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Miss Mary So Clerk to Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services Legislative Council Complex 1 Legislative Council Road Central Hong Kong

Dear Miss So,

Mechanism for Handling Complaints against Judicial Conduct

I refer to the meeting of the Administration of Justice and Legal Service Panel ("AJLS Panel") held on 25 February 2014 at which the above matter was discussed and Members asked the Judiciary Administration to provide further information on and/or a response to various matters including a breakdown of complaint cases against judicial conduct in the past three years, the current mechanisms for handling complaints against judicial conduct in other jurisdictions, etc.

As explained at the meeting on 25 February 2014, our original intention is to deal with the request for further information in the overall context of the ongoing internal review of the Judiciary's mechanism for handling complaints against judicial conduct. That said, in the light of the comments expressed by Members at the meeting on 25 February 2014, the Judiciary agrees to deal with the request separately with a view to providing Members with the information as soon as possible. Based on a realistic assessment of the time required for this process, we would like to inform you that the Judiciary expects such information to be made available to the AJLS Panel in May or June 2014 at the earliest.

Yours sincerely,

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(Esmond Lee) for Judiciary Administrator