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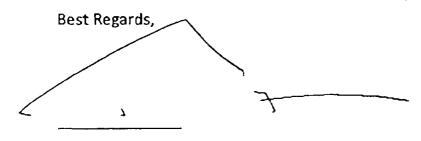
Economic Development Panel Chairman Hon Jeffery Lam Kin-fung

Dear Jeffery,

During the panel meeting held on 23 Feb, members were impressed by the unfairness brought about by the unremunerated time and resources travel agents incurred in collecting fuel surcharge and air passenger departure tax (APDT). Most of them were of the view that the Government should take the lead in setting up a proper remuneration mechanism for travel agents.

However, the Administration's written responses, both from the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau and Civil Aviation Department, totally failed to address members' concern. By adhering to current practices with blatant disregard to the plight of travel agents, the Administration is simply turning a blind eye to the long-existing problem.

I would reiterate the importance of the issue to the travel industry and urge the Administration to reform the present remuneration mechanism so as to fairly compensate travel agents for their efforts and resources in collecting the fuel surcharge and the APDT.



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