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(Attn. Mrs Percy Ma)

Dear Mrs Ma,

**Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services
Limited Liability for Professional Practices**

I refer to your letter dated 24 October 2007 and regret the delay in giving the Panel a substantive reply.

The Secretary for Justice notes that the concept of Limited Liability Partnerships (LLP) has been accepted for law firms in a number of common law jurisdictions. Indeed, the Legal Policy Division has been keeping under review overseas developments. While the Department of Justice is quite prepared to consider LLP among the legal professionals, given that there remains less than five months in the current legislative session, it appears unrealistic to revert to the Panel on this matter during this legislative session.

Furthermore, from a broader perspective, it is the Administration's view that LLPs generally affects many other aspects that would take time to consider, in particular the read across implications for other professions. Hence, the subject requires careful consideration by the Administration with input from relevant bureaux and departments.

Yours sincerely,


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