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Dear Mr Ip,

Mr T K Lai, Secretary for Security, has asked me to thank you for your letter of 11 April and to reply as follows –

“The Administration understands the concerns of Security Panel Members. The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (“HKSAR”) has a constitutional duty to enact laws in accordance with Article 23 of the Basic Law (BL23) for the protection of national security. However, as the current priorities of the HKSAR Government are to deal with the various social and livelihood issues, we do not have any plans to enact laws in respect of BL23. When the legislative exercise is to be taken forward in the future, the HKSAR Government will fully consult the community in order to achieve a broad-based consensus on the legislative proposals. Any legislative proposals to be drawn up will be consistent with the relevant provisions of the Basic Law protecting various rights and freedom, and relevant international conventions.”

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Polly Kwok'.

(Polly Kwok)
Administrative Assistant to
Secretary for Security