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Dear Ms Ng,

## Panel on Transport Proposal to raise the mandatory requirement of using child restraint device in private cars

In the course of discussion of the item "Proposal to raise the mandatory requirement of using child restraint device in private cars" at the Legislative Council Panel on Transport meeting on 20 December 2013, Members requested the Administration to provide the following information –

- (a) The labelling system indicating the safety standards of CRD; and
- (b) A comparison of the number of child passengers killed or injured in traffic accidents involving private cars and other modes of transport in the past three years.

Please find our responses to the above at Annex 1 and Annex 2 respectively.

Yours sincerely,

( Miss Ng Yuk-hang ) for Secretary for Transport and Housing

Annex 1

Examples of Marks on Approved Child Restraint Devices Under the Road Traffic (Safety Equipment) Regulations (Products bearing the marks indicate that they comply with standards of the relevant jurisdictions)



European Commission

<u>Japan</u>



<u>Australia</u>



New Zealand

This child restraint system conforms to all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards.

<u>USA</u>

| Vehicle class           | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 (Up to 3rd Quarter)* |  |  |  |
|-------------------------|------|------|---------------------------|--|--|--|
| Student service vehicle | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0%                      |  |  |  |
| Private car             | 2.6% | 1.4% | 2.5%                      |  |  |  |
| Public bus              | 0.0% | 0.4% | 1.7%                      |  |  |  |
| Public light bus        | 2.2% | 0.0% | 0.0%                      |  |  |  |
| Taxi                    | 0.0% | 0.0% | 3.2%                      |  |  |  |

 Table 1: Proportion of killed and seriously injured casualties among child passenger casualties (aged below 12) by class of vehicle

\* Provisional figures

| Vehicle class           | 2011                |                                   |                                  | 2012  |                     |                                   | 2013 (Up to 3rd Quarter)*        |       |                     |                                   |                                  |       |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------|
|                         | Killed <sup>1</sup> | Seriously<br>injured <sup>2</sup> | Slightly<br>injured <sup>3</sup> | Total | Killed <sup>1</sup> | Seriously<br>injured <sup>2</sup> | Slightly<br>injured <sup>3</sup> | Total | Killed <sup>1</sup> | Seriously<br>injured <sup>2</sup> | Slightly<br>injured <sup>3</sup> | Total |
| Student service vehicle | 0                   | 0                                 | 159                              | 159   | 0                   | 0                                 | 128                              | 128   | 0                   | 0                                 | 108                              | 108   |
| Private car             | 0                   | 4                                 | 150                              | 154   | 0                   | 2                                 | 138                              | 140   | 1                   | 3                                 | 154                              | 158   |
| Public bus              | 0                   | 0                                 | 248                              | 248   | 0                   | 1                                 | 269                              | 270   | 0                   | 3                                 | 178                              | 181   |
| Public light bus        | 0                   | 1                                 | 45                               | 46    | 0                   | 0                                 | 34                               | 34    | 0                   | 0                                 | 24                               | 24    |
| Taxi                    | 0                   | 0                                 | 66                               | 66    | 0                   | 0                                 | 83                               | 83    | 0                   | 2                                 | 60                               | 62    |

Table 2: Number of child passenger casualties (aged below 12) by class of vehicle and level of injury

\* Provisional figures

<sup>1</sup> Killed : Sustained injury causing death within 30 days of the accident.

- <sup>2</sup> Seriously injured : An injury for which a person is detained in hospital as an 'in-patient' for more than twelve hours. Injuries causing death 30 or more days after the accident are also included in this category.
- <sup>3</sup> Slightly injured : An injury of a minor character such as a sprain, bruise or cut not judged to be severe, or slight shock requiring roadside attention and detention in hospital is less than 12 hours, or not required.