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Dear Miss WONG,

Private Columbaria Bill ("the 2016 Bill")

The 2016 Bill will be considered by the House Committee meeting to be held on 25 November 2016 after receiving First and Second Readings at the Council meeting of 23 November 2016 in accordance with the Rules of Procedure.

According to paragraph 4 of the LegCo Brief (File Ref.: FH CR 2/3751/07) issued by the Food and Health Bureau in November 2016, the 2016 Bill includes all the Committee stage amendments ("CSAs") proposed by the Administration to the Private Columbaria Bill ("the 2014 Bill") which was introduced into the Fifth Legislative Council ("LegCo") in 2014, with a few minor technical details and stylistic polishing.

To facilitate Members' scrutiny of the 2016 Bill, I would be grateful if you could provide the following materials for reference:

- (a) Tables 1 and 2 at Annex, completed with information as requested; and

- (b) marked-up copies of the 2016 Bill showing CSAs proposed by the Administration to the 2014 Bill in the Fifth LegCo in one colour and all the changes (including textual or stylistic changes) made to the 2014 Bill in the 2016 Bill which have not been considered by the Fifth LegCo in another colour.

I may need to write to you at a later stage regarding the legal and drafting aspects of the 2016 Bill.

I would be grateful if you could let me have the above tables and marked-up copies of the 2016 Bill in bilingual form as soon as possible, preferably before the aforesaid House Committee meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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Table 1

Provisions in the 2014 Bill proposed to be amended by CSAs	Brief description of CSAs	Rationale for proposing CSAs	Provisions in the 2016 Bill where CSAs are incorporated

Table 2

Changes (including textual or stylistic changes) to the 2014 Bill not considered by the Fifth LegCo		Rational for the changes
Provisions in the 2016 Bill	Brief description of the changes	