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Dear Ms Hon,

**LegCo Panel on Environmental Affairs
Follow-up to meeting on 24 June 2013**

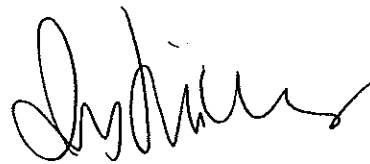
At the meeting on 24 June 2013, Members of the Panel on Environmental Affairs requested the Administration to provide additional information on the reasons for the significant reduction in the number of complaints against external lighting in Tsuen Wan. The supplementary information is set out below.

According to the Environmental Protection Department (EPD), the number of complaints against external lighting installations received in the past few years remained at around 200 cases per year.

Since the issue of the "Guidelines on Industry Best Practices for External Lighting Installations" (the Guidelines) in January 2012, EPD has taken measures to advise owners of external lighting installations to consider taking appropriate improvement measures with reference to the Guidelines. Most of the building/lighting owners responded to EPD's advice and would draw reference from the Guidelines on ways to minimize the extent of light nuisance in response to the complaints.

In respect of the number of complaints against external lighting in Tsuen Wan, the number of complaints received by EPD in Tsuen Wan District had maintained at a single-digit level in past few years. The number however increased to 13 in 2011. The complaints were related to new external lighting installations of new food shop operators in the District. EPD has advised the owners of the relevant external lighting installations to consider taking appropriate improvement measures with reference to the Guidelines. The number of complaints returned to single digit in 2012.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Veronica Wong', written in a cursive style.

(Ms Veronica Wong)
for Secretary for the Environment