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(Attn.: Ms Macy NG)

Dear Ms Ng,

**The Director of Audit's Report on the  
results of value for money audits (Report No. 54)**

**Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra Limited (Chapter 6)**

Thank you for your letter of 27 April 2010. I set out the requested information as follows –

- (a) The Funding and Services Agreements (FSAs) signed between the Home Affairs Bureau and the Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra Limited (HKCO) for 2009-10 and 2010-11 are enclosed. Please kindly note that, having regard to commercial sensitivity, we have blackened out certain information in Annex A of the FSAs, i.e. part of the programme details which touch on HKCO's negotiations with third parties in "Part (b) - Indicators for the Subvention Period"; and the salaries and benefits of HKCO's staff in "Part (c) - Agreed Establishment".

- (b) Regarding the class of air passage that is normally provided by the Government for overseas artists/ performance groups, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has been consulted. We understand that it is an established practice of the LCSD to offer engagement terms, covering air passage, to visiting artists/ performance groups having regard to their respective international standing. The arrangement will be agreed upon negotiation. Therefore the agreed terms would vary from case to case, and it is not uncommon to offer business class airfare for the more celebrated artists. Such arrangement is in line with the long-standing and widely-accepted practice adopted by presenters in the international performing arts market.

Yours sincerely,



( Gilford LAW )

for Secretary for Home Affairs

- cc. Executive Director, Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra Limited  
Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury  
Director of Audit  
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