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Mrs. Percy Ma  
Clerk to LegCo Panel on Administration  
of Justice and Legal Services  
Legislative Council  
8 Jackson Road  
Hong Kong

Dear Mrs Ma,

**LegCo Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services**  
**Special meeting on 17 June 2000**

I refer to your letter of 13 June 2000 and am directed by the Chief Justice who is Chairman of the Judicial Officers Recommendation Commission ("JORC") to reply.

Your letter stated that at its meeting on 13 June, members of the LegCo Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services requested representatives of JORC and the Administration, as appropriate, to provide further information to the Panel. And the letter set out the information sought.

As explained in the paper attached to my earlier letter of 10 June addressed to you, it would not be appropriate for JORC to supply information to LegCo relating to the current exercise of the appointment of the seven CFA judges. In this regard, I note that the information requested under paragraphs 2(a), (c) and (d) of your letter relates to the current exercise, and I understand that the Administration will be supplying a paper on these matters.

As regards the point raised in paragraph 2(b) of your letter, it is not appropriate for JORC to comment on the power of the Chief Executive prescribed by Article 88 of the Basic Law and the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal Ordinance.

On the basis stated in my earlier letter of 10 June, JORC would be pleased to continue to assist Members by sending the undersigned, and Miss Emma Lau, Deputy Judiciary Administrator, to attend the Panel meeting on 17 June.

Yours sincerely,

(Wilfred Tsui)

Secretary, Judicial Officers Recommendation Commission

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