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6th December 2007

Clerk to Public Accounts Committee
Legislative Council Secretariat
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road
Central, Hong Kong

Attn: Ms. Miranda Hon

Dear Madam,

**The Director of Audit's Report on the results of value for money audits
(Report No.49)
Chapter 5 - Hong Kong Tourism Board: Corporate governance and
administrative issues**

I refer to your letter to the Hong Kong Tourism Board dated 5th December 2007, a copy of which I have received. I also refer to your letter to me dated 6th December 2007.

I would be most grateful if you could make arrangement with the Hong Kong Tourism Board so that I could, as requested in my letter of 4th December 2007, be provided with a full set of the documents which are relevant to the matter and are likely to bear on the areas on which the Committee would require my assistance or evidence. In this regard, I attach a copy of my email to them today for your reference. Furthermore, please could you inform me of any particular areas the Committee would be likely to wish me to deal with. Please also inform me whether any allegations are likely to be made against me, and if there are allegations against me, what are the materials in support. I would need to know this information as a matter of fairness so that I can be prepared to respond. As you will appreciate, until I have been provided with the documents and information requested, and have an opportunity to properly consider them, I should not, as a matter of fairness, be required to respond to the request. Indeed, I am not really in any position to render any useful assistance to the Committee without being given a proper opportunity to review relevant documents when we are looking at matters that happened between 2001 to 2007.

We can discuss the alternative dates when Hong Kong Tourism Board and/or you have provided to me with the documents and/or information requested. For your

information, I am currently teaching at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University and this is a busy period when mid-term assessments are to be completed. I will receive 30+ assessments on 13th December 2007 and I have to mark them by 20th December 2007. I have also planned a trip from 6th to 8th January 2008. I should be most grateful if you could bear these in mind when you arrange for alternative dates.

Yours faithfully,



Clara Chong

c.c. Mr. Anthony Lau, Executive Director of the HKTB
Mrs. Daisy LAM, Deputy Executive Director of the HKTB
Mrs. Grace Lee

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Clara Chong

寄件者: Clara Chong [REDACTED]
寄件日期: Thursday, December 6, 2007 23:30
收件者: 'Paul Chan'
副本: 'Anthony Lau'; 'Daisy Lam'; 'Portia Chan'; 'grace [REDACTED]'
主旨: RE: The Director of Audit's Report (No. 49) on Hong Kong Tourism Board

Dear Paul,

I refer to the attached email from Portia. Therefore in addition to the information set out below which I requested from the HKTB yesterday afternoon, I would also like to seek your support to provide a full set of documents which are relevant to the subjects that are likely to bear on the areas in respect of which the Public Account Committee would require my assistance or evidence.

I requested the HKTB to provide the following information yesterday, 5 December 2007:-

1. Copies of the 2004/05, 2005/06, 2006/07 Business Plans including the Functional Plans of the DED and each General Manager and their Annual Performance Appraisals.
2. Copies of all documents contained in my personnel file kept by the Hong Kong Tourism Board.

As mentioned in my letter to the Clerk to LegCo's Public Account Committee of 4 December 2007, I would need time to go through the information in order to render more effective assistance to the Committee at the hearing. I would be most grateful if you could deliver the documents to me on or before 7 December 2007 as per the date provided by the Clerk to LegCo's Public Account Committee in their letter to the Hong Kong Tourism Board dated 5 December 2007.

In the meantime, I note the Financial Circular attached to Portia's email. As you know, the Circular only applies to existing Directors of Bureaux and officers and I have already retired from my office at the Hong Kong Tourism Board. Further, the confidentiality obligations set out in paragraph 6 of the Circular are only applicable before the VFM report is tabled in LegCo. In any event, I will treat and hold in strict confidence the documents to be provided to me and only use them for the purpose of giving evidence and seeking legal advices as and when necessary (except where any information or document has become publicly known). With regard to your concern on initiating any publicity, on this matter whilst I have no intention of doing so, I will need to reserve my rights to respond to any unfair or adverse publicity against me at the appropriate time.

Thank you for your kind assistance.

Regards,

Clara