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Clerk to Public Accounts Committee (Attn: Miss Sandy CHU) Legislative Council Building 8 Jackson Road, Central, Hong Kong

Dear Miss Chu,

The Director of Audit's Report on the results of value for money audits (Report No. 39)

Thank you for your letter of 11 December 2002 to the Secretary for Commerce, Industry and Technology.

We would like to clarify that the Administration had used the Small and Medium Enterprises Committee's assumption of a 25% default rate of the guaranteed loans under the Special Finance Scheme(SFS) in assessing the amount of money to be recouped from the SFS when we sought the funding approval of the Finance Committee (FC) of Legislative Council (LegCo) for the establishment of four SME funding schemes in October and November 2001. As requested, please find the relevant Panel and FC papers enclosed for reference.

Yours sincerely,

for Secretary for Commerce, Industry and Technology

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Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury
Director-General of Trade and Industry
Director of Accounting Services
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*Note by Clerk, PAC: Panel and FC papers not attached.