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Ms Shirley Chan
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Dear Ms Chan,

Panel on Economic Development
Follow-up to meeting on 27 June 2016

We would like to provide our reply below in response to your letter of 29 June 2016.

We have further consulted the Competition Commission (the Commission) on the Member's suggestion of publishing centrally on Government's website the time-lagged prices of domestic piped liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) of all suppliers with a view to enhancing pricing transparency. The Commission is of the view that in general publishing domestic piped LPG prices with a time delay may be a viable option.

In this connection, we have liaised with the current three suppliers for publishing their prices as proposed. We have collected the price data of two of the suppliers; however, the remaining one reiterated its company policy of not sharing any future, current or historical prices with the public. In order to enhance pricing transparency, we will publish centrally the available price data from the two suppliers on the Environment Bureau's website.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Esther Wang'.

PP (Ms Esther Wang)
for Secretary for the Environment