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Dear Mrs MA,

**Bills Committee on Chief Executive Election (Amendment)
(Term of Office of the Chief Executive) Bill**

I refer to your letter dated 14 April 2005 enclosing a letter from the Hon Margaret NG.

We believe that the response that we issued earlier today to the Bills Committee should have provided further elaboration on the questions raised in the letter dated 11 April 2005 from the Council's Senior Assistant Legal Adviser. As the Administration explained in the Bills Committee meeting on 14 April 2005, the scope of the Bill is to provide that the term of office of a Chief Executive who fills a vacancy in the office of the Chief Executive that arises otherwise than due to expiry of term of office shall last until such expiry. As to other related issues, they are important but do not have to be dealt with in the context of the current bill.

Yours sincerely,

(Raymond TAM)
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