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Dear Ms Leung,

**Panel on Home Affairs
Follow-up to Meeting on 7 June 2014**

Shop Front Extensions

At the meeting of the Panel on Home Affairs on 7 June 2014, the Administration was requested to provide information on cases where Shop Front Extensions (SFEs) within certain levels were tolerated. Having consulted the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD), the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF), Lands Department (LandsD), Fire Services Department (FSD) and Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), we set out our consolidated reply in the following paragraphs.

In general, cases where business activities are conducted beyond the confines of shops that constitute a distinct characteristic and contribute to the vibrancy of the district may either be assigned lower enforcement priorities or even tolerated, subject to the conditions that the SFEs do not cause any imminent danger to pedestrians and other road users, and that the shop operators can exercise self-discipline by adhering to a level of extension agreed with the enforcement departments and other departments concerned. In general, the enforcement

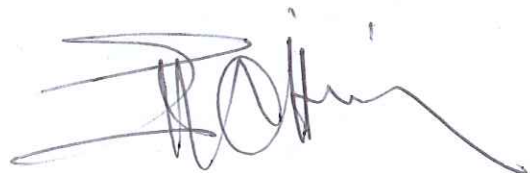
departments would consult the respective District Councils or District Council Members. Such arrangement is an ad hoc arrangement subject to regular review by the enforcement departments and relevant parties concerned. Information on the departments and parties involved in the discussions in arriving at the locations of the tolerated areas and the tolerated levels agreed are set out in the table below.

District	Location of tolerated areas	Level of extension tolerated	Departments and other parties involved in the discussion
Central and Western	Belcher's Street, North Street, Catchick Street, Smithfield and Davis Street	1 foot from the shop front	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FEHD • Central and Western District Council (DC) member • The relevant shop representatives
Mong Kok	Fa Hui	3 feet from the shop front	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FEHD • Yau Tsim Mong District Office • HKPF • Yau Tsim Mong DC • The Hong Kong Wholesale Florist Association Limited
	1-7 & 2-2P Nelson Street	4 feet from the shop front	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FEHD • Yau Tsim Mong District Office • Yau Tsim Mong DC • The relevant shop representatives
Wong Tai Sin	Ngau Chi Wan Village	5 feet from the shop front and 3 feet from the side walls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FEHD • Wong Tai Sin District Office • FSD • HKPF • LandsD • LCSD • Wong Tai Sin District Management Committee • The relevant shop representatives

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Kowloon City	Kowloon City Road and Lok Shan Road	Not more than 1/4 of the width of the pavement with a minimum clearance of 1.5 m in width	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FEHD • Kowloon City District Office • Kowloon City DC
	Wuhu Street, Bulkeley Street, Station Lane and Dock Street		
Tuen Mun	Chi Lok (37B) Area	3 feet from shop front	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FEHD • Tuen Mun District Office • Tuen Mun DC members • The relevant shop representatives and merchants association
	San Hui Area	2.5 feet to 4 feet from the shop front (depending on the width of pavement)	

For specific enquiries relevant to the above cases and enforcement actions of FEHD, please contact Mr SIN Kwok-hau, Assistant Director (Operations) 3 of FEHD at 2867 5288. Should you have other general enquiry on SFEs, please contact the undersigned at 2835 1005.

Yours sincerely,



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