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Dear Ms Eu,

**Follow-up question on the Hon. Martin Lee's question on  
Central Reclamation Phase III ("CRIII") on 2 June 2004**

Following the oral question raised by the Hon. Martin Lee on CRIII at Legco on 2 June 2004, you asked whether the Government had, prior to 10 February 2003 (the date when the main contract of CRIII was awarded), received notification from any organization of the lodging of any judicial review on CRIII. Our reply is set out below.

The main contract of the CRIII works was awarded on 10 February 2003 and the works commenced on 28 February 2003. On 27 February 2003, the Town Planning Board ("TPB") received a notification from the Society for Protection of the Harbour Limited ("SPH") that the SPH had applied to the High Court for judicial review over the draft Wan Chai North Outline Zoning Plan ("OZP"). The application for judicial review was targeted at the decisions made by the TPB on the draft Wan Chai North OZP and had nothing to do with the CRIII works. On 28 February 2003, the High Court granted leave to the SPH's application for judicial review.

It was on 25 September 2003 that the SPH applied to the High Court for judicial review and interim injunction against the CRIII works – Until then, the Government had received no notification from any organization claiming that judicial review would be lodged on CRIII.

Yours sincerely,

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for Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

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