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(Attn: Ms Miranda Hon)

Dear Ms Hon,

**Legislative Council Panel on Housing**

**Subcommittee on the Long Term Housing Strategy  
Meeting on 20 March 2013  
Follow-up Action**

Thank you for your letter of 2 April 2013, referring Members' request for information regarding adequate housing and the approach and framework for projecting long-term housing demand. Our reply is set out below –

**Adequate Housing**

2. In assessing the long term housing demand, our basic view is that every household in Hong Kong should be adequately housed, irrespective of whether they live in public or private housing, or in owned or rented accommodation. As a basic first step, our starting point is to determine what constitutes “inadequate housing” or “poorly-housed households”. The Administration is now considering a range of circumstances that might be taken into account in determining “inadequate housing”. These circumstances include but are not limited to –

- whether the housing unit is within a permanent or temporary structure (e.g. huts, squatters and roof-top structures);
- whether the unit is shared with other households (e.g. those living in rooms, cubicles, bedspaces and cocklofts);
- whether the unit is self-contained (i.e. with independent kitchen/cooking place, bathroom/toilet and piped water supply inside the unit); and
- whether the unit is located in non-residential buildings (e.g. whether the unit is located in commercial or industrial buildings).

3. The Administration will continue to examine the issue, taking into account Members' views and views of the Long Term Housing Strategy (LTHS) Steering Committee. We will also draw reference from the survey on sub-divided units.

#### **Approach and Framework for Projecting Long-term Housing Demand**

4. As regards the approach and framework for projecting long-term housing demand, we set out in our paper CB(1)708/12-13(02) the broad framework and the key parameters which we will take into account in the projection. We will take into account views expressed by Members at the meeting on 20 March in fine-tuning the approach and the framework for projecting long term housing demand. As mentioned at the meeting on 20 March, we need to further work on the projection and will report to the Subcommittee with the projection figures once they are endorsed by the LTHS Steering Committee. We will keep the Subcommittee informed of any updates once available.

Yours sincerely,

(Original Signed)

(Vincent TANG)

for Secretary for Transport and Housing