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(By fax and post)

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Dear Sir

Public Accounts Committee Hearing

I refer to your letter dated 3 April 2008, the contents of which have been considered by the Public Accounts Committee. The Committee has directed me to respond as follows.

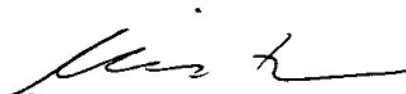
Regarding point (1) of Part (A) of your letter, the Committee notes your comments on my letters dated 10 December 2007 and 6 March 2008 to Mrs Grace LEE. The Committee would like to point out once again that Mrs LEE has quoted my letter of 10 December 2007 out of context for the reasons stated in the second paragraph of my letter of 6 March 2008. There is no question of the Committee changing its position.

In point (2) of Part (A) of your letter, you mentioned the Committee's duty to observe the rules of natural justice and fairness. The Committee would like to reiterate that it has always performed its functions in an open, fair and impartial manner and does not need to be reminded.

In point (3) of Part (A) of your letter, you requested the Committee to provide the Committee's draft Report to your clients before it is released to the public for the purposes stated by you. After careful consideration of the matter, the Committee has decided not to accede to your request. A copy of the Committee's Report will be forwarded to your clients as soon as it has been made public upon its tabling in the Legislative Council.

Regarding Part (B) of your letter, the Committee notes your views on which of the correspondence should be included as Appendices in the Committee Report and will take them into account when deciding the matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Miranda HON', written in a cursive style.

(Ms Miranda HON)
Clerk
Public Accounts Committee