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Clerk to Finance Committee  
(Attn: Ms Anita Sit)  
Legislative Council Complex  
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Dear Ms Sit,

**Finance Committee of the Legislative Council  
Follow-up to Meeting on 11 February 2017**

\_\_\_\_\_ In response to the Finance Committee's request for supplementary information concerning "Judicial Service Pay Adjustments" at its meeting on 11 February 2017, the Government has consulted the Judiciary. Their response is set out at **Annex** for the Finance Committee's reference.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Christine Wai".

( Ms Christine WAI )  
for Director of Administration

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c.c. Judiciary Administrator (Attn : Mrs Connie Ngan)

**Legislative Council Finance Committee  
Supplementary Information on  
Judicial Service Pay Adjustments**

- (A) (i) Number of recommendations on judicial appointments made by the Judicial Officers Recommendation Commission which was not accepted by the Chief Executive and the proportion of such cases

According to the records of the Judiciary since 1 July 1997, all recommendations made by the JORC on judicial appointments were accepted by the Chief Executive.

- (ii) The proportion of appointed JJOs who are barristers and solicitors

2. In the open recruitment exercises conducted between 2011 and 2016, a total of 87 JJOs at different levels of court have been appointed (excluding two Members of the Lands Tribunal who are surveyors and do not have legal professional qualification). Breakdown of the legal profession of the 87 JJOs is as follows –

<b>Judicial Rank</b>	<b>Barrister</b>	<b>Solicitor</b>	<b>Total</b>
Judge of the Court of First Instance of the High Court	17	2	19
District Judge	17	11	28
Permanent Magistrate	24	7	31
Special Magistrate	8*	1	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>66 (76%)</b>	<b>21 (24%)</b>	<b>87 (100%)</b>

\* Excluding one JJO who was first appointed as Special Magistrate and was subsequently appointed as Permanent Magistrate.

(B) Period of appointment of Judicial Assistants/Judicial Associates engaged by the Judiciary

3. To enhance the provision of legal and professional support to the JJOs at the High Court and above, legally qualified assistants have been engaged by the Judiciary under two separate schemes, namely, the Scheme on Judicial Assistants (“JDAs”) for the Court of Final Appeal and the Scheme on Judicial Associates for the High Court. The JDAs are normally engaged for a single one-year term, as the Judiciary aims to recruit young and newly qualified legal professionals who would move on to pursue their legal career after serving their term as JDAs. For Judicial Associates for the High Court, they are engaged for a term of one to two years and the term may be renewable.