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

Dear Ms Hon,

**The Director of Audit's Report on the
results of value for money audits (Report No. 51)**

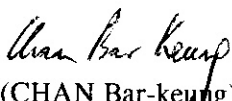
Emergency ambulance service (Chapter 4)

Thank you for your letter dated 10 March 2009.

According to paragraph 41 of Chapter 11 of Report No. 30 of the Director of Audit, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD), in response to the recommendations made by the then Finance Bureau (FB) in May 1987, accepted the economic life concept for the replacement of vehicles. However, Audit found that the EMSD had not followed the recommendations made by the FB. The audit recommendations on the replacement of vehicles in paragraph 42 of the report were of a general nature. No exception for ambulances was specified.

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

Yours sincerely


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