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LegCo Panel on Manpower

Follow-up to meeting on 28 January 1999

At the above meeting, members requested the Administration to provide further information on the estimated new jobs to be created by the Waste Reduction Framework Plan and the replacement of the diesel taxis with taxis using liquefied petroleum gas.

2. The requested information has now been provided by the Administration and is enclosed for members' information.

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Dear Mrs Tong,

**Responses to queries raised by the Hon Chan Kwok-keung
At the meeting of the LegCo Panel on Manpower on 28 January 1999**

The Hon Chan Kwok-keung requested at the meeting of the LegCo Panel on Manpower on 28 January 1999 for further information on the new jobs estimated to be created by the Waste Reduction Framework Plan and the replacement of the diesel taxis with liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) taxis (para 4.12(a) and (b) of LC Paper No CB(2)1156/98-99(03)).

We have collected the following information from the relevant bureaux / departments -

A. The ten-year Waste Reduction Framework Plan (WRFP)

The WRFP stretches from 1998 to 2007 with a view to reversing the rising trend of waste growth. The main objectives of the WRFP are to minimize the amount of waste produced requiring disposal and to create an effective system of waste recycling and disposal.

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The estimation of 950 new jobs arose from a project related to the WRFPP and proposed by the Hong Kong Council of Social Service (HKCSS) for the handling of waste materials, which involves the sorting of waste materials, and the transporting of sorted recyclable materials from residential areas to recycling plants. According to HKCSS, when the project is in full operation, the broad types of jobs which are estimated to be created are as follows:

- 800 unskilled or semi-skilled workers are needed to collect and sort the waste materials dumped by residents of public and private housing estates;
- 55 motor drivers are needed to transport the sorted recyclable materials to recycling plants for processing;
- 50 middle managers are needed to manage the above collection teams and transportation teams; and
- 45 packaging mechanics are needed to provide maintenance/repairing services for the waste-packaging machines.

B. The project of replacing diesel taxis with liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) taxis

The project commenced in 1998 with a view to improve air quality in Hong Kong. The objective of the project is to establish 40 LPG filling stations and 40 LPG vehicle workshops from 1999 to the end of year 2000, so as to enable all newly registered taxis to operate on LPG by the end of 2000.

In the process of setting up of the LPG filling stations and vehicle workshops, it is estimated that about 645 jobs of various nature would be created, including managers/professionals, construction workers and LPG filling station operators. The broad job types are as follows:

- 520 construction workers to construct the new LPG filling stations or reconstruct existing petrol filling stations to incorporate LPG dispensing facilities, and to construct LPG vehicle workshops;

- when the LPG filling stations come into operation, 120 station operators to provide gas filling service, in addition to existing operators providing petrol filling service now; and
- 5 managers and professionals within consultancy firms, oil companies, vehicle suppliers, contractors etc. to plan for and manage the construction and operation of the LPG filling stations/vehicle workshops.

Yours sincerely,

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for Secretary for Education and Manpower