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Immigration Department

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Clerk to the Panel on Security of the Legislative Council
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central, Hong Kong
(Attn: Miss Betty MA)

Dear Miss MA,

**【Next Generation Smart Identity Card and
Territory-Wide Identity Card Replacement Exercise】**


At the meeting of the Legislative Council Panel of Security held on 5 December 2017, the Immigration Department was requested to provide a breakdown of the estimated 8.8 million smart identity cards to be replaced in the territory-wide identity card replacement exercise from 2018 to 2022. Our reply is as follows.

When the Department conducted a feasibility study on the implementation of the next generation smart identity card in 2014, it was estimated, based on the number of valid smart identity cards issued at that time and the projected increases, that the number of identity cards to be replaced through the card replacement exercise at the nine smart identity card replacement centres in 2018 would be 8.8 million, including around 7.4 million Hong Kong Permanent Identity Cards and 1.4 million Hong Kong Identity Cards.



The figures include not only persons who are usual residents of Hong Kong, but also those holders of a valid Hong Kong Identity Card and Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card who study, live, do business, work or retire outside Hong Kong (including in the Mainland and overseas). However, the Department does not have the relevant breakdown statistics.

Your sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Chan Tin-chee', written in a cursive style.

(CHAN Tin-chee)

for Director of Immigration

c.c.: Secretary for Security (Attn: Mr Parson LAM Chun-wah, Principal Assistant Secretary for Security D)