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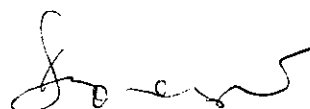
To : All Members of the Legislative Council

**Follow-up on motion carried at the
Legislative Council meeting of 18 February 2004**

“Policy on broadcasting”

Members may recall that the motion on “Policy on broadcasting” moved by Hon SIN Chung-kai, as amended by Hon Howard YOUNG and further amended by Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo, was carried at the Legislative Council meeting of 18 February 2004.

2. In response to the views expressed by Members during the debate on the motion, the Administration has provided the attached progress report for Members’ reference. Members who wish to further pursue the matter may contact Miss Polly YEUNG, Clerk to Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting.



(Ms Dora WAI)
for Clerk to the Legislative Council

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Dear Ms Wai,

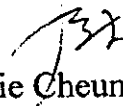
Motion Debate on “Policy on Broadcasting”

I refer to your letter of 19 February 2004, which requested us to provide a bilingual progress report in relation to the motion carried on 18 February 2004. The motion mainly called on the Government to set up public access TV channels.

As stated by the Secretary for Commerce, Industry and Technology in his speech during the debate, the Administration will not set up public access TV channels. We maintain that there is no need for such channels in Hong Kong given that the vibrant broadcasting sector has been providing a diversity of services catering to the needs of a wide spectrum of audiences. Government and statutory organizations may flexibly partner with broadcasters to produce and broadcast programmes for specific purposes. Furthermore, new media such as the Internet are serving as effective platforms for the expression of different opinions and niche multi-media services for special interest groups.

Unlike the US, Canada and other countries where such public access channels exist, Hong Kong is geographically small and compact with a relatively homogeneous population. Under such circumstances, the communication needs of the community are adequately met by the varied services of the vibrant broadcasting sector.

Yours sincerely,



(Eddie Cheung)

for Secretary for Commerce, Industry and Technology

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