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Ms Elsie LEUNG, JP  
Secretary for Justice  
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Hong Kong

Dear Ms LEUNG,

**LegCo Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services**

**Re: Hong Kong Standard case**

Thank you for your reply. On the instruction of Hon Margaret NG, the Chairman, the reply was immediately issued to members of the Panel and other LegCo Members for reference.

At this morning's Panel meeting, members took some time to discuss your reply. Members present do not agree to your view that the timing for giving an explanation on your earlier decision not to prosecute Madam Sally AW will need to take into account whether there will be any appeal against conviction in the Hong Kong Standard case. Some members have also pointed out that a recent press report concerning a statement given by Madam AW to the ICAC has raised serious doubts about your earlier decision not to prosecute her.

In view of the public concern about the matter, members request you to reconsider the timing with a view to giving an explanation on the case to the Panel at the earliest possible opportunity.

On the instruction of the Chairman, I write to convey members' views on the matter and to invite you to indicate when you will be able to accede to the Panel's request. I should be grateful for your early reply.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs Percy MA)  
Clerk to Panel

c.c. Hon Margaret NG (Chairman)

