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

## Motion on the Producers' Guidelines of Radio Television Hong Kong

At the Panel meeting held on 9 June 2014, the proposed revision of the Producers' Guidelines (PG) of Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK) was discussed and Members passed the following motion -

That this Panel urges the management of Radio Television Hong Kong ("RTHK") to respect and adopt the staff's stance on conduct issues, and uphold RTHK's spirit of editorial independence.

Our response to the above motion is set out below.

The PG of RTHK is an important professional tool which provides guidelines to staff on day-to-day editorial and operational matters. In February 2010, an internal Working Group comprising staff from different sections/units was formed in RTHK to review the present set of PG to cater for its latest operation and make recommendations to the management on the PG revision. The Working Group has recently completed its work and presented the draft revised PG to the management which was endorsed by the Editorial Meeting of RTHK on 28 May 2015.

The RTHK management has all along been upholding editorial independence as enshrined in the RTHK Charter and respecting different views expressed by staff members.

Yours sincerely,

(Edward To)

for Secretary for

Commerce and Economic Development

c.c. Director of Broadcasting