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

Dear Mr Woo,

**Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services (“AJLS Panel”)  
Letter from Hon LAM San-keung  
on the Continuing Powers of Attorney Bill (“CPA Bill”)**

We refer to your letter of 16 November 2023 to the Secretary for Justice, enclosing a letter dated 13 November 2023 from Hon Lam San-keung urging the AJLS Panel to convene a meeting on the CPA Bill, a proposed legislation for the implementation of the Law Reform Commission (“LRC”) Report on *Enduring Powers of Attorney: Personal Care*.

We would like to inform the Panel that the Labour and Welfare Bureau (“LWB”) is the policy bureau for the CPA Bill. At the meeting on 2 August 2022, the Secretary for Justice, in his capacity as the LRC Chairman, informed the Panel that LWB had taken up as the responsible bureau for the CPA Bill and that

Members' concern would be referred to LWB for follow-up<sup>1</sup>. The information about LWB being the responsible bureau for the above LRC Report was reflected in the 2022 LRC annual report as submitted for discussion at that meeting,<sup>2</sup> as well as in the information paper circulated to all LegCo Members by the Administration Wing of the Chief Secretary for Administration's Office in August 2023.<sup>3</sup>

We note that the subject matter appears at item 13 in the latest AJLS Panel list of outstanding items for discussion (position as at 21 July 2023).<sup>4</sup> It is likely that there is an impression that the CPA Bill is still under our Department's purview. We would like to invite the Chairman of the AJLS Panel to consider whether to remove this item from the list and refer it to the relevant LegCo Panel for follow-up action.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Bernard Yue', written in a cursive style.

( Bernard YUE )  
*for* Secretary for Justice

c.c. Secretary, Law Reform Commission  
Administrative Assistant to the Secretary for Justice

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<sup>1</sup> See paragraph 34 of the minutes of meeting at <https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr2022/english/panels/ajls/minutes/ajls20220802.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> See LC Paper No. CB(4)686/2022(02) (item 55 of the table of implementation status at Annex) at <https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr2022/english/panels/ajls/papers/ajls20220802cb4-686-2-e.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> See Information Paper – Implementation of the Recommendations made by the Law Reform Commission (item 55 of the table of implementation status at Annex) at <https://www.hkreform.gov.hk/en/docs/ajls2023.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> See item 13 of LC Paper No. CB(4)721/2023(01) at <https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr2023/english/panels/ajls/papers/ajls20230724cb4-721-1-e.pdf>