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Secretary for Justice
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Dear Mr WONG,

Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services

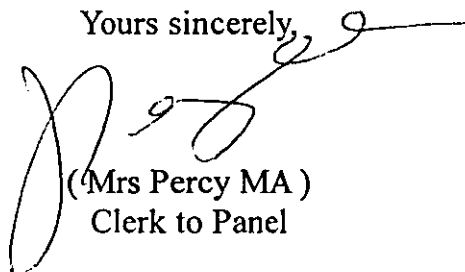
On the instruction of Hon Margaret NG, Chairman of the Panel, I write concerning the trial scheme for prosecutors to interview witnesses before the trial, as reported by the press after the media briefing on Yearly Review of the Prosecutions Division 2007 held by the Director of Public Prosecutions on 24 April 2008.

The Chairman has expressed concern about the implementation of the trial scheme which appears to be a significant departure from existing practice. The Chairman has requested the Administration to provide a paper on the existing practice, details of the trial scheme (including its objective, duration, operation and the way forward), and the consultation conducted on the trial scheme. The paper, in bilingual versions, should be provided to the Panel for consideration as soon as possible.

The Chairman will consult the Panel on the matter at this afternoon's meeting. If the Panel considers that the matter should be discussed at a Panel meeting, I shall revert to you on the arrangements.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,



(Mrs Percy MA)
Clerk to Panel