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Mrs. Percy Ma,  
Clerk to Panel,  
Legislative Council,  
Legislative Council Building,  
8 Jackson Road, Central,  
Hong Kong.

Dear Mrs. Ma,

**LegCo Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services**  
**Meeting on 20June**

I refer to the LegCo Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services meeting at 4:30 p.m. on 20June and in particular, item VII.

The Law Society is concerned with the fact that it has not been possible for solicitors to become notaries public since 1st July 1997 but equally it is aware that there are significant drafting difficulties in establishing a new regime for notaries exclusively for Hong Kong. We are pleased to note that the Administration is taking every step to resolve these problems so that the draft rules will be available as soon as possible and appointment as a notary once again available to eligible solicitors.

Please pass on our views to the Panel and ask that our attendance may be excused.

Yours sincerely,

Patrick Moss  
Secretary General

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