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Secretary for Transport and Housing
(Attn: Ms Louisa YAN)
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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")

Thank you for your letter dated 20 June 2018, which was circulated to the Panel for discussion at the meeting on 25 June 2018.

At the meeting, members discussed the need for the Panel to hold a closed meeting to discuss the redacted version of the Report as suggested by Hon James TO, and the necessary arrangements for such a meeting. Mr TO reiterated that discussion of the related matters by the Panel was of utmost importance to facilitate Members of the Legislative Council ("LegCo") in fulfilling their duties and to follow up on various fundamental deficiencies and shortfalls as identified in the Report. In order to facilitate Members' discussion in confidence as required by the Administration, Mr TO suggested that arrangements could be made for Members:

- (a) to peruse the redacted Report in a venue ("Venue") at the LegCo Complex shortly (say, half an hour or an hour) before the scheduled commencement of the closed meeting; and

- (b) to sign the confidentiality undertaking as requested by the Administration upon entry to the Venue.

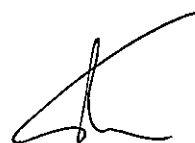
The Panel noted from the Administration's reply that it might need to seek legal advice on the detailed arrangements for the holding of the closed meeting so as to ensure the handling of confidential documents and information in full compliance with the provisions of the confidentiality undertaking. To enable the Panel to make an informed discussion, members considered that the Administration should seek legal advice on Hon James TO's request as set out above, and forward the related legal opinion to the Panel for consideration.

As the Panel will discuss the matter again at the next regular meeting on 17 July 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, and forward your response via e-mail to hhchan@legco.gov.hk, ssptam@legco.gov.hk and mlmlui@legco.gov.hk by **Monday, 16 July 2018**. 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

c.c. Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, GBS, JP (Chairman)