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Dear Ms CHUNG,

**Legislative Council Panel on Development
Concerns on Signboard Control**

I refer to your email of 5 July 2017, enclosing a letter from the Hon. LEUNG Che-cheung of the same day expressing concerns over recent incidents in relation to signboards and requesting a discussion on the Signboard Control System (SBCS).

The SBCS had been discussed at the Legislative Council Panel on Development meeting on 24 May 2016 (i.e. Agenda item VII "Implementation of the Validation Scheme for Unauthorized Signboards"). The discussion paper of the agenda item explained the SBCS. The hyperlink of the said discussion paper is set out below for Members' reference:

<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr15-16/english/panels/dev/papers/dev20160524cb1-930-4-e.pdf>

The Buildings Department (BD) will continue to select street sections with frequent public reports, concentration of unauthorised signboards, heavy vehicular or pedestrian traffic, or record of serious accident for conducting Large Scale Operations (LSOs). Under LSOs, removal orders or Dangerous

Structure Removal Notices (DSRNs)¹ would be issued to all unauthorised, dangerous or abandoned signboards on the selected street sections. From 2014 to 2016, BD has mounted LSOs on 12 street sections in eight districts. The relevant enforcement figures conducted by the BD in 2016 are tabulated below:

Year	No. of removal order and DSRNs issued	No. of unauthorised, dangerous or abandoned signboard removed / repaired / validated voluntarily[#]	No. of unauthorised, dangerous or abandoned signboard removed by Government Contractor[#]	No. of prosecution case for non-compliant removal order[#]
2016	1627	2243	476	33

The figures do not necessarily involve removal orders or DSRNs issued in the same year.

In 2017, the BD will extend the LSOs to nine other target street sections in various districts. In light of the recent incident of fallen signboard in Yuen Long, the BD is considering to include the streets in the vicinity to the forthcoming LSOs.

Should you have any enquiries, please feel free to contact the undersigned officer at 3509 8852.

Yours sincerely,



(Mr David NG)

for Secretary for Development

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Buildings Department (Attn: Mr Michael YL PANG) (Fax: 3579 2949)

¹ The BD will issue removal orders in respect of unauthorised signboards under section 24 of the Buildings Ordinance. In respect of abandoned or dangerous signboards, irrespective that they are unauthorised signboards, the BD may issue DSRN under section 105 of the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance. For details, please refer to paragraph 3 of the aforementioned discussion paper.