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Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

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Dear Ms Hon,

Thank you for your letter of 24 October.

I would like to thank the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) for the effort in examining issues raised in Chapter 1 of Report No. 46 of the Director of Audit on "Collection of fines imposed by Magistrates' Courts".

As noted in the summary of progress attached to your letter, the Judiciary Administrator and relevant departments had accepted all of Audit's recommendations and started or planned for their implementation. We believe that, following implementation of the recommendations, communication and coordination among the departments concerned should improve. There is thus no need for devising a specific arrangement or mechanism for coordinating the collection of fines.

That said, the Administration does appreciate the need for regular reviews to track implementation of the recommendations of Audit and PAC accepted by the Administration, assess the effectiveness of the improvement measures and identify room or further measures for improvement. To this end, the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau will coordinate the necessary reviews amongst the Judiciary Administrator and relevant departments.

Yours sincerely,

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