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Ms Shirley Chan
Clerk to Panel on Economic Development
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central, Hong Kong

Dear Ms Chan,

**Panel on Economic Development
Follow-up to meeting on 19 April 2016**

**Proposed amendments to the Pilotage Order (Cap. 84C)
and Pilotage (Dues) Order (Cap.84D)**

At the meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Economic Development, during discussion of Agenda Item Six on Proposed Amendments to the Pilotage Order (Cap. 84C) and Pilotage (Dues) Order (Cap.84D), Members requested information on the gross tonnage, length and the number of containers on board of the ships visiting Hong Kong in the past three years.

The current demarcation of pilotage class was put in place in 1996. Since then the vessels visiting Hong Kong have increased in both length and tonnage. This trend is better illustrated by figures from 2006 to 2015, as shown at **Annex**, instead of just the figures in the past three years, which are affected by recent fluctuations in the number of vessels calling on Hong Kong Port. We do not keep information on the number of containers on board vessels.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Louisa Yan', written over a white background.

(Ms Louisa Yan)

for Secretary for Transport and Housing

**Gross Tonnage and Length of
Visiting Cargo Ships**

Length overall (metres)	2006		2010		2013		2014		2015	
	No. of Vessel Arrivals	Average Gross Tonnage	No. of Vessel Arrivals	Average Gross Tonnage	No. of Vessel Arrivals	Average Gross Tonnage	No. of Vessel Arrivals	Average Gross Tonnage	No. of Vessel Arrivals	Average Gross Tonnage
<=160	135 397	1 410	104 579	1 572	88 162	1 806	91 579	2 015	84 779	1 958
>160 to <=180	4 246	17 097	3 519	17 643	3 350	17 990	3 212	18 302	3 576	18 297
>180 to <=210	3 635	24 132	3 322	24 770	3 416	26 729	3 214	26 790	3 721	26 895
>210 to <=250	2 541	36 207	2 880	36 332	2 914	36 555	2 579	37 346	2 597	38 274
>250 to <=300	4 483	57 494	4 731	57 441	3 924	58 289	3 543	60 344	3 573	62 723
>300 to <=350	1 242	88 334	1 964	92 785	2 013	93 584	1 898	94 387	1 732	97 465
>350	87	100 492	384	133 544	671	139 481	693	139 528	569	145 101
Total	151 631	5 404	121 379	7 569	104 450	8 885	106 718	8 577	100 547	9 015