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 Legislative Council Building,
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Dear Mrs. Ma,

Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services

 Thank you for your letter dated 25th June.

The present position is that the Law Society is awaiting the closing date of 30th June for the questionnaire which has been sent to all solicitors. I am sure you will agree that it would be improper for the Law Society to discuss the result prematurely. Once that result is known the Council will be in a better position to proceed with whatever action is to be taken. We are also awaiting the outcome of our enquiries with Essar Insurance Services Limited as to the feasibility of the proposal for insurance on insurance notwithstanding that we have reservations on the necessity for such a programme. The Solicitor General is the senior official in the Department of Justice with whom we have had discussions as to the way forward and unfortunately he is on annual leave until approximately 10th July.

Once we have heard from the membership as to the questionnaire and Essar Insurance Services Limited we shall be in a position to sit down with the Solicitor General to discuss the issues with him. He has expressed a willingness to do so. The Action Group has been apprised of our time-table and is in agreement that this is an appropriate way with which to deal with the matter.

In view of the fact that both the President and the Chairman of the Hong Kong Solicitors Indemnity Fund Limited, Mr. Peter Lo are both out of Hong Kong on 15th July, we suggest that we revert to the Panel after we have concluded our discussions with the Administration which is not likely before the end of the current LegCo session.

Yours sincerely,

 Patrick Moss
 Secretary General

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