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Dear Odelia,

**Waste Reduction Framework Plan**

You advised me yesterday that we had omitted to respond to the request to confirm the costs of collecting domestic waste borne by the municipal services departments together with a breakdown and advise how these costs compare with other countries. I apologise for the oversight.

According to information provided by the municipal services departments, the cost for collection and transportation of municipal waste in 1996/97 were \$366 per tonne in the Pro UC area and \$377 per tonne in the Pro RC area. We do not have more detailed breakdown readily available.

We do not have meaningful comparisons with the costs incurred in other countries. The situations vary in so many respects. In particular, Hong Kong's existing institutional arrangements whereby the municipal services departments deal with only part of the waste management process is not the norm.

(Steve Barclay)  
for Secretary for Planning,  
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