

(English translation of the original letter in Chinese submitted on 10 December 2007)

Ms Daisy Lam
Deputy Executive Director
Hong Kong Tourism Board

Dear Ms Lam,

Re: The Director of Audit's Report on the results of value for money audits

Thank you for forwarding the email by Public Accounts Committee of the Legislative Council to me. Please find my reply below and the enclosed summary for reference.

In Appendix F of Report No. 49 in The Director of Audit's Report, there is a section regarding my business trip to UK and France in May 2006. Since the report doesn't include all the details, readers might easily be led to conclude that I went on that business trip and took a few days off after that without any permission.

I joined the Hong Kong Tourist Association in 1992. During my past 15 years with the organization before my departure on 8 January 2007, I have been assigned overseas business assignments from time to time. Each and every time, I would follow all necessary procedures and had never encountered any problem or anything similar to this case in question. In 6 (a) under Appendix F, it quoted the HKTB's response in answering the Audit enquiry that "both the staff who took the trip and the staff who approved the trip had already left the HKTB." This reply to me is something which I think doesn't reflect the whole truth. The person who assigned me to this overseas trip was the then Acting General Manager of the Corporate Communications & PR Division, Ms Cynthia Leung, who is now the General Manager of the division at HKTB.

I am most willing to answer any questions the Committee might have at any time convenient to you. Please feel free to contact me on [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

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(ex-HKTB Corporate Communication & PR Manager)

***Note by Clerk, PAC: Summary not attached.**