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Dear Ms CHAN,

**Panel on Economic Development
Follow-up to Meeting on 27 June 2016**

**Review of Fees and Charges under the Civil Aviation (Aircraft Noise)
(Certification) Regulations (Cap. 312A) and
the Hong Kong Air Navigation (Fees) Regulations (Cap. 448D)**

Thank you for your letter dated 28 June 2016. As requested by Members at the meeting of the Panel on Economic Development on 27 June 2016, we enclose supplementary information on the charges of several major statutory fee items under the Civil Aviation (Aircraft Noise) (Certification) Regulations (Cap. 312A) and the Hong Kong Air Navigation (Fees) Regulations (Cap. 448D) administered by the Civil Aviation Department vis-à-vis similar items charged by the authorities of selected neighbouring jurisdictions at **Annex** for reference.

2. Under the Government's "user pays" principle, the fee structure and levels of the local statutory fees and charges should be conducive to achieving full-cost recovery. As for the neighbouring jurisdictions, the information at Annex is gathered from relevant official websites/documents publicly available on the internet. Without knowledge about the respective jurisdictions' charging principle and basis, the fee levels of Hong Kong and those jurisdictions cannot be directly compared in this context.

3. As reported at the meeting on 27 June 2016, we are in the process of finalising the review of the fees and charges under the abovementioned ordinances, details of which will be reported to the Panel on Economic Development in due course.

Yours sincerely,



(Ms Joyce Chan)

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Director-General of Civil Aviation

Major Civil Aviation-related Fee Levels in Hong Kong and Neighbouring Jurisdictions

(all amounts expressed in Hong Kong Dollars with exchange rates shown under names of respective jurisdictions)

Description	Hong Kong	Singapore (@5.7364)	Mainland China (@1.1678)	Australia (@5.7548)
(A) Fees for holders of Air Operator's Certificate:				
(i) Air Operator's Certificate (AOC)	Cost of investigations based on actual number of hours spent at prescribed hourly rates of \$960 to \$1,650, subject to a maximum fee determined by the airline's operational data. The AOC is renewed on a biennial basis.	About \$0.86 million per year, irrespective of the size of the operator. The AOC is renewed on an annual basis.	No relevant information.	Actual number of hours spent at prescribed hourly rates of about \$921 to \$1,093. The validity period of an AOC varies depending on the circumstances.
(ii) Certificate of Registration (COR)	\$660 per aircraft. The COR is issued on a one-off basis and does not have an expiry date.	About \$316 for the first 3,000 kg, and \$38 per 1,000 kg in excess of 3,000 kg per aircraft. The COR is issued on a one-off basis and does not have an expiry date.	About \$1,168 per aircraft. The COR is issued on a one-off basis and does not have an expiry date.	About \$748 per aircraft. The COR is issued on a one-off basis and does not have an expiry date.

(iii) Renewal of Certificate of Airworthiness (COA)	\$340 for each 500 kg of aircraft. The COA is renewed on an annual basis.	About \$1,136 per 1,000 kg. The COA is renewed on an annual basis.	At an hourly rate of about \$234. The COA is renewed on an annual basis.	Actual number of hours spent at prescribed hourly rates of about \$921 to \$1,093. The COA is renewed on an annual basis.
(B) Fees for maintenance organisations:				
(i) Approval of maintenance organisation	Cost of investigations subject to a minimum fee of \$16,100 and a maximum fee of \$402,500.	About \$6,310 per annum for each branch of the organisation in a different geographical location.	At an hourly rate of about \$234 for the investigation conducted.	Actual number of hours spent at prescribed hourly rates of about \$921 to \$1,093.
(ii) Approval of maintenance training organization	Cost of investigations subject to a maximum fee of \$192,800.	About \$6,310 per annum for each branch of the organisation in a different geographical location.	No relevant information.	Actual number of hours spent at prescribed hourly rates of about \$921 to \$1,093.
(iii) Approval of maintenance training course	Cost of investigations subject to a maximum fee of \$192,800.	No relevant information	No relevant information.	Actual number of hours spent at prescribed hourly rates of about \$921 to \$1,093.

(C) Fees for flight training organisations:				
(i) Approval of flight training organisation	Cost of investigations subject to a maximum fee of \$209,700.	About \$25,814 per annum for each branch of the organisation in a different geographical location.	No relevant information	Actual number of hours spent at prescribed hourly rates of about \$921 to \$1,093.
(ii) Approval of flight training course	Cost of investigations subject to a maximum fee of \$1,033,700.	No relevant information.	No relevant information.	Actual number of hours spent at prescribed hourly rates of about \$921 to \$1,093.
(iii) Approval of flight simulator	Cost of investigations subject to a maximum fee of \$209,700.	About \$6,310 per simulator.	Applicant needs to engage a designated organisation (as an intermediary) to conduct investigations in support of the application. The fee will be mutually agreed between the applicant and the intermediary concerned.	Actual number of hours spent at prescribed hourly rates of about \$921 to \$1,093.