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Clerk to the House Committee  
Legislative Council Secretariat  
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1 Legislative Council Road, Central  
Hong Kong  
(Attn: Mrs Sharon Tong)

Dear Mrs Tong,

### Special House Committee meeting on 11 November 2011

Thank you for your letter dated 24 November 2011. The supplementary information requested in the second paragraph of the letter is set out below.

- (a) Assistance provided by the HKSAR Government to Hong Kong residents detained in the Mainland

The Immigration Divisions of the Beijing Office and Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Guangdong will provide practical assistance to Hong Kong residents detained in the Mainland upon request, including providing information on relevant Mainland laws, regulations and procedures; advising them on their right to appoint legal representatives; providing contact details of local law societies; and reflecting their views and requests to the relevant Mainland authorities. The number of persons detained and, according to available information, released in relation to assistance cases received by the HKSAR Government since 2009 is set out as follows -

| Year                       | 2009 | 2010 | 2011<br>(Jan - Oct) |
|----------------------------|------|------|---------------------|
| Number of persons detained | 39   | 29   | 17                  |
| Number of persons released | 11   | 4    | 8                   |

(b) The Administration's timetable for releasing sites for use by the logistics industry

In 2009, the Administration has identified five sites in Kwai Tsing with a total area of about 29 hectares which may be considered for logistics development, subject to the impact to the local traffic situation. A site of about 2.4 hectares in Tsing Yi was awarded through open tender in December 2010. Another site of similar size in Tsing Yi will be put up for open tender by the end of this year. As regards the other sites in Kwai Chung, a traffic impact assessment (TIA) is underway to review the suitability of designating those sites for logistics development. Apart from possible traffic concerns, some stakeholders have requested that the sites in Kwai Chung should continue to be used as port back-up land for container storage, cargo handling and consolidation, as well as vehicle parking purposes in order to support the operation of the adjacent container terminals. After the TIA has been completed, we will report the findings to the Hong Kong Logistics Development Council ("LOGSCOUNCIL") in early 2012. In parallel, the Administration is reviewing the feasibility of designating other sites outside Kwai Tsing for logistics use. We will continue to keep LOGSCOUNCIL informed of the progress of site searches.

Yours sincerely,



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for Director of Administration

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