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Ms. Debbie Yau Panel on Economic Development Legislative Council 8 Jackson Road Hong Kong (fax 2869 6794)

Dear Ms. Yau,

Panel on Economic Development

Follow-up to the meetings on 23 February 2009 and 30 March 2009 "Collection of air passenger departure tax and fuel surcharge by travel agents"

We refer to your letter dated 14 April 2009 to the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau. The letter has been referred to the Civil Aviation Department (CAD) to provide a written response to the concern about the collection of air passenger fuel surcharges by travel agents raised by the Hon Paul TSE.

In December 2008, the Administration submitted a paper to the Panel on Economic Development on this issue. In the paper, the Administration has explained that the mechanism and remuneration system concerning the collection of fuel surcharges is a matter between airlines and their ticketing agents. Tariff applications submitted by airlines will continue to be processed by CAD in accordance with the relevant Air Services Agreements.

Yours sincerely.

(Stephen Kwok)

for Director-General of Civil Aviation

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