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Legislative Council
Legislative Council Building
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Dear Ms Leung,

Business and Services Promotion Unit

I refer to your letter of 11 October addressed to the Secretary for Economic Services Mr Stephen Ip. As BSPU comes directly under the Financial Secretary's Office and is not part of ESB, the letter has been passed to me for reply.

The present position is that I am doubling up as Commissioner for Tourism and Director, BSPU. Therefore it is not the case that the latter post is vacant. The Administration is of the view that the post is an important one and the Financial Secretary is proceeding with great care to find a suitable officer to fill it.

We will let the LegCo Panel know as soon as an appointment has been made.

Yours sincerely,

(M J T Rowse)
Director
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