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By Fax (2530 2648) and By Post

9 May 2007

Dear Miss Lau,

Civil Justice (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2007

As you may be aware, the Bills Committee on the Civil Justice (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2007 will hold its first meeting on 15 May 2007.

According to your paper issued to the LegCo Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services in December 2006 (LC Paper No. CB(2)568/06-07(06)), the Steering Committee on Civil Justice Reform (“the Steering Committee”) received 30 responses to the “Consultation Paper on Proposed Legislative Amendments for the Implementation of the Civil Justice Reform” (“the Consultation Paper”), commenting mostly on technical and drafting details and there is general support to most of the proposals. It is also noted that the Bar Association and the Law Society have raised some concerns over the proposed amendments but the concerns have largely been addressed (para. 3 and 4 of the paper).

I wonder, for the purpose of assisting the Bills Committee to fully appreciate the specific views of the different professional bodies and the public, whether you could provide detailed information (preferably in a table form) about the following –

- (a) proposals in the Bill (with reference to the specific recommendations in the Final Report of the Chief Justice’s Working Party on Civil Justice Reform or the Consultation Paper);
- (b) views of the relevant parties;
- (c) administration’s responses; and
- (d) relevant rules or practice of other common law jurisdictions.

I look forward to your reply in bilingual form on or before 14 May
2007.

Yours sincerely,

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