



香港法律改革委員會

THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION OF HONG KONG

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Dear Miss So,

During the Panel's discussion last December on the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, Members asked the Security Bureau to relay to the Law Reform Commission ("LRC") their request for a time table of the LRC's review of sexual offences. This request has been relayed to the LRC Secretariat and I am authorised to reply as follows.

The LRC established a sub-committee in July 2006 to review the existing sexual offence under the criminal law. Since the review involves a wide scope of issues which require careful and comprehensive consideration, it is neither practicable nor appropriate to lay down a specific timetable for the entire review.

Having said the above, the LRC sub-committee has all along been pressing on with its review and has been making progress from time to time. So far, the subcommittee had issued (a) a report in February 2010 on "Sexual Offences Records Checks for Child-related Work: Interim Proposals"; (b) a report in December 2010 on "The Common Law Presumption that a Boy under 14 is Incapable of Sexual Intercourse"; and (c) a consultation paper in September 2012 on "Rape and Other Non-Consensual Sexual Offences".

The LRC sub-committee is currently deliberating on the next consultation paper on sexual offences relating to offences against children and mentally incapacitated persons and offences involving abuse of a position of trust. The sub-committee aims to publish a consultation paper as soon as possible. Members will surely be kept posted as the consultation paper will,

in accordance with established procedures, be sent to Panel members upon publication.

Yours sincerely,



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