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Secretary for Transport and Housing
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Dear Ms YAN,

Panel on Economic Development

**Discussion on the "Report of the Transport and Housing Bureau's
Investigation into Staff Conduct in the Marine Department in
relation to the Vessel Collision Incident near Lamma Island on
1 October 2012" ("the Report")**

Further to my letter dated 9 May 2018, I write to convey to you the views expressed by members regarding the captioned subject at the Panel meeting on 28 May 2018, and should be grateful if you would take prompt action to address members' concerns.

At the meeting, Hon James TO, Hon Claudia MO and Hon Jeremy TAM reiterated their strong dissatisfaction towards the Administration's delay, if not refusal, in making necessary arrangements for the Legislative Council ("LegCo") Members to peruse and discuss the redacted version of the Report under confidentiality undertaking. They considered it unacceptable that after a lapse of several years since the happening of the incident in 2012, Panel members were still not able to discuss the Report despite members' repeated requests. Hon James TO considered that the Administration's delay/refusal in providing the necessary assistance to enable members' discussion of the Report would undermine the credibility of the Government in conducting future investigations to address issues of public concern, as the public and LegCo


Members might consequently be prevented from examining the related issues contained in the investigation reports. Hon Claudia MO further condemned the Administration's failure to provide the necessary assistance to enable members to discharge their constitutional functions, and strongly urged the Administration to give a positive reply on or before the next Panel meeting scheduled for 25 June 2018.

I should be grateful if the Administration could provide a written response (in both Chinese and English) in respect of the above views and requests. If the Administration considers it necessary to seek legal advice on the above matters, please do so and forward your response via e-mail to hhchan@legco.gov.hk, ssptam@legco.gov.hk and mlmlui@legco.gov.hk **as soon as possible**. Please note that unless you state otherwise, the Administration's written response will be made available to the media and the public as well as uploaded onto the LegCo website, and placed in the Library of LegCo.

If you have any enquiries, please contact the undersigned or Ms Shirley TAM at 3919 3408.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,



(Shirley CHAN)
Clerk to Panel

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