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Dear Ms Szeto,

Establishment Subcommittee

Follow-up to meeting on 12 November 2014

During the captioned meeting at which the proposals at EC(2014-15)11 were discussed, the Judiciary Administration was requested to provide supplementary information on the number of Judges and Magistrates appointed in the past five years; and a breakdown of these appointed Judges and Magistrates by reference to their professional background.

2. As requested, the relevant information relating to the number of Judges and Judicial Officers (“JJOs”) appointed from open recruitment exercises in the past five years from 2010 to 2014 (up to 27.11.2014) and the breakdown of their professional background is tabulated as follows -

JJOs by Ranks	Total	Professional background of the JJOs appointed through open recruitment		
		From within the Judiciary	From private practice	From other government departments*
Judge of the Court of First Instance of the High Court	16	7	7	2
District Judge	23	15	5	3
Permanent Magistrate	31	4	23	4
Special Magistrate	10	0	9	1
Total	80	26	44	10

* Appointees from other government departments were all from the Department of Justice.

Yours sincerely,

(Ms Doreen Kwan)
for Judiciary Administrator

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cc FSTB
[Attn : Ms Esther Leung, Deputy Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury)1]