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(Attn: Miss Josephine SO)

Dear Miss. SO,

Replacement of Emergency Ambulances

At the meeting of the LegCo Panel on Security on 27 October 2008, Members discussed the replacement of emergency ambulances for the Fire Services Department. The supplementary information requested by Members at the meeting is set out below:

- (1) Assessment criteria for determining the replacement schedule of ambulances

The assessment criteria adopted for determining the replacement of ambulances include vehicle age, maintenance cost, mileage, replacement cost and vehicle condition.

- (2) Types and number of specialised vehicles in the service of the Government, and the criteria adopted for replacement of these vehicles

Based on the information provided by the Government Logistics Department (GLD), a specialised vehicle in the service of the Government refers to a vehicle which, in addition to having the

capacity for carrying passengers and/or goods, has mounted on it ancillary equipment for the purpose of performing a specific function. Emergency ambulances are regarded by GLD as specialised vehicles. As of 1 December 2008, the types and number of specialised vehicles in the service of the Government are listed in **Annex A**.

The criteria used for determining the replacement need of specialised vehicles include vehicle age, maintenance cost, mileage, replacement cost and vehicle condition.

(3) Breakdown of emergency calls with response time exceeding 12 minutes, by the duration of delay in the past three years

A breakdown of emergency calls by the length of response time for 2006, 2007 and 2008 (first 11 months) is listed in **Annex B**.

Yours sincerely,

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Specialised Vehicles in the Service of the Government

Type of Vehicles	Number
Ambulance*	261
Refuse Collection Vehicle	166
Recovery Vehicle	54
Water Wagon	54
Mobile X-ray Vehicle	14
Desludger	12
Hydraulic Platform	12
Hoselayer Foam Carrier	11
Mobile Library	10
Tunnel Washer	9
Road Going Tractor	7
Armoured Personnel Carrier	6
Diving Tender	6
Mobile Command Unit	6
High Pressure Water Jet	6
Mobile Canteen	6
Explosive Ordnance Disposal Vehicle	5
Gully Cesspit Emptier	5
Security Bus	5
Workshop Van	5
Armoured Tactical Intervention Vehicle	4
Mobile Casualty Treatment Centre	4
Hook Lift Truck	3
Mobile Crane	3
Breathing Apparatus Tender	2
Double-end Bus	2
Mobile Environmental Resource Centre	2
Mobile Exhibition Unit	2
Mobile Test Centre	2
Rescue Tender	2
Outdoor Broadcasting Van	2
Logistics Support Appliance	1
Mini Outside Broadcasting Van	1
Mobile Fire Safety Publicity Vehicle	1
Mobile Generator	1
Mobile Monitoring Station	1
Mobile Refueler	1
Oral Health Education Bus	1
Publicity Van	1
Road Safety Bus	1
Tractor	1
Under-bridge Inspection Vehicle	1
Total	699

*Note: Figure including ambulances from Fire Services Department and Auxiliary Medical Service

Breakdown of emergency calls by the length of response time

	2006		2007		2008*	
	Number of Calls	Percentage of total calls	Number of Calls	Percentage of total calls	Number of Calls	Percentage of total calls
(a) Total No. of calls with response time less than 12 minutes	483 660	92.69%	518 791	92.78%	491 999	92.19%
(b) Total No. of Calls with response time more than 12 minutes						
(i) 12 - 15 minutes	22 872	4.39%	24 377	4.36%	24 639	4.62%
(ii) more than 15 minutes	15 250	2.92%	16 020	2.86%	17 016	3.19%
	38 122	7.31%	40 397	7.22%	41 655	7.81%

*Note: Figures for January to November 2008