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Dear Mr Lam,

**Election returns under
the Election (Corrupt and Illegal Conduct) Ordinance**

Thank you for your letter dated 4 November 2010 and for your extension of the time for us to give a reply.

The Government is determined to maintain fair and clean elections. In this regard, the Registration and Electoral Office (REO) has been handling cases relating to candidates' election returns in accordance with the relevant legislation. At the same time, we strive to facilitate the investigation work of the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) on cases relating to candidates' election returns under the Election (Corrupt and Illegal Conduct) Ordinance (Cap. 554) (ECICO).

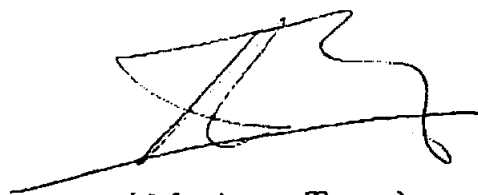
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For this purpose, the REO has been discussing improvement measures with the ICAC. As a result, the REO will from now on, after compiling the relevant documents, provide the ICAC with an analysis of possible breaches of the ECICO in the relevant election return cases, supplemented with relevant details. As a result of this arrangement, there will not be a need for the ICAC to make specific requests for the relevant information and follow-up action may be taken forthwith.

Please rest assured that our Bureau and the REO will continue to work closely with the ICAC to facilitate its investigation work on complaints and cases under the ECICO.

At the meeting of the Panel on Constitutional Affairs (CA Panel) held on 20 December 2010, a Member also raised this issue when the CA Panel discussed the agenda items for the next meeting to be held on 17 January 2011, which will include the subject of electoral arrangements. We will provide information on this issue to the CA Panel for its discussion.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Anne Teng', written over a horizontal line.

(Ms Anne Teng)

for Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

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