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Dear Mrs. Ma,

**LegCo Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services
Establishment of an independent statutory legal aid authority**

Thank you for your letters dated 24 October 2007 and 6 December 2007.

Regarding the progress and timetable for Legal Aid Services Council (LASC)'s study on the establishment of an independent statutory legal aid authority, we are given to understand that the LASC expects to complete the study around the end of 2008. We will revert to the Panel after we have considered the outcome of LASC's study.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alice Cheung'.

(Mrs Alice Cheung)

for Secretary for Home Affairs

c.c. Mr Paul Chan, Chairman of LASC