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Ms YUE Tin-po Clerk to Bills Committee on Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2014 Legislative Council Complex 1 Legislative Council Road Central, Hong Kong

Dear Ms YUE,

Bills Committee on Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2014:

Follow-up Actions arising from the discussion at the meeting on 3 June 2014

At the first Bills Committee meeting on 3 June 2014, the Judiciary Administration was requested to consider possible amendments to the Criminal Procedure Ordinance (Cap 221) to strengthen privacy protection for victims and witnesses in fear in sexual offence cases, such as allowing the use of screens to shield victims and witnesses in fear from the accused while testifying in court.

As we explained at the second Bills Committee meeting on 24 July 2014, we understand that the Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services has decided to discuss the matter regarding the provision of screens for victims and witnesses in sexual offence cases after the summer break. As such, we do not consider it necessary to pursue the matter in the context of the Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2014.

Yours sincerely,

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