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Dear Mr. Chu,

**Public Accounts Committee**  
**Consideration of Chapter 1 of the Director of Audit's Report No. 72**  
**Planning, provision and management of public parking spaces**

I refer to your letter of 4 June 2019.

I enclose herewith our written response to the questions raised by the Public Accounts Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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**Response from the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF)**

**The capacity of the Police Vehicle Detention Centre**

The total vehicle capacity of the three Police Vehicle Detention Centres (namely Siu Ho Wan Vehicle Detention Pound; Kowloon Bay Vehicle Detention and Examination Centre; and Quarry Bay Vehicle Detention and Examination Centre) is 278. The total number of vehicles detained on the day that the abandoned vehicle in Case 4 was accepted (i.e. 17 January 2019) was 387, i.e. exceeding capacity by 39.2%. Our records since 2017 show that the total number of vehicles detained in Police Vehicle Detention Centres has normally exceeded capacity by an average of 30%.

**Whether pound capacity is a factor of consideration**

In considering whether to accept an abandoned vehicle referred by a government car park for detention and disposal, the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) would first need to confirm that all requirements stipulated in section 11 and section 12 of the Road Traffic (Parking on Private Roads) Regulations, Cap. 374O have been satisfied, including:

- Whether the abandoned vehicle was claimed within 3 days after its detention;
- Whether a notice was served by post on the registered owner by the private road owner or the authorized officer;
- Whether the vehicle was removed in accordance with the notice within 7 days after the service of the notice; and
- Whether the notice was published, or caused to be published, not later than 14 days after service, in an English language newspaper and a Chinese language newspaper published daily and circulating generally in Hong Kong.

Apart from the primary consideration of whether the above legal requirements have been satisfied, Police would also take into account our operational priorities, manpower resources and the capacity of the Police Vehicle Detention Centres. However, in Case 4, the availability of space in the Police Vehicle Detention Centres was not a consideration.

## The disposal procedures of HKPF regarding abandoned vehicles

A vehicle detained at a Detention Centre that is unclaimed after seizure will become the property of the Government. Its value will be assessed, and it will then either be sent for auction or scrapped depending on its value. The procedures are summarized in the below flow chart for your reference:

