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Ms Shirley Chan Clerk to Panel Panel on Economic Development Legislative Council Secretariat (Fax: 3151 7052)

Dear Ms Chan,

## Panel on Economic Development

## An article from a member of public entitled "Busting HK's road transport cartels"

Thank you for your letter of 7 January 2016 inviting our response to the captioned article.

2. The Competition Ordinance (Cap.619) ("Ordinance"), which was passed by the Legislative Council (LegCo) in June 2012, aims at prohibiting anti-competitive behaviours of undertakings which engage in economic activities. The Ordinance does not apply to the Government.

3. We note that the captioned article focused mainly on government policies and laws in the transport sector and urged changes to those policies and laws to enhance competition in the sector. This is outside the ambit of the Ordinance as well as the authority of the Competition Commission.

Yours sincerely,

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