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Dear Ms Sit,

**Procedures in handling of sexual offence cases
and related trainings of the Hong Kong Police Force**

I refer to your letter dated 25 January 2013. This letter briefs Members on the handling of sexual offence cases and the related trainings by Hong Kong Police Force (the Police).

The Police treat all sexual offence cases seriously and with sensitivity, in pursuit of the twin aims of preventing further abuse and prosecuting offenders. The Police have put in place various measures to protect the victim when they investigate sexual violence cases. Upon receiving a sexual violence report, the victim will be interviewed as soon as practicable in private by a police officer of the same sex trained in dealing with sexual violence victims. The victim may be accompanied by a relative or friend. The “one-stop” service model speeds up the process of investigation, thus reducing stress to the victim. If the victims of sexual violence are children under 17 years old, or Mentally Incapacitated Persons, their statements are video recorded in “Vulnerable Witness Interview Suites”. The

evidence-in-chief of victims who are Mentally Incapacitated Persons is video recorded for presentation in Court under Sections 79B & C of the Criminal Procedures Ordinance (Cap. 221).

In line with the multi-agency and crosssectoral approach, sexual violence victims receive 24-hour quality support services by referral to relevant government departments and non-governmental organisations. Designated social workers will be responsible for coordinating various departments or units to provide support services to the victims with the aim to reducing their harm.

To enhance the ability of frontline police officers in handling sex violence cases, training on various sex violence related issues, such as handling domestic sex violence incidents, handling heterosexual / homosexual relationships, victim's psychology and conflict management, is provided to them at various stages of their careers, including during basic training, crime investigation training and development training. Also, ad hoc seminars will be held for frontline police officers for the purpose of enhancing their professional sensitivities and updating their knowledge with the latest changes in laws and procedures. Procedures for dealing with sex violence cases are contained in the *Force Procedures Manual* and *Criminal Investigation Manual* for ease of reference by frontline police officers and are reviewed regularly to identify areas for improvement. The Police will continue to provide regular training for frontline police officers to ensure that victims of sexual violence are treated with sensitivity, empathy and in a professional manner.

Yours sincerely,

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