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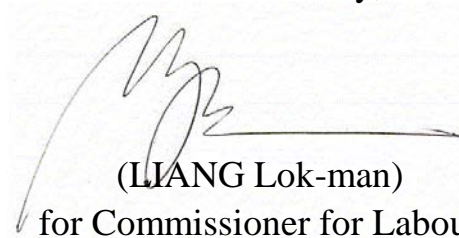
Dear Miss MA,

**Reply to the Panel on Manpower on follow-up actions required**

The Panel on Manpower discussed the situation of the occupational diseases and occupational health in Hong Kong at the meeting on 17 December 2013. At the meeting, the Administration agreed to provide information on the progress of review of health check arrangements for franchised bus captains undertaken by the Transport and Housing Bureau/ Transport Department and the franchised bus companies.

2. Please refer to the Annex for the reply of the Transport Department.

Yours sincerely,



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for Commissioner for Labour

## **Review of Health Check Arrangements of Franchised Bus Captains**

All franchised bus operators have required bus captains aged 50 years or above to undergo health checks every year. Health check items vary among operators but they commonly include chest examinations as well as eyesight, hearing, diabetes, blood pressure, blood and urine tests. For bus captains aged 60 or more, they are also required to undergo an electrocardiogram (“ECG”).

The Transport Department, in conjunction with the franchised bus operators, has completed a review on health check arrangements of bus captains. The following improvement measures have been implemented by bus operators since August 2013:

- (1) on top of requiring bus captains aged 50 or above to undergo annual health checks, bus captains aged below 50 who have ever suffered from any of the following illnesses are required to declare the illnesses and will also be required to undergo annual health checks (with ECG) –
  - i. stroke;
  - ii. cardio-vascular diseases.
  - iii. diabetes mellitus (on medication); and
  - iv. hypertension (on medication);
  
- (2) on top of requiring bus captains aged 60 or above to undergo an ECG, all bus captains will have to undergo ECG at their age of 50, 54 and 57.