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Council Business Division I Legislative Council Secretariat 1 Legislative Council Road Central, Hong Kong (Attention: Ms Ada LAU)

Dear Ms LAU,

Follow-up to Meeting of Finance Committee on 18 November 2017

FCR(2017-18)26&26A – Loan Fund New Head "Property Management Services Authority" New Subhead "Loan to the Property Management Services Authority"

At the Finance Committee Meeting on 18 November 2017, Members requested that the following information be provided –

(a) the number of estate agent's licence, estate agent's licence (individual) and salesperson's licence regulated by the Estate Agents Authority (EAA), and the respective comparison with the number of property management company (PMC) licence and property management practitioner (PMP) licences regulated by the Property Management Services Authority (PMSA); and (b) information on the companies that the PMSA Members (Category I persons) are engaged.

The relevant information is provided as follows -

(a) Comparison of Number of Relevant Licences

2. According to the information provided by the EAA, there are a total of 3 601 estate agent's licences (company), 17 619 estate agent's licences (individual) and 20 933 salesperson's licences as at 31 January 2018.

3. Section 8(1) of the Property Management Services Ordinance stipulates that the PMSA may, on application, issue a PMC licence, PMP (Tier 1) licence or PMP (Tier 2) licence. According to a survey conducted by a property management professional body, there are about 800 PMCs, 4 000 registered professional property managers (i.e. PMP(Tier 1)) and 7 500 licensed property management officers (i.e. PMP(Tier 2)).

(b) Information on Companies that the PMSA Members (Category I Persons) are Engaged

4. Members may refer to the declarations of interests by the PMSA Members for the relevant information. In accordance with section 47 of the Property Management Services Ordinance, the PMSA must keep a register relating to any disclosure of interest made by its Members and make the register available for inspection free of charge. The relevant information is accessible at: http://www.had.gov.hk/en/pmsa/members.htm

Yours sincerely,

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