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Clerk to Public Accounts Committee
Legislative Council
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(Attn.: Ms. Dora Wai)

Dear Ms. Wai,

**The Director of Audit's Report on the
Results of value for money audits (Report No. 46)**

Chapter 1 – Collection of fines imposed by Magistrates' Courts

Thank you for your letter of 27 October 2006. I provide additional information as follows:

(a) Para. 2.16 – Enhancement to the CASEMAN

2. We will inform the PAC of the progress made in this regard by 15 January 2007 as requested.

(b) Para. 3.17(b): Multiple applications for distress warrants

3. The Department of Justice and the Police, in consultation with the Judiciary Administration, have identified an option to tackle this issue. We understand that the Department of Justice will advise the Public Accounts Committee of the details of this option in its progress report.

(c) Para. 4.18(a): Estimation of the cost of execution of distress warrants


4. In our reply dated 29.9.2006, we said that we would provide an estimate in November 2006. We have completed the costing exercise.

5. As regards a visit performed by a bailiff for the purpose of executing a distress warrant for which no seizure is made, the average cost is about \$394.

6. In the case for which a seizure is made, the average cost is about \$513.

7. We are passing this information to the Commissioner of Police in connection with his review of the existing threshold of \$50,000 as recommended by the Director of Audit in para. 3.17(a) of the report. We will assess the workload implications for the bailiffs having regard to the proposals of the Police.

Yours sincerely,


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for Judiciary Administrator

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