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Ms. Chang King Yiu
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Dear Director

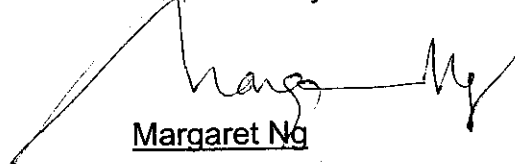
Review of Criminal Legal Aid Fees

Notwithstanding the clear indications of the former Chief Secretary given in LegCo in May in reply to my question to look into the above captioned issue promptly and with an open mind as soon as the Administration had heard from the two legal professional bodies, there appears to be no particular progress made or action taken since reports have been submitted by the Bar and the Law Society.

I note that the issue has been considered by the Legal Aid services Council one of whose statutory duties is to advise the Government on legal aid services policies. The Council has expressed a clear view that a review is long overdue, and the Chairman has written to you in those terms.

I should be grateful if you could inform the Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services what action has been taken and when we may expect a concrete proposal from the Administration.

Yours sincerely



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c.c. Chairman, Legal Aid Services Council
c.c. Chairman, Hong Kong Bar Association
c.c. President, The Law Society of Hong Kong