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Dear Ms WAN,

**Live Television Link (Witnesses outside Hong Kong) Rules (L.N. 145)
Rules of the High Court (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules 2015 (L.N. 146)**

I am scrutinizing the captioned rules with a view to advising Members on their legal and drafting aspects.

It is noted that L.N. 145 and L.N. 146 will come into operation on the day on which sections 17 and 13 of the Evidence (Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance 2003 (Ord. No. 23 of 2003) come into operation respectively. These sections have not yet come into operation.

Ord. No. 23 of 2003 was enacted by the Legislative Council in July 2003. However, L.N. 145 and L.N. 146 were only gazetted on 3 July 2015. As such, please explain to Members why it took such a long time for the gazettal of L.N. 145 and L.N. 146 since the enactment of Ord. No. 23 of 2003.

Please let us have your reply in both the Chinese and English languages
by 24 July 2015.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Evelyn Lee', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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