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Dear Miss Tai.

Office Accommodation for the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC)

At the LegCo Panel on Home Affairs on 8 February 2002, the Government Property Agency undertook to gather supplementary information on the number of statutory bodies which purchased their office premises within seven years of establishment.

As far as our office records show, we assisted the Protection of Wages on Insolvency Fund Board (established in 1985) and the Consumer Council (established in 1974) in purchasing their office premises in 1990 and 1992 respectively. In 2001 the Ombudsman's Office (established in 1989) received approval to fund the purchase of their permanent office premises, and we are rendering assistance to this assignment. Otherwise we are not aware of other statutory bodies which acquired their office premises within seven years of establishment.

We hope the above information would be useful.

Yours sincerely,

(K K Mok) for Government Property Administrator