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Dear Miss YEUNG,

**Subcommittee on
Amendments to Subsidiary Legislation on Discipline
Made under Disciplined Services Ordinances**

At the meeting on 30 May, the Subcommittee advised that in view of the highly compressed timeframe for scrutiny of the amendment regulations/rules (L.N. 58 to L.N. 63 of 2012), the busy schedules of the Legislative Council and the complexity of some of the amendments, there might not be sufficient time to complete the scrutiny of the amendment regulations/rules within the prescribed timeframe.

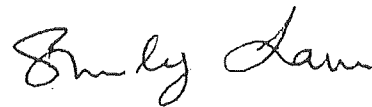
We note that with the adjournment of the last sitting of the Council meeting on 1 June, the 28-day negative vetting period for the amendment regulations/rules has expired without being extended.

Having carefully considered the Subcommittee's views, I write to advise that this Bureau will not bring the amendment regulations/rules into commencement. We assure Members that despite the absence of statutory backing, the disciplined services departments will continue to process applications for legal representation administratively in accordance with the fairness requirement.

To take the matter forward, we will consult the management and staff sides of the disciplined services departments again on how to further refine the amendment regulations/rules by taking into account, among other things, Members' comments. Once the revised amendment regulations/rules are ready, we will arrange to introduce them into the Legislative Council for the purpose of replacing the current ones at L.N. 58 to L.N. 63 of 2012.

We hope the above arrangement is agreeable to the Subcommittee.

Yours sincerely,



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for Secretary for the Civil Service