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Ms Yue Tin-po Clerk to Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting Legislative Council 1 Legislative Council Road Central, Hong Kong

Dear Ms Yue,

Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting ("the Panel") – The Communications Authority's Investigation relating to Asia Television Limited's Control and Management

I refer to your letter dated 19 November 2012 to the Communications Authority (formerly the Broadcasting Authority, collectively referred to as "the Authority" hereinafter), conveying the enquiry from some Members of the Panel on the latest developments relating to the Authority's on-going investigation into the role of Mr Wong Ching ("Mr Wong") in the control and management of Asia Television Limited ("ATV").

As the Panel is aware, in view of public concerns and a relevant complaint that it had received, the Authority announced in August 2011 that it would conduct an investigation into the role played by Mr Wong in the control and management of ATV. ATV initiated judicial review proceedings against the Authority in June 2012, when the investigation was at an advanced stage. The Court of First Instance ordered that its judgement and verdict in these proceedings should not be released to the public and both ATV and the Authority are obliged to keep them confidential. The ruling on the case was delivered in October 2012 and an appeal to the Court of Appeal was subsequently lodged against the judgement. As the matter is currently before the Court, it would be inappropriate for the Authority to comment on the investigation or the legal proceedings at this stage.

Yours sincerely,

(Edmond Chui) for Secretary,

Communications Authority



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