November 2005.

To facilitate monitoring, I re-affirm my view that the Director of Legal Aid should provide me with an annual return on the outstanding legal costs awarded to aided persons. Taking into account the special circumstances of LAD, we will work with the Director of Legal Aid to design a specific form for them to use in future reports to the Treasury on outstanding legal costs awarded to aided persons.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs Lucia LI)

Director of Accounting Services

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 Director of Audit
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