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The Hon. Mrs. Selina Chow, GBS, JP  
Chairman  
House Committee  
Legislative Council  
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Dear

**Telecommunications (Amendment) Bill 2002**

I refer to the note tabled at the meeting of the House Committee last Friday on the above Bill. I regret to inform you that there have been two errors in paragraph 2 of the note concerning the respective date on which the Bill was introduced into the Legislative Council and the relevant Bills Committee started examining it.

The Bill was in fact introduced into the Legislative Council on 15 May 2002 (instead of 15 May 2001) and the Bills Committee set up to examine it started work on 12 July 2002. Based on these dates, the Bills Committee has spent around 11 months examining the Bill, not 22 months as set out in the note.

My sincere apology for this oversight. I trust that it does not detract from the fact that the Bills Committee had – at the time when the note was issued - held 12 meetings examining the Bill, and listened to three rounds of depositions from the telecommunications industry. Indeed, the Bills Committee just held its 13th meeting yesterday, and another one is now scheduled for Friday, 13 June 2003.

I understand that the Secretary for Commerce, Industry and Technology will be writing to you shortly for resumption of the Second Reading Debate within this legislative session.

Yours sincerely,

(Francis Ho)  
Permanent Secretary