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Dear Mrs Ma,

Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services
Pre-Trial Interviewing of Witnesses by Prosecutors

I refer to your letter issued earlier today. Our correspondence has crossed.

I would like to highlight that the Pre-Trial Interviewing of Witnesses by Prosecutors scheme has not been implemented and there is no change to the existing practice. The Working Group is merely conducting a monitoring exercise to collect relevant statistics and information with a view to assessing the need to introduce such a scheme in Hong Kong. As mentioned in my earlier letter, if any change is recommended, in order to bring Hong Kong into line with other major common law jurisdictions, the legal sector, and others, will be consulted.

Yours sincerely,

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to Secretary for Justice