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Miss Betty Ma,
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By Fax: 2185 7845

Dear Miss Ma,


**Bills Committee on
Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2007
Meeting on 16 June 2007**

Thank you for your letter dated 17 May 2007.

The Legal Aid Department has been consulted on the proposed amendments to the Costs in Criminal Cases Ordinance, Cap. 492 and supports the proposal.

Criminal legal aid cases are publicly funded, the Department considers that the proposed introduction of section 18(5) as set out in Clause 22 in Part 7 of the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2007 would serve to remove any uncertainty as to the Director of Legal Aid's right to recoup any wasted costs ordered to be paid by the Court.

Yours sincerely,


(Benjamin Cheng)
Director of Legal Aid

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