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Dear Mr Sin,

**Legislative Council  
Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting**

Thank you for your letter dated 30 January 2019 attaching the letter from the Hon Charles Peter MOK, the Hon James TO Kun-sun and the Hon Alvin YEUNG to the Chairman of the Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting (the Panel) about the change of the agenda. My reply is as follows -

The Government announced on Monday (11 February 2019) its decision to implement the switching off of analogue television broadcasting services in Hong Kong. As we hope to brief Members on our arrangements for full digital television broadcast as soon as possible, we proposed to arrange discussion of this agenda item at the meeting of

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the Panel to be held in February, and the relevant Legislative Council Brief was already issued on Monday.

With regard to assignment of spectrum for the fifth generation (5G) mobile services, the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development and the Communications Authority jointly issued in December 2018 three Joint Statements<sup>1</sup> regarding assignment of spectrum in various frequency bands. The Government is currently undertaking various preparatory works to promote 5G development, including drafting relevant subsidiary legislation under the Telecommunications Ordinance (Cap. 106) and identifying suitable government premises for mobile network operators to install base stations. We will report the work progress to the Panel in due course.

Yours sincerely,



(Keith Giang)

for Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development

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<sup>1</sup> The three Joint Statements are available at:  
For the 3.3 GHz and 4.9 GHz bands:  
[https://www.cedb.gov.hk/ccib/eng/paper/pdf/joint\\_statement\\_3.3\\_4.9GHz\\_2018en.pdf](https://www.cedb.gov.hk/ccib/eng/paper/pdf/joint_statement_3.3_4.9GHz_2018en.pdf)

For the 26 GHz and 28 GHz bands:  
[https://www.cedb.gov.hk/ccib/eng/paper/pdf/joint\\_statement\\_26\\_28GHz\\_2018en.pdf](https://www.cedb.gov.hk/ccib/eng/paper/pdf/joint_statement_26_28GHz_2018en.pdf)

For the 3.4 - 3.6 GHz bands:  
[https://www.cedb.gov.hk/ccib/eng/paper/pdf/joint\\_statement\\_3.4\\_3.6GHz\\_2018en.pdf](https://www.cedb.gov.hk/ccib/eng/paper/pdf/joint_statement_3.4_3.6GHz_2018en.pdf)