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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,

**Motion on "Radio Television Hong Kong - Establishment of
22 digital terrestrial television fill-in stations"**

At the Panel meeting held on 9 December 2013, Members passed the following motion -

That this Panel urges the Administration to revert the issue of "Radio Television Hong Kong - establishment of 22 digital terrestrial television fill-in stations" to this Panel for discussion after the funding proposal for the construction of the new Broadcasting House for Radio Television Hong Kong has been approved by the Public Works Subcommittee and the Finance Committee.

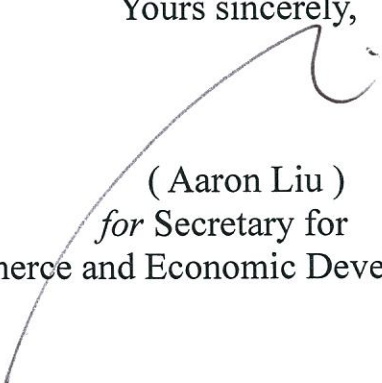
Our response to the above motion is set out below.

We would like to clarify that the establishment of 22 digital terrestrial television (DTT) fill-in stations for Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK) is not related to the construction of New Broadcasting House (BH). The provision of DTT services is one of the new services that was set out in

the RTHK Charter after confirming public support during public consultation in 2009-10. 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. The trial run of RTHK's DTT service with three high definition TV channels has commenced since 12 January 2014, covering about 75% of Hong Kong's population. It is necessary to extend the coverage of RTHK's DTT programmes to the remaining Hong Kong's population with the establishment of the supplementary network of fill-in stations.

In view of the above, we would seek Members' support for the proposal to establish 22 DTT fill-in stations at the panel meeting to be held on 10 March 2014 before seeking the funding approval of the Finance Committee.

Yours sincerely,



(Aaron Liu)
for Secretary for
Commerce and Economic Development

c.c. Director of Broadcasting