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**LegCo Panel on Financial Affairs and
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Follow-up to the joint meeting held on 7 January 1999

At the captioned meeting, the Administration has been requested to take follow-up actions in respect of the followings:

- (a) To provide information on the number of consultancy contracts awarded to local and foreign firms in the past few years; and
 - (b) to include information on capital works projects regarding their revised total cost estimates, the amount involved and date of approval, in the report on projects finalized during a fiscal year to be submitted to the Public Works Subcommittee on an annual basis.
2. The Administration's responses are attached for members' perusal.

(Ms Connie SZETO)
for Clerk to Panel

Encl.

c.c. All other Members of the Council

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Dear Ms. Szeto,

LegCo Panel on Financial Affairs LegCo Panel on Planning, Lands & Works

Follow-up actions to joint meeting on 7 January 1999

Thank you for your letter of 21 May 1999 on the captioned subject. I set out below the present situation with regard to the two items of follow-up action listed in your letter -

- (a) The information requested has been provided to Members through the Secretary for the Treasury's response to Oral LegCo question no. 6 asked by the Hon. Kenneth Ting Woo-shou at the sitting on 13 January 1999 concerning the cost-effectiveness of consultancy studies. A copy of the relevant record of the LegCo proceeding is attached for your information. In her reply, the Secretary for the Treasury said that there is no clear definition of 'local' and 'foreign' consultancy firms at present. However, according to the records of the Central Consultants Selection Board, of the 31 consultancy studies contracts awarded in 1998, 25, or 81%, were awarded to consultancy firms which were registered in Hong Kong or held a Hong Kong business registration licence. Moreover, of the 60 engineering related consultancy studies contracts awarded in 1998, 39, or 65%, were awarded to firms

which have more than 50% local residents in their professional ranks.

- (b) The undertaking concerning this item was to provide the required information in the context of an annual return on the number of public works projects closed or deleted in the financial year preceding the return. We are compiling the information required for the return at present and should be able to provide Members with the return sometime in late June or early July.

Yours sincerely,

(Edward S. Chu)
for Secretary for the Treasury