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Dear Ms So,

**Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services**  
**Follow-up to meeting on 18 May 2015**

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I refer to the list of follow up actions arising from the meeting of the Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services (“AJLS Panel”) held on 18 May 2015. The Judiciary Administration was requested to provide the following information requested by Members:

- (A) The number of eligible overseas applicants for the Court of First Instance of the High Court Judge posts in the past 10 years; and
- (B) The number of retired High Court Judges who were appointed by the Chief Justice to be deputy High Court Judges in the past year.

2. The required information is provided in the following paragraphs.

(A) Number of Eligible Overseas Applicants for the Post of Judge of the Court of First Instance of the High Court (“CFI Judge”) in the past 10 years

3. Under Article 92 of the Basic Law, Judges of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region shall be chosen on the basis of their judicial and professional qualities and may be recruited from other common law jurisdictions.

4. The professional qualification for appointment as a CFI Judge is stipulated under Section 9 of the High Court Ordinance, Cap. 4. In brief, a person shall be eligible to be appointed as a CFI Judge if, among other qualifications, he/she is qualified to practice as a barrister, solicitor or advocate in a court in Hong Kong or any other common law jurisdiction, and should have also met the requirement of not less than 10 years’ practicing experience.

5. Appointments of CFI Judges of the Court of First Instance of the High Court are made through open recruitment exercises. In each open recruitment exercise, advertisements are published in the Judiciary website and newspapers. Candidates from local and overseas may apply.

6. Under the Judiciary’s established policy on the retention of recruitment-related records, application forms containing the personal information of applicants are kept for two years after the completion of each recruitment exercise and thereafter destroyed. As such, the Judiciary can provide the requested information relating to the CFI Judge recruitment exercises in 2013 and 2014.

7. In 2013 and 2014, the number of eligible applicants for the post of CFI Judge, who are non-permanent residents of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, are as follows –

<b>Recruitment exercise</b>	<b>No. of eligible applicants who are non-permanent residents</b>
2013	0
2014	1

(B) Number of Retired High Court Judges Appointed as External Deputy CFI Judges in the Past Year

8. In the past year, i.e. during the period from 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015, a total of 13 retired High Court Judges were engaged by the Judiciary as external deputy High Court Judges to sit at the CFI.

Yours sincerely,



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for Judiciary Administrator