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Secretary for Food and Health
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Dear Miss WONG,

Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

**Follow-up to the visit to
the New Territories North Animal Management Centre**

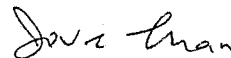
At the instruction of Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan, Chairman of the Panel, I am writing to request the Administration to provide written information in response to the following enquiries and requests raised by members during their visit to the New Territories North Animal Management Centre ("AMC") on 23 December 2013 -

- (a) the number of stray dogs and cats caught, the number of abandoned dogs and cats received by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department ("AFCD"), as well as the numbers of dogs and cats reclaimed by their owners, re-homed through animal welfare organizations and euthanized over the past year;
- (b) for those captured dogs and cats which are assessed to be suitable for re-homing but eventually could not be re-homed, the actual average number of days they are detained in the animal management centres before euthanasia; and information on overseas practice in this respect;
- (c) the criteria adopted by AFCD for assessing whether a stray dog or cat is suitable for re-homing;

- (d) AFCD's guidelines on handling and catching stray dogs and cats;
- (e) breakdown on the number of staff by ranks in AFCD deployed for undertaking duties related to the management of stray animals; and
- (f) details of the training provided for Field Assistants and Workmen who are responsible for catching stray animals.

I should be grateful if the Administration would provide soft copy of the above information via email to echeung@legco.gov.hk by **Tuesday, 14 January 2014** for onward circulation to Panel members. Please note that unless the Administration advises otherwise, the response provided will be distributed to the media and the public, and made available on the website of the Legislative Council.

Yours sincerely,



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c.c. Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan (Chairman)
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