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Dear Ms CHAN,

**LegCo Panel on Economic Development
Motion passed under agenda item III on
"Incident of flight cancellation of Hong Kong Express Airways"
at the meeting on 27 November 2017**

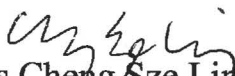
Thank you for your letter dated 28 November 2017. The Government's response to the motion passed in relation to the Incident of Flight Cancellation of Hong Kong Express Airways (HKE) at the meeting on 27 November 2017 is provided as follows:

The motion requests the Civil Aviation Department (CAD) to play a coordinating role in facilitating the management of HKE to meet with its Pilots Union and Flight Attendants Union expeditiously. In this regard, CAD wrote to HKE and the Express & Airlines Pilots Association (E&APA) on 28 November 2017 and the Hong Kong Express Cabin Attendants Union on 30 November 2017, requesting all three parties to work together in a professional and responsible manner towards a mutually agreeable solution in order to eliminate any possible impact on passengers. HKE is also reminded through the aforementioned letter by CAD that it is their responsibility to take every step to protect the travel arrangements of their passengers while

maintaining a high level of aviation safety. The President of HKE replied on 5 December that they would endeavor to put forward a reasonable and practicable staff engagement programme. We understand that the HKE management has met with some of the aircrews and cabin crews at end-November this year to exchange views on issues of concern.

CAD will continue to closely monitor the flight standards and airworthiness of HKE, and continue to urge HKE to give top priority to aviation safety and the interest of passengers.

Yours sincerely,


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for Secretary for Transport and Housing

cc.:

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