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Clerk to Panel
Legislative Council Secretariat
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8 Jackson Road
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(Attn: Ms Janet SHUM)

Dear Ms Shum,

Panel on Home Affairs

Thank you for your letter of 18 February 2009 forwarding a letter from a District Council member on her views related to the timeframe on the claiming of prizes in respect of Mark Six.

The Secretary for Home Affairs has issued a Licence for Lotteries ("the Licence") to HKJC Lotteries Limited ("HKJC") under section 6X of the Betting Duty Ordinance (Cap. 108). In accordance with the Licence, HKJC should prescribe and publish a set of Lotteries Rules. The Lotteries Rules, made by the Board of Directors of HKJC, govern the general procedures of lotteries, such as the manner in which the Draw should be conducted, payment arrangement for prizes and refunds, allocation of prize fund, etc. The requirement to collect prizes or refunds within 60 days after the date of the relevant Draw is stipulated in section 2.16 of the Lotteries Rules.

We have conveyed to HKJC the views received concerning the timeframe on the claiming of prizes in respect of Mark Six. HKJC advised that the concerned timeframe applies to lottery tickets as well as betting tickets for horse racing and football betting. Having regard to the prize collection pattern of customers, HKJC considered the 60-day validity rule appropriate. HKJC will review from time to time and amend as and when necessary the Lotteries Rules.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'W. Tse', written in a cursive style.

(Miss Winnie Tse)
for Secretary of Home Affairs