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Ms Polly Yeung
Clerk to Subcommittee on Subsidiary Legislation
Legislative Council Secretariat
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road, Central
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Dear Ms Yeung,

Subcommittee Meeting on Rating (Exemption) Order 2008

At the subcommittee meeting on Rating (Exemption) Order 2008 held today, the Honourable Wong Kwok-hing expressed his concern about whether the Hong Kong Housing Society would pass on the rates concession proposed in the 2008-09 Budget to its tenants. We have conveyed his concern to the Transport and Housing Bureau for follow-up.

Separately, members were concerned about whether tenants of the Housing Authority paying additional or market rental would benefit from the passing on of rates concession by the Authority. We have consulted the Housing Department and understand that these tenants are also entitled to the concession.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Cheng', written over a horizontal line.

(Kenneth Cheng)

for Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

c.c. Secretary for Transport and Housing