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Clerk to the Finance Committee Legislative Council Secretariat Legislative Council Building 8 Jackson Road Central Hong Kong (Attn.: Miss Backy Vv)

(Attn.: Miss Becky Yu) (Fax: 2689 6794)

Dear Miss Yu,

FCR(2000-01) 46 - Ex-gratia allowances for fishermen affected by marine works projects in Hong Kong waters

FCR(2000-01) 47 - Ex-gratia allowances for mariculturists affected by marine works projects in Hong Kong waters

Thank you for your letter of 5 January 2006. Information about the amount of ex-gratia allowance (EGA) disbursed since the inception of the funding proposals of Finance Committee Papers FCR(2000-01) 46 and 47 is attached at Annex please.

Yours sincerely,

(Miss Wendy Au)

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for Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

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Annex

(I) EGA disbursed to Fishermen in accordance to the proposal sets out in FCR (2000-01)46:

| Year | Amount of EGA Paid | | |
|---------|--------------------|--|--|
| 2000-01 | \$0 | | |
| 2001-02 | \$40.12M | | |
| 2002-03 | \$5.99M | | |
| 2003-04 | \$0 | | |
| 2004-05 | \$3.58M | | |
| Total: | \$49.69M | | |

(II) EGA disbursed to mariculturists in accordance to the proposal sets out in FCR (2000-01)47:

| <u>Year</u> | Amount of EGA paid |
|-------------|--------------------|
| 2000-01 | \$30.22M |
| 2001-02 | \$64.98M |
| 2002-03 | \$0 |
| 2003-04 | \$0 |
| 2004-05 | \$0 |
| Total | \$05 20M |

(I) EGA disbursed to fishermen in accordance to the proposal set out in FCR (2000-01)46:

| Year | No. of applications involved | No. of applications approved | Amount of EGA paid (in million HK\$) | Range of payment |
|---------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 2000-01 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2001-02 | 1998 | 1863 | \$40.12 | \$2,494-\$150,757 |
| 2002-03 | 767 | 658 | \$5.99 | \$4,997-\$33,669 |
| 2003-04 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2004-05 | 523 | 476 | \$3.58 | \$7,139-\$38,565 |
| Total | 3288 | 2997 | \$49.69 | |

(II) EGA disbursed to mariculturists in accordance to the proposal set out in FCR (2000-01)47:

| Year | No. of | No. of | Amount of | Range of |
|---------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------------|
| | applications | applications | EGA paid (in | payment |
| | involved | approved | million HK\$) | |
| 2000-01 | 204 | 204 | \$30.79 | \$7,347-\$1,613,833 |
| 2001-02 | 373 | 370 | \$65.92 | \$6,258-\$1,643,161 |
| 2002-03 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 2003-04 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 2004-05 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Total | 577 | 574 | \$96.71 | |

Note: When a registration exercise of EGA is anticipated, the Lands Department will reserve funds from the block vote of the relevant works project for payment of the EGA. The Administration has not specifically applied to the Finance Committee for funding for EGA purpose.