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Dear Miss Chu,

**The Public Accounts Committee's consideration of
the Director of Audit's Report No. 34**

The Administration of the Judiciary

Thank you for your letter of 17 December 2002.

In 2002, the Labour Tribunal received an all-time high of 12 326 cases, representing an increase of 18% over 2001 (10 450 cases), or 6% over the previous peak in 1999 (11 594 cases). To keep up with the increased demand, the Labour Tribunal has introduced the following measures :

- (a) replaced one night court by a day court in October 2001, thereby increasing the capacity of the courts to deal with trials; and
- (b) increased the output of the Tribunal Officers in case preparation, thereby enabling more cases to be ready for trial.

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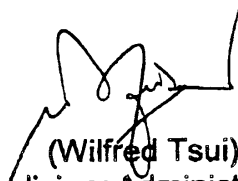
With the implementation of the above measures, the average waiting times at the Labour Tribunal have been maintained within targets as follows :

	<u>Waiting Time (days)</u>			
	<u>Targets</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003 as at 6.1.03</u>
From appointment to filing of a case	30	14	19	9
From filing of a case to hearing	30	24	25	20

As regards cases withdrawn by the claimants, the information is as follows :

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>
	<u>(As a percentage of all cases filed in a year)</u>	
Before filing	9.6%	8.2%
Between filing and first hearing	6.7%	6.5%

Yours sincerely,


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Judiciary Administrator

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