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Mr Raymond LAM
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Legislative Council
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Dear Mr LAM,

Bills Committee on Minimum Wage Bill

Thank you for your letter dated 13 April 2010. We are grateful for the concern and interest of the Bills Committee on Minimum Wage Bill in the operation of the Provisional Minimum Wage Commission ("the Commission").

The preliminary views of the Commission on the basket of indicators, other relevant considerations and impact assessment that should be taken into account in deliberating on the initial statutory minimum wage (SMW) rate have been sent to you on 24 March 2010. After the release of the results of the Annual Earnings and Hours Survey, the Commission has posted further information on its website and has invited the public to provide their views based on the statistical data and such other information as is appropriate. Members of the public and stakeholders have made further enquiries with the Secretariat seeking further information from the Census and Statistics Department and the same has been provided. The Commission has been conducting further meetings with stakeholders and interest groups with a view to collating their analysis of the statistical data as well as their comments on the preliminary views and the initial SMW rate.


In the light of requests for more time for making submissions to the Commission, we have decided to extend the closing date for making

submissions from 26 April 2010 to 3 May 2010. We can assure you that this extension will not delay the completion of our deliberation and should enhance the reliability, appropriateness and public acceptability of the first SMW rate.

We trust the above has provided the Bills Committee with an update of the workings of the Commission. However should you require further information, please contact the Secretary of the Commission, Miss Cindy YIM.

Last but not the least, we would appreciate if you could assist by encouraging members of the public to provide their views in writing to the Commission on or before 3 May 2010.

Yours sincerely,



(Teresa CHENG)

Chairperson

Provisional Minimum Wage Commission