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Mrs Percy Ma
Clerk to Panel
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road
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Hong Kong

Dear Mrs Ma,

**Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services
Establishment of a third law school in Hong Kong**

— Thank you for your letter of 20 December 2004. As requested, I attach a bilingual paper on the above subject, for the information of the AJLS Panel.

Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2005

I understand that, at the meeting on 14 December 2004, some members of the Panel thought that it would be premature for the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2005 to provide for representatives of the proposed third law school to be included in the membership of the Standing Committee on Legal Education and Training. This is because approval has not yet been obtained for the establishment of that law school.

I would like to emphasize that this department is not seeking to pre-empt any final decision on whether or not such a law school should be established. The provision is included in the Bill on the basis that, if approval is given for such establishment, the membership of the Standing Committee can

be amended at an appropriate time. This could be done under the relevant commencement provision in the Bill. If, however, the proposed establishment is rejected, the provision can be deleted.

If the provision were not included in the Bill, there might not be another opportunity to promote the amendment during the next year or two.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bob Allcock', with a stylized flourish at the end.

(Bob Allcock)
Solicitor General