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Legislative Council Building  
8 Jackson Road  
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Hong Kong

Dear Miss Choy,

**Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs**  
**Meeting on 12 April 1999**

**Item IV - Legislative and administrative measures to improve  
management and fire safety of private buildings**

On behalf of the Administration, I wish to thank you and Members of the Panel on Home Affairs for a very useful discussion on 12 April 1999 regarding the captioned item.

During the meeting, Members raised a number of constructive comments on our legislative and administrative measures to improve building management and fire safety of private buildings. The Hon Albert HO Chun-yan (Vice Chairman) and the Hon Ambrose CHEUNG Wing-sum suggested that, apart from the legislative proposals stipulated in our

paper, there could be other provisions in the Building Management Ordinance (Cap. 344) (the BMO) that could be reviewed and amended as appropriate.

As I explained at the meeting, the present legislative proposals are to implement the relevant recommendations in the public consultation on “*Proposals to improve fire safety in private buildings*” conducted in mid-1998. The preparation of the drafting instructions is already at an advanced state. We aim to introduce a bill to amend the BMO in the next legislative session. That said, we will consider incorporating additional amendments to the BMO in this exercise provided that they are justified and technically straightforward. For the less straightforward ones, I have assured the meeting that we can consider and take them on board at the next opportunity. I would therefore be grateful if any detailed suggestions to amend the BMO would be forwarded to me by **15 May 1999**, please.

Once again, I congratulate you on the fruitful meeting we had and thank you in advance for your further advice.

With best regards.

Yours sincerely,

(David Tsui)  
for Secretary for Home Affairs