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The Honourable Miriam LAU Kin-yee, GBS, JP Chairman of the House Committee Legislative Council 8 Jackson Road, Central Hong Kong

Dear Chairman,

Resumption of Second Reading Debate on the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes (Amendment) Bill 2008

In accordance with Rule 54(5) of the Rules of Procedure of the Legislative Council, I am writing to consult you on my intention to give notice for the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes (Amendment) Bill 2008 to resume its Second Reading debate on 9 July 2008.

The Bills Committee is in support of the proposal for the Bill to resume its Second Reading debate on 9 July 2008. As the House Committee is due to consider the report of the Bills Committee at its meeting on 4 July 2008, there would only be three clear days between the meeting of House Committee at which the Bill is to be considered and the date of resumption.

In the circumstances, subject to the House Committee's agreement to resume the Second Reading debate on 9 July 2008, I look forward to the House Committee's support of my intention to seek the President's approval to waive the notice's requirement and place the item on the agenda for the LegCo meeting on 9 July 2008 so that the Bill can be resumed for debate at that meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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(Professor K C Chan)

Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

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