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**Proposed amendments to the Building Management Ordinance**

Thank you for your letter of 9 June 1999 with some proposed amendments to the Building Management Ordinance. I am examining the proposals with my colleagues and will give you a full reply in due course.

As I explained to the LegCo Panel on Home Affairs, the present amendment exercise has arisen from the public consultation last year on “Proposals to improve fire safety in public buildings”. We are now working with the Department of Justice and others to prepare a Building Management (Amendment) Bill with a view to bringing some of the recommendations to fruition. As the consideration of the Bill is already at an advanced stage, we may not be able to include other proposed amendments except perhaps some which are simple and technical. I told the Panel that this amendment exercise would surely not be the last because the implementation of the Building Management Ordinance would continue to be monitored and reviewed.

Some of the proposed amendments enclosed to your letter involve important legal and contractual principles which must be considered carefully. I am seeking professional advice and will revert to you as soon as possible.

Once again, thank you for your letter. With my personal regards,

Yours sincerely

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for Secretary for Home Affairs