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Miss Betty Ma Clerk to Panel on Security Legislative Council Legislative Council Complex 1 Legislative Council Road Central, Hong Kong

Dear Miss Ma,

Legislative Council Panel on Security Follow-up to Meeting on 6 November 2012

I refer to the letter from the Secretariat dated 9 November 2012. As regards the information requested by the Panel, the Police have furnished a reply as follows.

Complaints Against Police Office (CAPO) received a complaint letter signed by the chief editor and a reporter of a local newspaper on 4 July 2012, alleging that four to five police officers inappropriately detained the reporter at the Cruise Terminal at Kai Tak on 30 June 2012. The allegation was "Unnecessary Use of Authority". The newspaper later filed with the High Court on 6 July 2012, lodging a civil claim against the Commissioner of Police and four other police officers at the scene with respect to the officers' act that day.

As legal proceedings in respect of the incident had commenced and the claim and the complaint was inter-related, CAPO sought legal advice from the Department of Justice, who considered that it was appropriate for the complaint to be handled under "Sub-Judice" procedure. After contacting the complainants, CAPO got to know their stance. The complainants requested suspension of the complaint investigation until the conclusion of the civil case. CAPO handled the complaint in accordance with the procedures of "Sub-Judice". The investigation of the complaint has been suspended, pending the conclusion of the civil case. CAPO has duly informed the Independent Police Complaints Council.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs Millie Ng) for Secretary for Security

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