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Ms Pauline Ng  
Clerk to Finance Committee  
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3 Garden Road  
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Dear Ms Ng,

**Finance Committee Meeting  
On 14 June 2002**

In response to the Hon. Andrew Wong's request raised at the meeting of 14 June 2002 (para 36 of the minutes of the meeting refers), our legal adviser confirms that -

- (a) the Public Finance Ordinance has not specified that only civil servants could be designated as Controlling Officers; and
- (b) changes in Controlling Officers and the titles of Heads and Subheads in the approved estimates would require approval by the Finance Committee.

I should be grateful if you would pass the information to Members of the Finance Committee.

Yours faithfully,

(Ms Jennifer Chan)  
for Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

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