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Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting
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Dear Miss Tsang,

**Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting
Meeting on 14 January 2008: Agenda Item IV on
Public Consultation on the proposed Unified Carrier Licences**

At the Information Technology and Broadcasting (ITB) Panel Meeting held on 14 January 2008, Members were briefed about the public consultation on the proposed Unified Carrier Licence. The following sets out our reply to the questions raised by Members on the capacity of the current 8-digit Numbering Plan:

(a)	Total quantity of numbers which are reserved for fixed and mobile services: 45.5 million
(b)	Total quantity of numbers which have been allocated to fixed and mobile operators: 32.6 million
(c)	Total quantity of numbers which have been assigned to end users by fixed and mobile operators: 19.7 million
(d)	Percentage of numbers allocated to operators (b) / (a) x 100%: 71.6%
(e)	Utilization of rate (c) / (b) x 100% : 60.4%

Yours sincerely,



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for Director-General of Telecommunications