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Secretary General of LegCo Secretariat
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central, Hong Kong
(Attn.: Ms. Ada LAU)

Dear Ms. LAU,

Follow-up to the FC meeting on 13 July 2018

The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council approved a commitment of \$774.4 million at the meeting on 13 July 2018 for the implementation of the subsidy scheme to enhance the coverage of optical fibre networks in villages in remote areas. At the meeting, Hon Leung Che-cheung requested the Government to commit promulgating the list of 300 villages covered in the scheme. We now provide our latest work progress for members' reference:

Taking into account the comments of the Legislative Council, nine relevant District Councils and 27 Rural Committees, the Office of the Communications Authority (OFCA) has refined the list of villages to be covered under the subsidy scheme. OFCA is now checking any network coverage updates with fixed network operators and will then

seek comments from the Rural Committees again. According to the latest work plan, the list of villages will be finalised in early 2019. We will report to the Committee at that time.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Crystal Chiu', written in a cursive style.

(Crystal CHIU)

for Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development

c.c. Director-General of Communications (Attn.: Mr Andrew LO)