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Mr Lemuel Woo  
Clerk to Panel on Administration of  
Justice and Legal Services  
Legislative Council  
Legislative Council Complex  
1 Legislative Council Road  
Central  
Hong Kong

Dear Mr Woo,

**Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services  
Meeting on 22 March 2021**

**Agenda Item IV: Recent developments on Hong Kong's legal and dispute  
resolution services in the Greater Bay Area ("GBA"), including the GBA Legal  
Professional Examination and other initiatives**

We refer to the email from the Secretariat dated 23 March 2021 enclosing a list of follow-up actions (the "list") regarding the captioned meeting. The Department of Justice's response to items (b) and (c) of the list is set out below for Member's reference.

- (b) The annual number of cases handled by the courts in Hong Kong which are related to the reciprocal recognition and enforcement of civil and commercial judgments between Hong Kong and the Mainland, in particular those relating to the Mainland Judgments (Reciprocal Enforcement) Ordinance (Cap. 597) since its enactment

The Mainland Judgments (Reciprocal Enforcement) Ordinance (Cap. 597) came into operation on 1 August 2008. According to the information provided by the Judiciary, as at 28 February 2021, there are 123 applications for enforcement of Mainland judgements in Hong Kong. Please see below the

breakdown for information:

Year	Applications for enforcement of Mainland judgments in Hong Kong
2008	0
2009	0
2010	1
2011	1
2012	0
2013	9
2014	12
2015	6
2016	12
2017	23
2018	17
2019	23
2020	17
2021*	2
Total	123

\*- figure as at 28 February 2021

- (c) The number of persons (with breakdown into the number of Hong Kong solicitors and barristers) enrolled in the Greater Bay Area Legal Professional Examination originally scheduled to take place on 30 January 2021

According to the information provided by the Ministry of Justice, 655 Hong Kong legal practitioners (including 588 solicitors and 67 barristers) have enrolled in the Greater Bay Area Legal Professional Examination originally scheduled to take place on 30 January 2021.

Yours sincerely,



(Dr. James Ding)  
Commissioner

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