In response to media enquiries concerning the complaint made to the Independent Commission Against Corruption today against the Chief Executive, Mr C Y Leung, a spokesman for the Department of Justice (DoJ) said today (October 9) that the Secretary for Justice, in order to avoid any possible perception of bias, partiality or improper influence, after satisfying himself that the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), Mr Keith Yeung, SC, has no connection with any of the persons involved in the case, has delegated to the DPP the authority to handle the matter including (should it eventually become necessary to do so) considering and deciding whether any prosecution action against any persons is warranted.

Having considered all relevant matters, the Secretary for Justice takes the view that it is in the public interest to notify the community as to how the DoJ will handle the matter. The Secretary for Justice, as the head of the DoJ, will ensure that due and proper processes are observed in the conduct of the case and in strict accordance with the law and the Prosecution Code.

Ends/Thursday, October 9, 2014