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Clerk  
Public Accounts Committee  
Legislative Council Building  
8 Jackson Road, Central  
Hong Kong  
(Attn: Ms Miranda HON)

By fax 2537 1204

Dear Ms HON,

**The Director of Audit's Report on the  
Results of Value for Money Audits (Report No. 51)**

**Reduction and Recovery of Municipal Solid Waste (Chapter 11)**

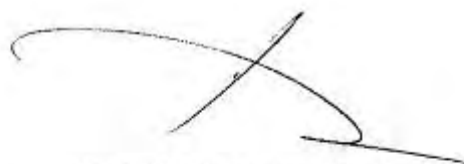
In response to your letter of 22 December 2008, we would like to provide the following additional information as requested by the Public Accounts Committee:

- (a) Village-type refuse collection points (RCPs) in rural areas are usually situated in rather remote places, serving only a small local population. We started providing waste separation bins in village-type RCPs in 2000. In general, the waste recovering yield from these bins has been low compared with that from bins set up in urban areas. Nevertheless, to help promote the concept of waste separation and recovery, we have progressively increased the number of RCPs provided with waste separation bins. For more effective use of resources, we give priority to village-type RCPs with potentially higher "pitching-in" rate, having regard to factors such as the size of the local population, convenience of

the RCP location and proximity to tourist spots etc. The percentage of village-type RCPs provided with waste separation bins has now been raised to 25%.

- (b) We will continue to support Environmental Protection Department (EPD) in further promoting public awareness of and participation in waste separation. To this end, waste separation bins will be provided at 300 new sites across the territory in the first quarter of 2009. Subject to the outcome of EPD's consultation with the District Councils, some of the new sites would include village-type RCPs.

Yours sincerely,



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