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Clerk to LegCo Panel on Housing
Legislative Council Secretariat
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road, Central
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(Attn: Miss Becky Yu)

Dear Miss Yu,

**Follow-up action arising from
Meeting of Legislative Council Panel on Housing on 17 June 2009**

At the special meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Housing on 17 June 2009, the Administration undertook to provide information on the rebates resulting from the rates concessions for carparks under the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) and Hong Kong Housing Society (HKHS). The requested information is hereby provided for your information.

According to the assessments made by the Rating and Valuation Department, the 26 500 odd car parking spaces has brought about a saving of about \$660 000 in rates to the HA in 2009/10, which is equivalent to about \$2 per car parking space per month on average. As for the HKHS, the corresponding savings brought about by its 3 600 odd car parking spaces is about \$176 000, which is equivalent to about \$4 per car parking space per month on average.

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Since the amount of rebates per individual carpark user is minimal, relatively high administrative costs would be involved in arranging the rebate and that there is technical difficulty in apportioning the amount of rebates for individual users as some carpark are let on both a monthly and hourly basis, the HA and HKHS decided not to arrange for rates rebate in respect of car parking spaces. The HA will spend the savings on enhancing HA's carpark facilities, including exploring the possibilities of setting up electric charging stations to promote the use of electric vehicles.

Yours sincerely,

(Original Signed)

(Kitty YU)

for Secretary for Transport and Housing