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Mr Desmond LAM, Clerk to Panel on Commerce and Industry, Legislative Council Complex, 1 Legislative Council Road, Central, Hong Kong

Dear Mr LAM,

## Panel on Commerce and Industry Information requested at the meeting on 17 May 2016

At the meeting of the Panel on Commerce and Industry on 17 May 2016, Members requested the Government to provide the floor area required for the development of data centres in Hong Kong. Having consulted the Planning Department, our reply is as follows –

At present, the gross floor area of local data centres has exceeded  $460\ 000\ m^2$ . The Government has reserved 3 pieces of land in Tseung Kwan O Area 85 for the development of high-tier data centres. It is expected that an additional floor area of around 160 000 m<sup>2</sup> can be provided in the coming few years to meet market demand. The Planning Department is carrying out the "Review of Land Requirement for Grade A Offices, Business and Industrial Uses" study to explore the long-term land requirements, including that of data centres. The result of the study is expected to be released later this year.

Yours sincerely,

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