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Legislative Council Panel on  
Administration of Justice and Legal Services  
Legislative Council Building  
8 Jackson Road, Central  
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BY FAX & MAIL

Dear *Margaret,*

**Independent Legal Aid Authority**

I refer to the request of the AJLS Panel that the review by the LASC on the independence of legal aid originally scheduled for late 2011/early 2012 be advanced.

As pointed out at the Panel meeting on 29 March 2010, the LASC would need to seek funding from the Administration to engage consultant(s) to conduct this review. I am pleased to let you know that the LASC has already put in a bid for funding for the review. We are also in the process of drawing up a consultancy brief to invite expressions of interest from suitable consultants. Subject to funds being allocated by the government, the review can commence in the first half of 2011.

Yours sincerely,

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Chairman  
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