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Miss Mary So Clerk to Panel on Welfare Services and Panel on Security Legislative Council Building 8 Jackson Road, Central, Hong Kong

Dear Miss So,

Review of the Domestic Violence Ordinance Re:

The Law Society's Family Law Committee notes the Panels on Welfare Services and Security have been reviewing the issue of domestic violence in Hong Kong, particularly after the Tin Shui Wai tragedy.

It is also noted that the SWD, NGOs and various the concern groups have indicated a review of the DVO is necessary.

As solicitors are an important part of the process, particularly when applications are made for an injunction order and power of arrest, we would wish to make representations to the Panels on this very important topic.

I look forward to receiving your reply on whether the Law Society will be invited to be a delegation to the Joint Panel meetings.

Yours sincerely,

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