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Clerk to Panel on Home Affairs
Legislative Council Secretariat
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central, Hong Kong
(Attn: Ms Joanne MAK)

Dear Ms MAK,

Inquiry about “M” Mark Events

At the meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs held on 25 June, the Honourable CHAN Chi-chuen requested this Bureau to provide supplementary information on “M” Mark events vetted and approved in 2017. Our reply is set out below.

In 2017, the Major Sports Events Committee received 14 applications for “M” Mark status, among which 13 events were approved with a total grant of cash subsidy of \$15.99 million. Details of the events and their approved funding have been set out in LC Paper No. CB(2)1635/17-18(04).

The application rejected last year was the Hong Kong International Cricket Sixes organised by the Cricket Hong Kong Limited (Cricket Hong Kong). Cricket Hong Kong applied for “M” Mark status and a matching fund of \$1.5 million for the event. However, it failed to confirm the receipt of the expected amount of commercial sponsorship before the event, and hence its proposed budget was unable to break even. The application was therefore rejected as it could not meet the vetting criteria in full under the “M” Mark System.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Lynn Wong", written over the typed name.

(Ms Lynn WONG)

for Secretary for Home Affairs