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

(Attn.: Ms Serena CHU)

Dear Ms CHU,

**The Director of Audit's Report on the
results of value for money audits (Report No. 49)**

**Chapter 5: Hong Kong Tourism Board (HKTB):
Corporate governance and administrative issues**

Thank you for your letter dated 15 January 2008 requesting the Audit Commission (Audit) to provide information concerning the respective dates of application for business travel in respect of Cases D1 to D7 referred to in Appendix G of the Audit Report.

Audit is unable to ascertain the dates of application for Cases D2 and D5. For Case D2, which is the case referred to in Appendix F of the Audit Report, the Business Travel Request Form concerned could not be located (sub-paragraph (a) of the first paragraph of the HKTB's letter of 11 December 2007 to the Public Accounts Committee refers). For Case D5, the date of application was not stated in the Business Travel Request Form.

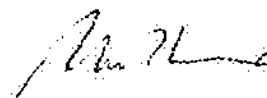
The dates of application for the other five cases are as follows:

Case	Date of application
D1	12/5/2006
D3	19/5/2006
D4	29/5/2006
D6	11/12/2006
D7	10/1/2007

The Public Accounts Committee may wish to note in paragraph 6.20 of the Audit Report that air tickets had been purchased before approvals were obtained. Audit considers that the HKTB needs to ensure that air tickets are purchased only after approval is obtained.

A Chinese translation of this letter will be forwarded to you shortly.

Yours sincerely,



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