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Dear Mrs Tong:

**Panel on Manpower  
Follow-up to meeting on 15 March 2007**

Thank you for your letter of 21 March 2007. Please find below the Administration's response to the motion passed at the 15 March 2007 meeting concerning the Wage Protection Movement (WPM).

The Administration will conduct a mid-term review of the WPM in October 2007 to gauge its progress whilst an overall review will be conducted in October 2008 (i.e. two years after implementation). If the overall review finds that a voluntary compliance approach fails to yield satisfactory results, the Government will introduce a statutory minimum wage in the cleansing and guarding services sectors.

To ensure that no time would be lost in putting in place a statutory minimum wage should the WPM prove ineffective, we are prepared to start preparatory work on introducing a statutory minimum wage for the two sectors before the overall review is completed. In other words, between now and October 2008, whilst the Government will continue to strenuously promote the WPM and closely monitor its progress, such preparatory work will also be set in train.

Yours faithfully,

( Miss Carrie CHANG )

Secretary for

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