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Legislative Council
Panel on Security
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central, Hong Kong

(Attn.: Miss Betty MA)

Dear Miss Ma,

Panel on Security
Use of body-worn video cameras by Police

Thank you for your letter dated 28 March 2014.

On 6 February 2013, the Hong Kong Police Force (the “**Police**”) **informed** us of the launch of their Body Worn Video Camera (“**BWVC**”) field trial in March 2013, with a brief explanation of how the operation of BWVC will comply with the requirements of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (the “**Ordinance**”). Upon our request, they provided on 21 February 2013 supplementary information on BWVC, including details of their standard operating procedures.

We were **informed** (rather than **consulted** as such) about BWVC by the Police. They did not specifically seek views or comments from us and none was provided to them in response.

Importantly, based on the policies and procedures on BWVC provided to us, we found nothing inconsistent with the requirements of the Ordinance. Indeed, we responded to media enquiries along these lines on 22 February 2013, subsequent to the Police's media briefing on BWVC on that day. Our views were reported by the print media on the following day.

If, on the contrary, there were indications of non-compliance with the requirements of the Ordinance, we would have given our comments to the Police, albeit they were not solicited.

I trust the above serves to make clear our stance on the subject of BWVC.

I am copying this letter to the Police for their information, with the caveat that they should not treat it as a stamp of approval of BWVC. Nothing in this letter will jeopardise our investigation into specific complaints alleging contraventions of the Ordinance in the actual operation of BWVC.

Yours sincerely,



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Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data

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