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Dear Ms SZETO,

Establishment Subcommittee

Proposed creation of one supernumerary Administrative Officer Staff Grade B (D3) post in the Civil Aviation Department

At the Establishment Subcommittee meeting held on 6 June 2016, Members requested the Government to provide supplementary information regarding the usage of the 1 500 m² reserve area and car parking spaces in the Civil Aviation Department (CAD) Headquarters building. The information is now appended below.

The Audit Commission recommended CAD to conduct, in consultation with the Government Property Administrator, an overall review of the space utilisation of the CAD Headquarters building. The review should take into account the timing and operational requirements in CAD's latest expansion plan with a view to identifying any surplus space that should be made available to other users (para. 2.26(c) of The Director of Audit's Report No. 63 refers). In this respect, CAD completed its review and obtained the approval of the Property Vetting Committee to use 926 m² of the 1 500 m² reserve area for accommodating 119 additional staff. With the agreement of the Government Property Agency (GPA), the remaining 574 m² of the space concerned has also been temporarily allocated to three government departments, namely the Inland Revenue Department, the Environmental Protection Department and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department with a view to making gainful use of the space.

As regards the parking spaces, the utilisation has gradually increased in recent months as more CAD staff who worked at the Air Traffic Control (ATC) complex inside the airport restricted area have relocated to the CAD Headquarters as planned. The utilisation is expected to further increase upon the full operation of the new ATC Centre in the CAD Headquarters later in the year. In addition, CAD has, in consultation with GPA, allocated 6 parking spaces temporarily to the Hong Kong Police Force and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department for parking their departmental vehicles.

Members are invited to note the information.

Yours sincerely,

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for Director-General of Civil Aviation

c.c. Secretary for Transport and Housing (Attn: Ms Joyce Chan)