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Secretary for Transport and Housing
(Attn: Ms Louisa YAN)
Transport and Housing Bureau
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Central Government Offices
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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 March 2018, which was circulated to the Panel for discussion at the meeting on 26 March 2018 when Panel members suggested certain arrangements with a view to taking the matter forward ("Proposed Arrangements"). I understand that the Panel Chairman met with the Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Transport) and the Deputy Secretary for Transport and Housing (Transport) on 11 April 2018 to convey the Proposed Arrangements to the Administration for consideration. I am now writing to seek your confirmation on whether the following Proposed Arrangements can be acceded to:

- (a) make further arrangements similar to those of June to August 2015 and April to May 2017 for Legislative Council ("LegCo") Members to peruse the redacted version of the Report under the confidentiality undertaking;

- (b) to save LegCo Members the trouble of having to go to another venue to peruse the Report, Hon James TO also requested that a closed meeting of the Panel should be arranged for LegCo Members to peruse and discuss the Report simultaneously after signing the confidentiality undertaking;
- (c) in connection with (a) and (b), if the Administration saw it fit to seek legal advice on the detailed arrangements to be put in place to ensure the handling of confidential documents and information in full compliance with the provisions of the confidentiality undertaking, the Administration should do so now and forward the related information to the Panel for consideration; and
- (d) discuss again the summary of the Report which was submitted to the Panel for discussion on 28 April 2014 and related follow up actions taken by the Administration since then, so that Panel members, including new ones who did not participate in the previous discussion, could express views on the incident and/or other issues arising therefrom.

To facilitate members' consideration on taking forward the matter, I should be grateful if the Administration could provide a written response (in both Chinese and English) to the Secretariat 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 the 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)