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Dear Mr Lo,

**Public Works Subcommittee
Meeting on 3 January 2014**

**PWSC(2013-14)28 –
New Broadcasting House of Radio Television Hong Kong)**

On 30 December 2013, the Hon Christopher CHUNG wrote to the Chairman of the Public Works Subcommittee (PWSC) requesting the Administration to provide written or oral reply to matters relating to the construction of New Broadcasting House (New BH) at the forthcoming PWSC meeting to be held on 3 January 2014.

In fact, we already submitted a paper to PWSC on 30 December 2013 setting out the supplementary information requested by Members at the PWSC meeting held on 18 December 2013, including those mentioned in the Hon CHUNG's letter. The Hon CHUNG may wish to refer to the relevant paragraphs of the paper for details: paragraphs 2 to 8 (Project Cost Estimate), paragraphs 18 to 19 (Independent Operation of Building Services Installation), paragraphs 27 to 29 (Cloud Technology and Data Storage Service), paragraphs 30 to 31 (TV studios), paragraphs 32 to 37 (Broadcasting Equipment and Facilities) and paragraphs 38 to 52 (Programme Production and Future Developments).

In his letter, the Hon CHUNG raised query on the submission of funding application for the establishment of 22 digital terrestrial television (DTT) fill-in stations by the Administration in addition to that of the construction of New BH. We would like to take this opportunity to clarify that the establishment of DTT fill-in stations is not related to the construction of the New BH. The capital cost of the establishment of DTT fill-in stations, which is outside the scope of the New BH, should therefore not be included in the funding application of the New BH project. As a matter of fact, the provision of DTT services is one of the new services incorporated into the RTHK Charter. Hence, irrespective of the construction of the New BH, RTHK still needs to establish these 22 DTT fill-in stations to implement its DTT services. Given the different nature of the projects, we must follow the established mechanism to submit separate funding applications for the two projects concerned.

Yours sincerely,



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