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Dear Ms Choy

**Supplementary Information on Indoor Air Quality
EA Panel Meeting, 28 November 2005**

Members requested at the captioned meeting for additional information on the target to be achieved by the Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Certification Scheme and prosecutions under legislations relating to IAQ.

IAQ is a fairly new issue internationally. Our present policy objective is to promote the understanding of IAQ through publicity programmes and to encourage wider participation by the community in the IAQ Certification Scheme.

In 2006, we plan to organize three additional seminars and six roadshows to raise public awareness of IAQ. Our targets are to put the message across to over ten thousand people through the roadshows and introduce the IAQ certification scheme through the seminars to more than a thousand representatives from building management companies, building owners and relevant professional bodies. We expect to have about 110 premises certified under the Certification Scheme. In addition, we will enhance the services of the IAQ Information Centre and its cyber centre as the focal point in promoting IAQ to the public, and we expect that over 6,000 and 25,000 patrons will visit the Information Centre and the cyber centre in 2006 respectively.

As regards prosecutions taken under relevant existing laws relating to IAQ, they are provided on the Annex attached.

Yours sincerely,

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for Director of Environmental Protection

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IAQ Related Legislation Enforcement Statistics

<i>Legislation</i>	<i>Provision</i>	<i>Authority</i>	<i>Prosecution Figures</i>	<i>Number of Notices issued</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Smoking (Public Health) Ordinance, Cap. 371	No person shall smoke or carry a lighted cigarette, cigar or pipe in designated no smoking areas.	Department of Health	Year 2002: 2,670 Year 2003: 1,765 Year 2004: 1,829	0	Enforcement is largely carried out by the Police.
Occupational Safety and Health Regulation, Cap. 509	The person responsible for a workplace must ensure that - (a) the workplace is adequately ventilated by fresh air; and (b) as far as reasonably practicable, the air within the workplace is kept free of impurities.	Labour Department	Year 2002: 2 Year 2003: 0 Year 2004: 1	Year 2002: 13 Year 2003: 11 Year 2004: 2	