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Clerk to Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services Legislative Council Secretariat 3/F., Citibank Tower 3 Garden Road, Hong Kong (Attn: Miss Flora Tai)

Dear Miss Tai,

## **Limited Liability Partnership for Legal Practice**

I refer to the meeting of the Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services on 16 December 2008, at which a question was raised as to whether professions outside the legal sector had been consulted on the introduction of limited liability partnership.

We have consulted the relevant policy bureaux on the position regarding the accounting, medical, engineering and architectural professions. According to Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau, the accountancy sector is considering the matter and they will maintain liaison with the sector to listen to their views. Food and Health Bureau and Development Bureau are not aware of any requests for limited liability partnership from the medical, engineering and architectural professions.

Yours sincerely,

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