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Ms Shirley CHAN
Clerk to Panel on Economic Development
Legislative Council Complex
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Dear Ms CHAN,

## Motion Passed at the Meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Economic Development on 26 March 2018

At the meeting the Legislative Council ("LegCo") Panel on Economic Development ("Panel") on 26 March 2018, Members passed a motion under the agenda item of "Report on the work of the Competition Commission", we write to provide our response as follows:

This Panel urges the Government to ensure that the Competition Commission will have adequate resources to provide staff training on an on-going basis and enough experienced staff to follow up case investigation and relevant law enforcement work. (Motion moved by: Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding)

2. The Government has been giving full support to the Competition Commission in implementing the Competition Ordinance. Subvention to the Commission is determined having regard to its operational needs and activities, including engagement of staff and training. To enhance support, we have substantially increased the annual subvention to the Commission from \$80 million in 2017-18, to about \$102 million in 2018-19 and gradually to \$115 million in 2022-23 and beyond.

- 3. In addition, in view of the rising number of litigation cases, starting from 2018-19, there is a dedicated funding of about \$200 million to support the Commission's litigation work in the coming years.
- 4. We will continue to liaise closely with the Commission on its operational and financial needs.

Yours sincerely,

(Miss Karen Shing)

for Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development

c.c. Ms Anna WU Hung-yuk, G.B.S., S.B.S., J.P., Chairperson, Competition Commission