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Mr Paul CHAN Mo-po, MBA, FCPA, MH Chairman Legal Aid Services Council Room 1601, 16th floor Top Glory Tower 262 Gloucester Road Causeway Bay Hong Kong

Dear Mr CHAN,

Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services

Proposed transfer of legal aid portfolio to the Home Affairs Bureau

Thank you for your letter dated 4 June 2007 which has been brought to the attention of Hon Margaret NG, the Panel Chairman. On the instruction of the Chairman, your letter will be circulated to members of the Panel and all other Members of the Legislative Council for reference.

The Chairman would like you to elaborate on the follow-up actions to be taken on the following subjects referred to in your letter -

- (a) stepping up the supervisory role to ensure that the provision of legal aid services is undertaken professionally and objectively without interference (paragraph 4 of your letter refers); and
- (b) pursuing the subject of the establishment of an independent statutory legal aid authority as part of LASC's workplan in the current year (last paragraph of your letter refers).

As the Panel will be invited to consider the way forward at its next meeting on 25 June 2007, I should be grateful for your reply on or before 21 June 2007.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs Perey MA) Clerk to Panel