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Clerk to Panel,  
LegCo Panel on Environmental Affairs,  
Legislative Council Secretariat,  
3/F Citibank Tower,  
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Hong Kong.

**BY FAX: 2869 6794**

(Attn.: Miss Becky YU)

Dear Miss Yu,

**LegCo Panel on Environmental Affairs  
Meeting on 3 July 2001**

At the meeting of the LegCo Panel on Environmental Affairs on 3 July, the Administration agreed to provide Members with the following information –

- (i) statistics for the past ten years showing how marine life had been affected by development works; and
- (ii) the number of occasions where EPD had initiated its own investigations due to inconsistencies detected and the difficulties encountered in interpreting the data from EIA reports.

On item (i), we are following up with the Works Bureau and will submit the reply to you in due course. On item (ii), EPD has advised that the Penny's Bay reclamation project was the only occasion where they had initiated comprehensive investigation on the impact on water quality due to inconsistencies detected and the difficulties encountered in interpreting the data from EIA reports. As explained by Mr Simon Hui of EPD at the meeting on 3 July 2001, the water samples taken in the investigation had shown that the water quality was consistent with that predicted in the EIA reports.

Yours sincerely,

(Ms. Jessie Wong)  
for Secretary for the Environment and Food

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