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Clerk to Subcommittee on Strategy and Measures
To Tackle Family Violence
Legislative Council
Legislative Council Building,
8 Jackson Road, Central
Hong Kong

(Attn: Miss Mary So)

Dear Miss So,

**Panel on Welfare Services
Subcommittee on Strategy and Measures to Tackle Family Violence**

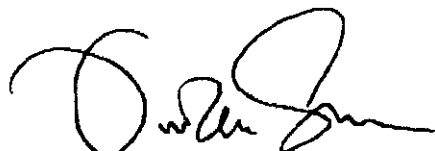
I refer to your letter of 25 June 2008, inviting the Chief Secretary for Administration to attend a meeting of the Subcommittee to be held on 8 July 2008 to discuss the proposal of putting the operation of the Child Fatality Review Mechanism under the purview of the Family Council. This letter sets out the Administration's position on the proposal.

The Family Council is set up to advise the Government on the formulation of policies and strategies for supporting and strengthening the family. The provision of family support work straddles various Government Bureaux and Departments. To enable the adoption of a holistic approach bearing in mind the importance of the family in the formulation of family support policies, the Family Council aims to bring together efforts of different Bureaux and Departments in the provision of family support work, while the subject Bureaux and Departments will continue to take charge of issues falling within their policy portfolio and to discuss with the Legislative Council on such matters as appropriate.

The Child Fatality Review Mechanism seeks to examine the practice and service issues pertaining to child death cases for more effective prevention of such cases and protection of children. The Labour and Welfare Bureau and the Social Welfare Department are in the best position to oversee its operation and would keep the Panel/Subcommittee informed of further developments.

In the light of the above, the Chief Secretary for Administration will not attend the meeting of the Subcommittee to be held on 8 July 2008.

Yours sincerely,



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SLW (Attn: Miss Hanny Lam)