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Dear Ms Yue.

Provision of Funding for Extension of the Design Incubation Programme

At the meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting held on 13 February 2012 to discuss the provision of funding for extension of the Design Incubation Programme (DIP), the Administration was requested to provide a breakdown of the respective amounts of funding to be used for rentals paid to the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation (HKSTPC) and the operating expenses to be incurred by the Hong Kong Design Centre (HKDC) in the second phase DIP. I write to provide the information as requested.

Around \$42.1 million is estimated to be required for the second phase DIP. This amount comprises some \$30 million for the financial assistance package for the incubatees and some \$12.1 million for the operating expenses incurred by HKDC in administering the DIP. The financial assistance package includes subsidies for rental, operating expenses, promotion and development expenses, as well as technical and management training expenses incurred by the incubatees. operating expenses include rental of the DIP management office and common areas used by incubatees (e.g. meeting rooms), staff and other administrative costs to run the DIP, expenses incurred for providing incubation services to the incubatees, etc. A breakdown of the rentals payable to HKSTPC and HKDC's operating expenses is as follows -

- (a) Office rentals and management fees payable to HKSTPC in respect of:
 - (i) the office areas used by incubatees: \$14.4 million; and
 - (ii) the DIP management office, common areas used by the incubatees, and other areas leased by HKDC for the purpose of the DIP: \$2.6 million;

and

- (b) HKDC's operating expenses:
 - (i) manpower cost: \$6.7 million; and
 - (ii) other administrative expenses: \$2.8 million.

Yours sincerely,

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