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By Email: [gurungss@netvigator.com](mailto:gurungss@netvigator.com)

Dear Ms. Sangi,

**Re: Review of the half-hourly payment arrangement**

I refer to a letter dated 30 May 2017 which we only received on 4 July 2017 purportedly a joint letter from a group of Judiciary Registered and Non Registered Part time Interpreters on the captioned subject with copies to Hong Kong Bar Association, The Law Society of Hong Kong, Part-time Interpreters Unit of the Judiciary and the Legislative Council Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services.

Please be reminded that the Duty Lawyer Service is totally independent of all other government departments including the Judiciary and is never part of the Government machinery in providing legal assistance to the Public under its various Schemes. Your letter however did raise some points which deserve our careful consideration. Being a fully subvented organization, our annual budget is under the scrutiny of the Home Affairs Bureau and our IT expenses for the current financial year have already been pre-approved by the government.

Whilst we will look into your proposal for bringing our IT rates of remuneration on a par with those of the Judiciary's, we will have to seek advice from our Controlling Officer who provides such funding to us on any possible review on our IT expenses based on your proposal.

We will keep you updated and informed in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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Administrator

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The Law Society of Hong Kong  
Part-time Interpreters Unit, The Judiciary  
Legislative Council Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services