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Ms Debbie Yau Clerk to the Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services Legislative Council Complex 1 Legislative Council Road Central Hong Kong

Dear Ms Yau,

## Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services

## Proposed Provision of screen to victims of sexual offence cases during court proceedings

Thank you for your letter of 27 May 2014.

2. The question of providing protective screens for victims of sexual offence cases involves the exercise of judicial discretion. This is by no means a simple matter as different and potentially competing rights or interests are at stake. The proposal of the Panel therefore requires careful and thorough consideration.

3. The Judiciary is now taking a look into the matter. We would be grateful if you could convey to the Panel Chairman and members that the matter is now under consideration within the Judiciary. In the meantime, as discussed during the Panel's visit to the Judiciary last December, we would welcome any additional information or justifications which are considered relevant to the consideration of the matter. 4. We would revert to you as soon as we are in a position to do so.

Yours sincerely,

(NG Sek-hon) for Judiciary Administrator