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Dear Mr Ma,

Solicitors (General) Costs (Amendment) Rules 2013 (L.N. 110 of 2013)

I refer to your letter of 9 July 2013 to the Secretary for Justice and to your telephone conversation with Mr Frank Poon, Solicitor General on 17 July.

We note that a sub-committee has been formed under the House Committee to consider how the Solicitors (General) Costs (Amendment) Rules 2013 (L.N. 110 of 2013) ("the Rules") should be dealt with. The Administration is invited to give its views on any legal and related issues before the first meeting of the sub-committee which is scheduled to be held on 19 July 2013.

The Administration is now considering the matter. It is our tentative view that there may be more than one option in dealing with the Rules. We

would, however, need more time to conduct further research and to explore the viability of the different options. While we will not be able to revert to the sub-committee before its first meeting, you may rest assured that we will revert just as soon as practicable.

Yours sincerely,

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