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Mrs Percy Ma
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Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road
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(Fax No: 2509-9055)

Dear Mrs Ma,

**Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services
Meeting on 24 November 2003 at 4:30 pm**

I refer to agenda item V of the above Panel meeting.

After the previous Panel meeting held on 27 May 2002, the Administration considered that the only outstanding issue was whether there was a need for solicitor corporations to take out top-up insurance.

After considering the circumstances put forward by the Law Society, the Administration agreed not to insist on a requirement for top-up insurance at this stage. The Administration also considers that the question whether the need for top-up insurance should be further assessed is dependent on the outcome of the Law Society's review of the present professional indemnity scheme and the practical operation of the Solicitor Corporation Rules.

The Administration has no further comment on the draft rules submitted by the Law Society.

Yours sincerely,

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