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Dear Mrs CHEUNG,

Attachment of Income Order (Application to Government and Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2007

We refer to your yesterday's letter. We have further queries arising from your reply and would be grateful for your clarifications.

New section 20(3A) and (4) of the Guardianship of Minors Ordinance (GMO), new section 9A(3A) and (4) of the Separation and Maintenance Orders Ordinance (SMOO) and new section 28(3A) and (4) of the Matrimonial Proceedings and Property Ordinance (MPPO)

Is there any type of employees whose wages or salary are or is payable by the Government but are not officers of the Government within new section 20(3A) of GMO, new section 9A(3A) of SMOO or new section 28(3A) of MPPO?

Why is the staff of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority considered to be officers of the Government?

Would staff of The LegCo Commission, the Equal Opportunities Commission, the Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data, the Securities and Futures Commission, the Hospital Authority, the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority and the Estate Agents Authority be considered within the type of persons of new section 20(3A) or (4) of GMO, new section 9A(3A) or (4) of SMOO or new section 28(3A) or (4) of MPPO? What is your guiding principle to distinguish?

We would be grateful for your earliest reply in both languages.

Yours sincerely,

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