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Dear Mrs Tong,

On whether the Panel on Security should hold a special meeting within this month to discuss issues relating to the annual report of the Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance (the Commissioner), our views are as follows.

In accordance with the Interception of Communications and Surveillance Ordinance (the Ordinance), the Commissioner submitted his annual report for the Year 2006 to the Chief Executive on 29 June 2007. The Commissioner's annual report is an integral part of the checks and balances under the Ordinance. The Chief Executive is studying the report in detail. He will consider, among others, whether there is a need to consult the Commissioner in accordance with the Ordinance on the copy of the report to be published, and whether any issues raised in the report require follow up. On completion of the study, the Chief Executive will table the report in the Legislative Council as required.

We expect the report to be tabled in the Legislative Council early in the next legislative year (i.e. around October this year). We will at the same time submit to the Panel on Security this Bureau's views on issues raised in the report for discussion.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs Jessie Ting)
for Secretary for Security