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Clerk to Panel on Financial Affairs Legislative Council Legislative Council Building 8 Jackson Road Central Hong Kong

(Attn: Ms Rosalind Ma)

Dear Ms Ma,

# Panel on Financial Affairs Follow-up to special meeting on 29 September 2006

Thank you for your letter dated 3 October 2006. Attached please find a bilingual note prepared by the Securities and Futures Commission in response to the follow-up questions raised by the Panel.

Concerning the number of meetings between the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau (FSTB) and clients of the affected securities firms, the FSTB held two meetings with affected clients of Tiffit Securities (Hong Kong) Limited, on 28 July 2006 and 25 September 2006 respectively.

Yours sincerely,

(Miss Aubrey Fung)

for Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

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## SFC's response to the follow-up questions raised by the LegCo Panel on Financial Affairs

- (a) Number of meetings between the staff of the Securities and Futures Commission (SFC) with the clients of the following three securities firms since the issuance of restrictions notices to the firms:
  - (i) Whole Win Securities Limited
  - (ii) Tiffit Securities (Hong Kong) Limited; and
  - (iii) Wing Yip Company Limited.

#### Reply:

Since the issuance of restriction notices on the respective brokers, the SFC and the administrators of the respective brokers have met with a number of clients of the brokers or representatives of client organisations to handle their questions. In addition, the SFC and the administrators have answered numerous enquiries received by their hotlines. The SFC also issued press releases on regulatory actions taken on the brokers. The administrators of the respective brokers have also been keeping clients informed whenever there is any major development in their administration work by issuing press releases or circulars.

Up to 18 October 2006, the SFC had held the following meetings with clients of the respective brokers:

(i) Meetings between SFC staff and individual clients

The SFC had in total 21 meetings with individual clients:

Name of broker	Number of meetings with
	individual clients
Whole Win	1
Tiffit	16
Wing Yip	4
Total	21

(ii) Tripartite meetings between SFC staff, administrators and representatives of client organisations

A tripartite meeting was held between SFC staff, the administrators and representatives of the client organisation of Tiffit on 9 August 2006.

A similar tripartite meeting was held between SFC staff, the administrators and representatives of the client organisation of Wing Yip on 6 October 2006.

- (b) Information on investor compensation in respect of cases of securities firms failure in the past two years (including the three recent cases mentioned in item (a) above, including a breakdown of the cases by the following items:
  - (i) number of clients affected; and
  - (ii) amount of compensation paid to the affected clients through the Investor Compensation Fund.

### Reply:

There have been no securities firm failures except for the following three cases in the past two years. Details of the claim position of these three cases as of end of September 2006 are summarised below.

Name of firm	Number of claims received
Whole Win Securities	107
Company Limited	
Tiffit Securities (Hong Kong)	425
Limited	
Wing Yip Company Limited	215

So far compensation payments have not been made from the Investor Compensation Fund as the Investor Compensation Company Limited (ICC) has to verify the claims with the administrators' records. The ICC is working closely with the relevant administrators in the verification process.

Securities and Futures Commission October 2006