

Ah-nui case: Govt at fault

SOME lawyers have called for a magistrate to seek a second medical opinion on the condition of Ms Wong Yuen Siu before the Juvenile Court reviews the Case and Protection Order on her daughter, Kwok Ah Nui, on July 31.

Their action is to be admired and it shows that at least some people acknowledge that an injustice may have been done.

I regret that their efforts may be too late and that a second opinion will not reflect the true medical condi-

tion of Ms Wong after she has been through such an ordeal and been kept in a closed ward at a mental hospital for nearly two months.

Even a physically well, intelligent, wealthy person could not withstand that!

Having been abused by society, it is now urgent that she be rehabilitated into society to give her a chance of returning to normal life as quickly as possible and allow her to be reunited with her daughter.

I have been told that Mrs

16-2
Anson Chan is personally handling the case and is already looking for suitable adoptive parents for Ah Nui as Ms Wong is "unfit" to care for her.

May I ask the lawyers of compassion to consider if Ms Wong has as many rights as a criminal?

A press report states that there are many examples of the Government providing money to get doctors to evaluate a person's mental condition in court cases. But these are mostly cases where people have committed crimes and are put on trial.

What we must remember is that Ms Wong is not a criminal, and it is the Government alone that has put her in her present situation!

The report also states that professional opinions often differ. Criminals are made aware of free legal aid and are seldom isolated.

The separation of a young child from her natural mother should only be considered in extreme situations and it would seem that many members of the public do not consider this to be the case!

C K Wong