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Hon POON Siu-ping, BBS, MH Chairman, Legislative Council Panel on Public Service Legislative Council Complex 1 Legislative Council Road Hong Kong

Dear Hon Poon,

Grade Structure Review for Marine Officer and Surveyor of Ships Grades of Marine Department

Late last year, we invited the Standing Commission on Civil Service Salaries and Conditions of Service ("Standing Commission") to conduct a grade structure review for the Marine Officer ("MO") and Surveyor of Ships ("SoS") grades of Marine Department ("MD"). The two grades are facing serious recruitment difficulties. The Standing Commission has completed the review and submitted its findings and recommendations to the Chief Executive today in its Report No. 57. I enclose a set of the Report, in both English and Chinese, for your reference.

The Chief Executive has tasked Civil Service Bureau to study and examine the findings and recommendations of the Report in consultation with Transport and Housing Bureau, MD and other parties concerned. In this connection, representatives from relevant government offices would appreciate an opportunity to brief members of the Legislative Council ("LegCo") Panel on Public Service on the Report at its meeting on 18 December 2017. As the Report concerns the MO and SoS grades, we propose, subject to your agreement, that members of the Panel on Economic Development be also invited to attend the meeting.

Upon receiving the feedback from stakeholders, we will submit proposals on how to take forward the Report to the Chief Executive-in-Council for a decision, after which the LegCo Finance Committee's approval for the resources required for the implementation of the recommendations will be sought, if necessary.

Yours sincerely,

(Joshua Law)

Secretary for the Civil Service

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