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Mr Daniel SIN,  
Clerk to Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting,  
Legislative Council Complex,  
1 Legislative Council Road,  
Central, Hong Kong

Dear Mr SIN,

**Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting  
Meeting on 14 March 2016**

I refer to your letter of 10 March 2016. After consultation with the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau (Communications and Creative Industries Branch) and the Office of the Communications Authority (“OFCA”), our responses to the issue mentioned in the letter from Hon Alice MAK are as follows:

As mentioned in the Administration’s reply to Member’s written question on 28 October 2015, the telecommunications market in Hong Kong has been fully liberalised since 2003. The provision of fixed broadband services, the network coverage and the type of technologies adopted are primarily decided by the operators based on their commercial considerations.

With a view to encouraging and assisting operators to invest in network expansion, OFCA has all along been committed to offering facilitation measures, including assisting operators in rolling out network across public streets, government-owned bridges and tunnels, and explaining to property management companies and owners’ corporations the responsibilities and duties of operators


and the advantages that would bring to the residents in respect of network rollout in private premises so as to enhance network coverage and access.

In 2015, an operator proposed to provide wireless fixed broadband services in remote areas, and the Communications Authority approved its proposal by amending the Carrier Licence of that operator accordingly. Besides, there are at least two other operators extending their fibre networks to remote areas.

Under the current policy, we consider that fixed broadband services have been extending to village areas progressively. With the rapid development of wireless networks, the network services in rural areas will further improve. Innovation and Technology Bureau will continue to listen to the views from different parties with a view to promoting the development of innovation and technology in Hong Kong.

We would be grateful if the Secretariat could pass the above information to members of the Panel for reference.

Yours sincerely,



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