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Miss Jennifer MAK Director of Administration 5th floor, Main Wing Central Government Offices Hong Kong

Dear Miss MAK,

Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services

Review of the non-commencement of ordinances

On the instruction of Hon Margaret NG, the Chairman, I write in connection with the captioned subject.

It has come to the attention of the Chairman that certain parts of the Wills (Amendment) Ordinance 1995 (No. 56 of 1995) (i.e. new Part IIA and new Schedule for the implementation of the Convention on International Wills) have not yet come into operation despite the fact that the relevant Bill was passed in July 1995. The Chairman is concerned about the situation and requests the Administration to provide the following information -

- (a) a list of the ordinances which have been enacted for over three years but have yet come into operation fully (with a brief description of the purpose of these ordinances);
- (b) the reasons for them not having come into operation fully yet;
- (c) the plans, if any, to bring them into operation fully; and
- (d) the need for establishing a mechanism to facilitate LegCo to monitor the commencement of bills passed by the Legislative Council.

I should be grateful if you would, in consultation with the Department of Justice, provide the above information in the form of a paper for follow up by the Panel in the current session. Please let me know by 11 December 2007 when you

can revert to the Panel on the matter so that the Panel could decide on the timing for discussion of the item at its coming meeting on 13 December 2007.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Percy MA) Clerk to Panel

c.c. Mr WONG Yan-lung, SC, JP Secretary for Justice