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Ms Joanne MAK
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Legislative Council Complex
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Dear Ms Mak,

**Panel on Constitutional Affairs
Meeting on 20 May 2013**

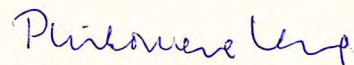
At the meeting of the Panel on Constitutional Affairs on 20 May 2013, the Panel requested the Administration to provide information on the timeframe for the studies by the two subcommittees of the Law Reform Commission on the topics of archives law and access to information.

We have consulted the secretariat of the Law Reform Commission and obtained the following advice -

- (a) the Law Reform Commission has established two sub-committees to consider the topics of archives law and access to information. The sub-committees will embark upon a comprehensive comparative study on the relevant laws in overseas jurisdictions with a view to considering whether improvement measures should be implemented in Hong Kong, and if so, how these measures should be implemented;

- (b) in accordance with the usual practice, sub-committees established under the Law Reform Commission will not announce timeframes of their studies but will report their work to the Law Reform Commission from time to time; the Law Reform Commission will also keep in view the work progress of the sub-committees; and
- (c) after the sub-committees have formulated their recommendations and obtained the endorsement of the Law Reform Commission, the recommendations will be made public for consultation.

Yours sincerely,



(Philomena Leung)

for Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs