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Ms Debbie Yau
Clerk to the Subcommittee on three regulations
under the Telecommunications Ordinance (Cap. 106)
gazetted on 16 May 2014
Legislative Council Secretariat
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1 Legislative Council Road, Central
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Dear Ms Yau,

**Subcommittee on three regulations under the
Telecommunications Ordinance (Cap. 106) gazetted on 16 May 2014**

Follow-up to meeting on 4 June 2014

I refer to the list of follow-up actions arising from the discussion at the meeting of the captioned subcommittee on 4 June 2014 in respect of which the Government is requested to provide written response. Please find enclosed the requested information.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ivanhoe Chang', written over a large, light-colored oval shape.

(Ivanhoe Chang)
for Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development

Distribution of Spectrum by Mobile Network Operators⁽¹⁾ (MHz)

	Spectrum for 2G / 3G		Spectrum for 2G/ 4G			Total
	Services		Services			
	1.9 – 2.2 GHz	850/900 MHz	1800 MHz	2.5/2.6 GHz	2.3 GHz	
CMHK			26.4	40	30	96.4
HKT ⁽²⁾	69.2 ⁽³⁾	31.6	72.8	60 ⁽⁵⁾		233.6
Hutchison	34.6 ⁽⁴⁾	26.6	23.2	20 ⁽⁵⁾	30	134.4
SmarTone	34.6 ⁽⁴⁾	26.6	26.4	20		107.6
	138.4	84.8	148.8	140	60	572

- Notes: (1) The four mobile network operators are China Mobile Hong Kong Company Limited (“CMHK”), Hong Kong Telecommunications (HKT) Limited (“HKT”), Hutchison Telephone Company Limited (“Hutchison”), and SmarTone Mobile Communications Limited (“SmarTone”).
- (2) HKT completed the acquisition of CSL New World Mobility Limited on 14 May 2014.
- (3) In the 3G spectrum re-assignment exercise, HKT will be offered a right of first refusal to be reassigned 29.6 MHz of spectrum in the 1.9-2.2 GHz band. Another 29.6 MHz of its existing spectrum holding in the band will be made available for re-auction. The 10 MHz of its unpaired spectrum holding in the band, which has been left idle since the assignment in 2001, will be put back to reserve upon expiry of the existing assignments in 2016.
- (4) In the 3G spectrum re-assignment exercise, Hutchison and SmarTone will each be offered a right of first refusal to be reassigned 19.8 MHz of spectrum in the 1.9-2.2 GHz band. 9.8 MHz of its respective existing spectrum holding in the band will be made available for re-auction. The 5 MHz of its respective unpaired spectrum holding in the band, which has been left idle since the assignment in 2001, will be put back to reserve upon expiry of the existing assignments in 2016.
- (5) 40 MHz of spectrum in the 2.5/2.6 GHz band has been assigned to Genius Brand Limited, which is indirectly owned by HKT and Hutchison. For illustration purpose, it is assumed that the concerned spectrum is equally shared between the two parties.