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Dear Miss Lam,

Subcommittee on Rules on Suitors' Funds

List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion at the meeting on 20 October 2015

At the captioned sub-committee meeting, the Judiciary Administration was requested to provide updated statistics, the circumstances and precedent cases where the Labour Tribunal had made an order for security for the payment of an award or order against an employee who had been granted legal aid.

2. It is relevant to note that as legal representation is not allowed in the Labour Tribunal as per section 23 of the Labour Tribunal Ordinance (Cap. 25), there are no legally aided litigants in the Labour Tribunal.

3. Notwithstanding the above, Members may wish to note that upon enactment of the Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance 2014 in December 2014, arrangement has been made by the Judiciary, in response to a request of Hon Tang Ka-piu, to commence collating statistics on the then newly-amended provisions concerning court orders which require payment of security under sections 30 and 31 of Cap. 25. The collation is being conducted on a manual basis and will initially be for a period of one year starting from January 2015, after which there will be an assessment of the position. Upon completion of this exercise, the Judiciary will no doubt keep the Legislative Council Members posted of the developments and findings of the assessment.

Yours sincerely,

(Ms Wendy CHEUNG) for Judiciary Administrator