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Dear

**Legislative Council Panels**

Thank you for your letter of 25 October 2000.

Having consulted the relevant policy bureaux, we wish to suggest that, in addition to food safety and environmental hygiene, issues relating to agriculture and fisheries (including agriculture and fisheries policy, veterinary health, provision of wholesale food markets, animal welfare, and policy on legislation on pesticides), hitherto covered by the Panel on Health Services, be brought within the purview of the proposed Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene. And, subject to Members' views, we suggest corresponding amendments to the draft terms of reference of the proposed Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene be as follows -

"To monitor and examine Government policies and issues of public concern relating to *food safety, and environmental hygiene and agriculture and fisheries.*"

We do not have any comments on the terms of reference of the Panel on Environmental Affairs and those on Health Services.

Yours sincerely,

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for Director of Administration