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Clerk to the Panel on Financial Affairs Legislative Council Secretariat Legislative Council Complex 1 Legislative Council Road Central (Attn : Ms Connie Szeto)

Dear Ms Szeto,

Panel on Financial Affairs Development of financial technologies in Hong Kong

The Government established the Steering Group on Financial Technologies ("Fintech") in April this year to advise on how to develop Hong Kong into and promote Hong Kong as a Fintech hub. Steering Group members are drawn from the industry, research and development institutions, relevant policy bureau and departments, as well as regulatory authorities.

Fintech can enhance operational efficiency and may have the potential of transforming traditional products and business processes. As an international financial centre with a highly developed information and communication technology sector, Hong Kong is an ideal place for developing Fintech.

The Steering Group plans to submit a report to the Government within the 2015-16 financial year. The Government aims to brief the Panel on Financial Affairs in Q2 2016 on the major recommendations of the Steering Group and the Government's responses.

Yours sincerely,

(Paul Wong)

for Secretary for Financial Services

and the Treasury