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Dear Mrs. Ma,

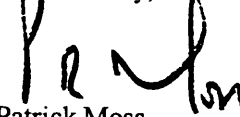
**Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2005**

I refer to your letter dated 1<sup>st</sup> April and our subsequent telephone conversation. I have also spoken on 19<sup>th</sup> May to the Chairman of the Bills Committee.

I understand that the Law Society Criminal Law & Procedure Committee has already written to you concerning the legislative proposals contained in the above Bill which relate to criminal law practice and I wish to confirm those views. Additionally the Law Society has no objection to the proposals contained in Clauses 8 to 15 of the Bill under which the Chief Judge takes over the role formally held by the Chief Justice as the rule making authority under the Matrimonial Causes and other ordinances and the chairmanship of certain committees. Furthermore there is no objection to the proposals contained in Clauses 122 to 175 relating to the declaration of interest requirements to be included in the Judicial Officers Recommendation Commission Ordinance and to the professional qualifications of judges and judicial officers.

As I mentioned to you and to the Chairman of the Bills Committee, the meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> May unfortunately clashes with an important meeting of the Council of the Law Society but if any clauses of the Bill on which the Bills Committee would like assistance from the Law Society in future, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

  
 Patrick Moss  
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