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Dear Mr Coleman,

**Annual Report 2007 of the Commissioner on
Interception of Communications and Surveillance**


Thank you for your letter of 20 February 2009 to the Secretary for Security enclosing the Hong Kong Bar Association's comments on the Annual Report 2007 of the Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance (the Commissioner). I am authorized to respond.

Since the Interception of Communications and Surveillance Ordinance (ICSO) came into operation in August 2006, the Commissioner had made a number of recommendations with the aim of improving the operation of the ICSO regime. We have either taken on board the Commissioner's recommendations or proposed alternative improvement measures to address the Commissioner's concerns.

The Administration will undertake a comprehensive review of the ICSO after the second full-year Annual Report (i.e. Annual Report 2008) of the Commissioner is available. We shall consider what additional improvement measures are necessary to further enhance the ICSO regime and

will consider the need for legislative improvements in the course of the review. We shall take into account the views expressed by the Hong Kong Bar Association and others in conducting the review.

Yours sincerely,


(Apollonia Liur)
for Secretary for Security

c.c. Clerk to LegCo Panel on Security (Attn: Mr Raymond Lam)