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(Attn: Ms YUE Tin-po)

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Dear Ms Yue,

**Subcommittee on
Public Revenue Protection (Dutiable Commodities) Order 2011
Follow-up to meeting on 8 April 2011**

Further to our reply of 15 April to the follow-up questions raised by Members at the Subcommittee meeting on 8 April 2011, I set out below the t-test information in relation to the percentage of daily smokers in the younger age group.

Decline in the percentage of daily smokers in the younger age groups

Members requested supplementary information to explain how the decline in the percentages of daily cigarette smokers in the younger age groups of 15-29 in the last two government surveys as set out in Annex C to the Administration's paper LC Paper No. CB(1)1819/10-11(02) was statistically significant based on the results of the t-test. In this regard, for

the hypothesis "the percentage of daily cigarette smokers in the age group of 15-29 in the 2009/10 Thematic Household Survey (THS) is lower than that of the 2007/08 THS", the result according to one-sided t-test is statistically significant at 95% confidence level. The t-statistics is 1.797 which is larger than the value of 1.645 and this indicates that the decline is statistically significant at 95% confidence level.

In this connection, Members may also wish to note that a school-based survey on smoking among students conducted by HKU in 2010/11 showed that the proportion of smoking among Secondary 1 to Secondary 5 students has dropped from 6.9% in 2007/08 to 3.4% in 2010/11.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Chen', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

(Miss Monica CHEN)

for Secretary of Food and Health