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Clerk to the Legislative Council Panel on Financial Affairs

(Attn: Ms Connie Szeto) Legislative Council Building 8 Jackson Road Central

(Fax: 2869 6794)

Dear Ms Szeto,

Panel on Financial Affairs

Follow-up action on the proposed boundary facilities improvement tax

Thank you for your letter of 6 October.

The Administration has been conducting the research requested by Panel Members. It has taken us some time to consult and to compile the information on the taxes in other jurisdictions which are similar to boundary facilities improvement tax. At the Bills Committee meeting on the Boundary Facilities Improvement Tax Bill held on 24 September, a Member raised a similar request which, however, covers all the taxes and fees on departing passengers taking any means of transport.

We are working on the request of the Bills Committee. Our response will address the request of the Panel as well. May I suggest that when we issue the response to the Bills Committee, we copy it to you for your further action vis-à-vis the Panel's request.

Yours sincerely,

(Edward Mak) for Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury