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Dear Mrs Ma,

Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services

**Issues arising from the incident of
police arresting a witness in a civil trial**

At the Panel meeting on 28 April 2003, I said that the Judiciary Administration would consider the need to set out written guidelines for staff in case the police has to exercise arrests in court buildings.

I understand the Police has drawn up procedures to be followed by their officers to seek the court's permission where they have to arrest a person in a court building. The Judiciary Administration will formulate corresponding internal guidelines.

Yours sincerely,

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