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Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands (Attn: Mr Rick CHAN)
Housing, Planning and Lands Bureau
9th Floor, Murray Building
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Dear Mr CHAN,

Panel on Planning, Lands and Works

Issues raised at LegCo Members' meeting with Wan Chai District Council members on 3 April 2003

I refer to your response of 29 May 2003 to our Ms Miranda HON on the progress of regulation of signboards.

Since regulation of advertisement signboards has always been a concern of the LegCo Panel on Planning, Lands and Works, Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong, Chairman of the Panel, has directed me to seek the Administration's clarification regarding the following -

- (a) How will regulation of advertisement signboards be improved under the legislative proposals of the Buildings (Amendment) Bill 2003?
- (b) According to page 35 of the 2001 Policy Address Booklet entitled "Developing Hong Kong", the Administration aimed to introduce legislation to establish a control system for signboards in 2002. So far, the Administration has not introduced the relevant legislation into LegCo. Has there been any change to the Administration's original plan? If yes, what are the changes and why? If no, how is the Administration taking the planned legislation forward and what is the present status?

To facilitate the Panel's consideration, I should be grateful if you would let me have the Administration's response (in both Chinese and English) by 21 June 2003. Please forward the soft copy of the response to Miss May LEUNG at mleung@legco.gov.hk.

Yours sincerely,

(Ms Sarah YUEN) for Clerk to Panel

c.c. Dr Hong TANG Siu-tong (Chairman)