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via Mr Michael Scott, SASG/GLP

Dear Miss Ma,

**Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2007 (the "Bill")**

Further to the Solicitor General's letter of 31 March 2008 and our recent telephone discussions, I enclose a full set of the revised draft Committee Stage Amendments.

**CSA relating to Part 7 – Costs in Criminal Cases Ordinance (Cap. 492) under Clause 21 of the Bill**

The definition of "wasted costs" has been revised to reflect the Bar Association's position as set out in paragraph 12 of the Information Paper – LC Paper No. CB(2)1254/07-08(02).

**CSA relating to clause 78 of the Bill**

Clause 78 of the Bill makes a minor amendment to section 44 of Schedule 2 to the Companies (Amendment) Ordinance 2004 (“the Amendment Ordinance”), to rectify some textual inconsistencies in the English and Chinese texts pertaining to paragraph (c) of the definition of “pre-amended Ordinance” in the new section 341(1) of the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32). The inconsistency being that the Chinese text of the definition has omitted the words “附表2”. Since section 44 in Schedule 2 to the Amendment Ordinance has already commenced operation on 14 December 2007, the relevant amendments in the Bill should therefore be made directly to section 341(1) of the Companies Ordinance. We therefore propose to move a CSA in respect of clause 78 of the Bill to effect the changes.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,



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