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Dear Miss Tai,

**Panel on Administration of Justice and legal Services
Meeting on 24 November 2008
Court Prosecutors**

Thank you for your letter of 22 October 2008. The figures on the listing time for trials in the Magistrates Courts in the past five years are enclosed. These figures are provided by the Judiciary. We have focused on the Magistrates Courts because Court Prosecutors operate at this level of court.

We issued a paper on the Court Prosecutors System to the Panel in July 2008. Since the issuance of the paper, we further briefed the AJLS Panel at the meeting on 20 October 2008 and commenced the exercise to recruit Court Prosecutors thereafter. The relevant recruitment advertisement was published on 24 October 2008 and the application period closed on 6 November 2008.

As regards the Panel Meeting to be held on 24 November 2008, Mr John Reading, Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions and the undersigned will attend for the discussion of item on the Court Prosecutors System.

Yours sincerely,

(Susie Ho)
Director of Administration and Development
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Listing Time for Trials in the Magistrates Courts

Year	Trial for Summons	Trial for Charge Case (Custody)	Trial for Charge Case (Bail)
2003	50 days	31 days	38 days
2004	64 days	34 days	49 days
2005	94 days	44 days	68 days
2006	95 days	42 days	66 days
2007	95 days	47 days	64 days

Note : Figures are provided by the Judiciary