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Dear Mr Lam,

### **Panel on Security**

#### **Subcommittee on Police's Handling of Searches of Detainees**

At the meeting of the Subcommittee on Police's Handling of Searches of Detainees held on 17 July 2008, Members expressed their wish to obtain more detailed information concerning training materials for the Police officers on how a search should be conducted.

2. Training is provided to Police officers on the conduct of searches of persons to familiarize them with the relevant principles and procedures contained in the Police General Orders, the Force Procedural Manual and the new Guidelines on the Searching of Detained Persons. Officers are instructed on the classification of different types of searches, the procedural steps for conducting a search and other specific operational issues that should be taken into account in conducting searches. Emphasis is placed on the statutory functions that Police officers should discharge, as well as the requirements to respect the rights and privacy of the persons concerned and to prevent arbitrary searches. Classroom teaching is supplemented by practical instruction.

3. I should be grateful if you would help bring the above to the attention of Members.

Yours sincerely,



(Apollonia Liu)  
for Secretary for Security