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**Immigration Department
The Government of the Hong Kong
Special Administrative Region**

Prosecution and Removal Sub-division

By email only

12 April 2021

Ms Wendy JAN
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Legislative Council
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(Your ref: CB4/PAC/R75)

**Re: Public Accounts Committee
Consideration of Chapter 2 of the Director of Audit's Report No. 75
Government's efforts in trackling shoreline refuse**

Dear Ms JAN,

Thank you for your letter of 30 March 2021 to the Director of Immigration, to which I am authorised to reply.

With reference to paragraph 2 of your letter, kindly find our inputs provided at Annexure.

Please feel free to contact the undersigned if you need more information.

Yours sincerely,

(Miss Peggy Yung)
for Director of Immigration



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Annexure

- (a) Officers of the Immigration Department (ImmD) maintain the information of relevant offences and convictions concerning body corporates, which may be used for answering inquiries from other government departments when needed. In the case concerned, ImmD noticed that our officer had not updated the conviction record of the relevant contractor until the conclusion of the criminal appeal proceedings. On our comprehensive review, ImmD considered it was due to the individual officer did not update the conviction record throughout an ongoing criminal proceeding, which was not consistent with the requirement set out in the relevant Financial Circular, and thus led to replies not accurately reflecting the conviction record of the contractor concerned. We believed it was an individual case and there was no malpractice of any of our officers.
- (b) To ensure comprehensive understanding of the requirements in the relevant Financial Circular, we had briefed the staff concerned at once whilst a new instruction was issued to all staff concerned for compliance. At the same time, we have also strengthened the internal checking procedures to ensure that all replies are given accurately.