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Clerk to Panel  
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Dear Ms Mak,

**Panel on Constitutional Affairs  
Follow-up to Meeting on 15 December 2014**


At the meeting of the Panel on Constitutional Affairs held on 15 December 2014, Members enquired about the expected completion time of the Law Reform Commission's (LRC) study on the access to information regime. The LRC Secretariat has provided supplementary information as follows.

The LRC has established a Sub-committee to study the subject. The Sub-committee has been meeting on a regular basis since it was established in May 2013. The review on Hong Kong's access to information regime being undertaken by the Sub-committee covers areas which are both important and complex, and which require in-depth research and analysis on the local system and related models in various overseas jurisdictions.

Given the complexity of the issues involved, as well as the level of local and comparative research and analysis required, it is too early for the Sub-committee to lay down an expected completion date for the project. Nonetheless, the Sub-committee is working hard and is aiming to publish its consultation paper as soon as possible, once it has reached its conclusions on provisional recommendations for reform.

Once the Sub-committee's consultation paper has been published and the responses from the public have been received and collated, the Sub-committee may then be in a better position to provide an estimate of when its study might be completed.

Yours sincerely,



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for Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

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