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Mrs Mary TANG
Clerk to Panel
Legislative Council Secretariat
3rd Floor, Citibank Tower
3 Garden Road, Central
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Dear Mrs TANG,

**Panel on Environmental Affairs
Meeting on 28 January 2008**

Thank you for your letter dated 7 January 2008 to the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Subcommittee (EE&C Subcommittee) of Energy Advisory Committee, inviting views from the EE&C Subcommittee on the mandatory implementation of Building Energy Codes (BECs).

The EE&C Subcommittee discussed the proposal on the implementation of BECs at its meeting on 18 January 2008. The EE&C Subcommittee supported the proposed mandatory BEC. The EE&C Subcommittee suggested that the proposed scheme should be clearly defined, and sufficient manpower should be secured for implementing and monitoring of the relevant mandatory scheme. The EE&C Subcommittee also considered that existing buildings should be covered under the scheme to enhance building energy efficiency in Hong Kong. The EE&C Subcommittee also suggested that economic incentives could be provided to building developers and owners to achieve higher energy efficiency standards.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Fiona AU', written over a horizontal line.

(Miss Fiona AU)

for Secretary, Energy Efficiency
and Conservation Subcommittee