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Dear Ms Szeto,

**Establishment Subcommittee
Follow-up Items of the Meeting on 30 April 2019**

Thank you for your letter of 3 May 2019. The captioned meeting discussed the proposal no. EC(2018-19)31, i.e. the creation of two permanent directorate posts (comprising one Administrative Officer Staff Grade B and one Assistant Director of Marine) in the Marine Department ("MD"), with effect from 1 June 2019 or upon approval of the Finance Committee, whichever is later to enhance marine safety and to lead a new division in the department to strengthen the regulatory regime of local vessels upon the disbandment of the Task Force on Reform in MD. With regard to the supplementary information on the proposal as requested from the Government by Members at the meeting, our response is as follows –

Number of Mainland shipping companies and trade members participating in safety talks organised by MD

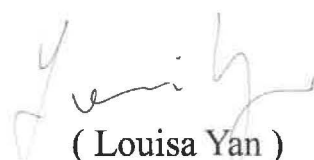
To continue to promote overall marine safety in Hong Kong, MD will raise the awareness of marine safety of the trade through various

channels, such as the Local Vessels Advisory Committee, meetings with trade associations, safety promotion visits to vessels, the issuing of safety directions, safety guidelines, codes of practices, safety leaflets and posters, as well as talks and seminars on local vessel safety and marine industrial safety. From January 2016 to April 2019, MD recorded a total attendance of around 910 from over 200 shipping companies in the talks on local vessel safety. As these talks aim to raise the awareness of the trade on marine safety and to remind them of the latest safety regulations, MD welcomes all members of the trade regardless of their places of origin to attend. As such, the requested information on the breakdown of participants coming from the Mainland is not readily available.

Number of prosecuted and convicted Mainland shipping companies and crew members, and the sentences given

Members requested the Government to provide the number of prosecutions and convictions of Mainland crew members or shipping companies involving personal injuries or deaths within Hong Kong waters in recent years, and to provide details of the relevant sentences. As the department overseeing marine safety in Hong Kong, MD will take actions to prosecute vessels who have breached the marine legislation in Hong Kong. Among the enforcement actions conducted by MD between January 2016 and April 2019, there was one case of prosecution and conviction of Mainland crew members involving personal injury arising from vessel collision within Hong Kong waters. In that particular case, the Mainland vessel had collided with a Hong Kong vessel, causing minor injuries to two crew members of the Hong Kong vessel. The master of the Mainland vessel was sentenced to a fine of HK\$15,000.

Yours sincerely,



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