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Attn: Ms. Sophie Lau

Dear Ms. Lau, *Sophie*

Re: Provision of legal advice services for persons detained in police stations

We refer to the above agenda item for the AJLS Panel meeting on 18 July 2017.

In principle we are in support of the proposal for a publicly funded scheme be set up and be made available for detainees in police station, on a pilot scheme basis, as proposed in the discussion paper LC Paper No. CB(4)1386/16-17(05).

In addition, we suggest that, for those legal visits to the detainees in police stations, video conferencing be allowed and be made available. This would enhance the access of the detained persons to legal advices, and also facilitate the logistics for the arrangements of legal visits, in a timely and more convenient manner. This is in particular relevant for the legal visits requested at odd hours.

Thank you for your attention.

Kind Regards,

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