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Dear Mr Lo,

Request to discuss the Tendering System for Outsourcing Cleansing and Security Services of the Housing Department

The Hon. LUK Chung-hung wrote to the Legislative Council (LegCo) Panel on Housing¹ on 5 January 2018, requesting for a discussion and review on the tender scoring system for existing cleansing and security services contracts of the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) at the Panel; as well as for relevant information for reference and discussion. Our reply is provided below.

As the Chief Executive stated at the Chief Executive's Question and Answer Session in LegCo on 11 January 2018, an inter-departmental working group chaired by the Labour and Welfare Bureau will examine ways of improving the existing mechanism of outsourcing in various government departments. The working group comprises representatives of the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, Leisure and Cultural Services Department, Government Property Agency, Labour Department and Housing Department, and will explore ways to improve the mechanism for outsourcing government services and protect the welfare and rights of the workers engaged in outsourced services. We also notice that the LegCo Panel on Manpower will discuss the "Protection for

¹ LC Paper No. CB(1)434/17-18 (01).

employees of government service contractors” at its meeting on 26 February 2018, which representatives of the Housing Department will attend. Members may discuss with the Government relevant matters such as tendering system on the occasion.

The above-mentioned working group is conducting the review over the said mechanism. In line with its prevailing practice, HA will make reference to any new measures promulgated by the Government after the review, and consider incorporating these measures.

Yours sincerely,

(Original Signed)

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