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Mrs Percy Ma Clerk to Panel Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services Legislative Council 8 Jackson Road Hong Kong

Dear Mrs Ma,

Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services Review of the Ombudsman Ordinance

Thank you for your letter of 30 June 2006 on the above subject.

We understand that The Ombudsman is still in the process of conducting her internal review of The Ombudsman Ordinance. She will, upon completion of the review, forward her report to the Administration for consideration. The Administration will carefully study the Ombudsman's conclusions and recommendations when the report is available. If the proposals involve policy or legislative changes, we will need to review the implications carefully and consult the relevant parties on a need basis.

It is early days to consider whether a consultation document will be issued to seek public views on the report. The course of actions to be taken will very much depend on the content of the report and what aspects of the report the pubic will be interested in.

Yours sincerely,

(Miss Shirley Yung) for Director of Administration