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Ms Betty MA
 Clerk to the Bills Committee
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 1 Legislative Council Road
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Dear Ms MA,

**Bills Committee on Interception of Communications and
 Surveillance (Amendment) Bill 2015**

I refer to your letter dated 25th June 2015 conveying the Bills Committee Members' suggestion that the Judiciary should consider maintaining statistics on search warrant applications tendered by law enforcement agencies ("LEAs") for information from Internet service providers. Having consulted within the Judiciary, I am authorized to reply as follows.

Under existing arrangements, magistrates do from time to time process search warrant applications submitted from the LEAs. However, it is not the practice of the Judiciary to keep stock of the statistics of such applications be they related to Internet service providers or otherwise. The Judiciary does not see compelling reasons for it to keep track of the results of such applications.

As the applications in question emanate from various LEAs, it would be appropriate for you to approach them direct for the necessary information.

Yours sincerely,

(NG Sek-hon)
 for Judiciary Administrator