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(Attn.: Ms Joanne MAK)

Dear Ms Mak,

**Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs
Discussion on Maintenance-related Issues**

Thank you for your letter dated 5 January 2018 to the Secretary for Home Affairs relaying the suggestion of Hon Fernando CHEUNG, Hon Dennis KWOK and Hon SHIU Ka-chun to discuss maintenance-related issues at the Panel on Home Affairs. Please see our reply as set out below.

The Government is committed to enhancing the effectiveness of the system of collection of maintenance payments and enforcement of maintenance orders. Over the years, the Government has introduced a series of measures to improve the maintenance system through legislative and administrative means and stepped up the relevant publicity and education work. As it has been some time since the Government last examined the subject, information and statistics relating to divorce and maintenance are incomprehensive and not up-to-date. Therefore, we will commission a consultancy study through the Family Council to gather the latest local statistics and information on overseas practices for reference to facilitate the Government's consideration of the way forward.

We are now inviting relevant research institutions to submit proposals and quotations for conducting the consultancy study. The consultant is expected to be appointed in March 2018 for commencing the study and completing it in about 18 months. Upon completion of the study, the Government will report to the relevant Panel on the study findings.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cassia YU', written in a cursive style.

(Ms Cassia YU)
for Secretary for Home Affairs