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Clerk to Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting
Legislative Council
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road, Central
Hong Kong

(Attn.: Ms. Annette LAM)

Dear Ms. LAM,

**Legislative Council Panel on Information Technology
and Broadcasting Meeting on 9 November 2009**

I refer to your letter of 1 December 2009 enquiring on an information technology proposal to facilitate police officers in the taking of statements.

At present, the Hong Kong Police Force (the Force) takes statements by hand or in typewritten form. This practice is considered to be effective and suits the circumstances of the Force. We also have in place video recording facilities to record the interview of suspects in certain criminal investigations or witnesses who are deemed vulnerable.

The Force will continue to remain vigilant on technological development and will consider appropriate technological options to improve our service to the public.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MA Wai-luk', written over a horizontal line.

(MA Wai-luk)
for Commissioner of Police