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Mrs Sharon Tong  
Clerk to LegCo Panel on Security  
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Dear Mrs Tong,

**Interception of Communications and Covert Surveillance**  
**Number of Cases**

I refer to paragraph 2 of the Administration's paper that the Security Panel discussed on 21 February 2006. The law enforcement agencies have since 20 February 2006 taken stock of the cases of interception of communications and covert surveillance on the basis of the new regime under the Bill. The number of cases for the three-month period up to 19 May 2006 is as follows –

- Interception of communications : 151, all of which would require judge's authorization under the new regime;
- Covert surveillance : 238, 44 of which would require judge's authorization under the new regime.

I should be grateful if you would bring this to Members' attention.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Miss Cheung Siu Hing'.

(Miss Cheung Siu Hing)  
for Secretary for Security