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168-200 Connaught Road Central  
Hong Kong

Dear Mr LAI,

**Bills Committee on Road Traffic (Driving-offence Points)  
(Amendment) Bill 2009**

As you may be aware, the Bills Committee is set up by the Legislative Council to scrutinize the Road Traffic (Driving-offence Points) (Amendment) Bill 2009 (the Bill). The membership list of the Bills Committee is attached for your information.

In the course of scrutinizing the Bill, the Bills Committee notes that The Ombudsman has decided to initiate direct investigation into the implementation of the Driving-offence Points (DOP) system, which will include examining the effectiveness of the remedial measures proposed in the Bill. The Bills Committee has noted from your Office's press release issued on 19 March 2009 that there is concern about the effectiveness of the Bill in tackling the problem that some drivers who have accumulated 15 DOPs or above can, through evasion of disqualification, still drive on the road posing a risk to other road users. As instructed by the Bills Committee on 30 March 2009, I write on behalf of the Bills Committee to enquire whether you wish to provide any further views on the Bill for the Committee's consideration.

The Bills Committee is currently also inviting the public to give views on the Bill and has scheduled a meeting for 24 April 2009 to receive public views. The Bills Committee intends to report its deliberations to the House Committee on 8 May 2009 and would like to consider your views on the Bill before concluding its scrutiny work. I would therefore appreciate it if you could provide your views and comments, if any, by **Friday, 17 April 2008**.

Please note that unless you advise otherwise, the papers you provide will be made available to the public and placed in the Library of the Legislative Council. They will also be made available on the website of the Legislative Council on the Internet. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned on telephone number 2869 9245.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Ms Joanne MAK)  
Clerk to Bills Committee

Encl.

c.c. Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee, GBS, JP (Chairman)

**Bills Committee on Road Traffic (Driving-offence Points) (Amendment)  
Bill 2009**

**Membership list**

**Chairman** Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye, GBS, JP

**Members** Hon James TO Kun-sun  
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo  
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP  
Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH  
Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming, SBS, JP  
Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC

(Total: 7 Members)

**Clerk** Ms Joanne MAK

**Legal Adviser** Mr Kelvin LEE

**(Papers and minutes of meetings of the Bills Committee are available at:  
<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/bc/bc01/general/bc01.htm>)**