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Dear Miss YU,

**Re: Subcommittee on Combating Fly-tipping
Administration's response to follow-up actions**

Thank you for your letter dated 18 May 2010. Please find below responses to the items in the list of follow-up actions (Appendix 1 of your letter).

2. The Subcommittee has requested the Administration to consider the inclusion in the Basic Conditions of the application for a billing account for disposal of construction waste, the need for contractors to ensure that dump trucks leaving construction sites are weighed and recorded in the chits for cross checking at public fill reception facilities. We agree that the problem of overloading of dump trucks should be addressed and it should be best be tackled at source by the contractors as they are responsible for management of their works sites, including the safe loading of materials for disposal. However, the regulation on the contractors' management of their works sites may not be effectively achieved through the conditions of application for a billing account under construction waste charging scheme, as the latter deals with charging of construction wastes disposed at waste disposal facilities. In addition, the enforcement of the proposal will likely be difficult. In the waste disposal facilities of Environmental Protection Department, subject to the contingency allowance of 5%, overloaded dump trucks will not be accepted in

order to deter overloading the dump trucks in the first place. We would remind all contractors and the dump truck trades of the concerns raised by the Subcommittee and that their trucks should not be overloaded for safety reasons.

3. The purpose of the contingency allowance of 5% for overloaded dump trucks entering waste disposal facilities is to provide dump trucks drivers a buffer against unforeseen situations like rainy weather which may increase the overall weight of the construction waste. The Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) has consulted the trades. According to the CEDD, there are diverse views within the trade on the issue.

4. The Administration has also relayed the views of the Subcommittee to the Construction Industry Council (CIC) that a deadline for the mandatory introduction of the trip-ticket system to private construction projects should be set. The Committee on Environment and Technology and the full Council of CIC will discuss the issue in July and August 2010 respectively. We will continue to liaise with CIC and keep Members abreast of developments.

Yours sincerely,



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for Director of Environmental Protection