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Ms Anita Sit Clerk to Panel on Financial Affairs Legislative Council Legislative Council Building 8 Jackson Road Central, Hong Kong

Dear Ms Sit,

## LegCo Panel on Financial Affairs The Penny Stocks Incident

Thank you for your letter of 4 October. We are pleased to provide the information required as follows -

- the two members of the Panel of Inquiry on the Penny Stocks (a) Incident were not remunerated. The Administration is most grateful to them for their voluntary service; and
- (b) the members of the Expert Group are well respected personalities in both the international and local financial communities, and have a good wealth of experience and expertise in the field of financial services. Given the scope of the review and their time commitment in the next six months to complete a report for submission to the Financial Secretary by end March 2003, the Administration has offered them a lump-sum honorarium as a token of appreciation of their service, which is \$150,000 for the chairman and \$75,000 for the other two members of the Group.

Yours sincerely.

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(Miss Vivian Lau) for Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury