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Dear Mrs Chu,

### **Residential Properties (First-hand Sales) Bill**

The Residential Properties (First-hand Sales) Bill seeks to introduce important regulatory measures governing the sale of first-hand properties in Hong Kong and various new offences are created for contravention of the provisions of the Bill.

At the Bills Committee meetings held on 30 March 2012 and 11 April 2012, members of the Bills Committee have raised enquiries about the time limit for prosecution of the different offences provided in the Bill, in particular, the application of clause 73 to these offence provisions.

For the information of the Bills Committee, I wonder if the Administration would provide a table setting out all individual offences created by the Bill, including the particulars of each of the following -

- (a) Criminal act to be prohibited (the offence);
- (b) The relevant provision of the Bill (clause number);
- (c) Penalty; and

- (d) The time limit (or date) for prosecution starts to run.

I look forward to your reply in bilingual form before 17 April 2012.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kitty Cheng', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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