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Dear Mr LAM,

At the meeting of the Panel on Commerce and Industry on 20 December 2016, the Government was requested to provide information on the timeframe for the various major tasks to be completed for the implementation of the new patent system in Hong Kong. The relevant information is enclosed herewith for Members' reference.

Yours sincerely,

(Miss Fabia TAM)

for Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development

c.c. Director of Intellectual Property
(Attn: Mr Thomas TSANG)

**Timeline of Preparatory Tasks to
Target Rolling Out the New Patent System in 2019**

Item No.	Preparatory Tasks	Target Milestones
1.	Amendments to <i>Patents (General) Rules</i> , Cap 514C (a) Drafting by the Law Draftsman (b) Consultation with patent practitioners about draft provisions in batches (c) Finalizing the draft provisions for submission to the Legislative Council for negative vetting	(a) Q1 - Q2 of 2017 (b) Q2 - Q3 of 2017 (c) Q4 of 2017
2.	Drafting of Examination Guidelines (bilingual) having taken into account stakeholders' comments	Q4 of 2016 - Q4 of 2018
3.	Recruitment and training of patent examiners with technical credentials (a) Recruitment (b) Training	(a) Q1 - Q2 of 2017 (b) From Q2 of 2017 onwards, provided that the recruited patent examiners can report for duties by then
4.	Setting up a new electronic information system for the new patent system (a) Open tender of the project (b) Setting up the new system	(a) Mid-2017 (b) Q3 of 2017 to Q2 of 2019
5.	Publicity of the new patent system	Q1 & Q2 2019