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Miss Judy Yee
Council Secretary (1)4
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Legislative Council Secretariat

Dear Miss Yee,

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

I refer to your letter of 3 May 2019 on the captioned subject.
Please find below the concerned information.

**(a) Complaint statistics relating to person-to-person
telemarketing calls (P2P calls)**

2. The total numbers of enquiries and complaints relating to P2P calls received by the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau and Office of the Communications Authority in the past five years are as follows:

| Year | Total number of enquiries and complaints relating to P2P calls |
|-------------|---|
| 2014 | 1 215 |
| 2015 | 1 472 |
| 2016 | 648 |
| 2017 | 480 |
| 2018 | 321 |

(b) Duties of the two supernumerary directorate posts and details and implementation schedule of their work

3. The Deputy Secretary (Communications and Creative Industries) (Special Duties), pitched at Administrative Officer Staff Grade B (D3), is mainly responsible for high-level duties such as providing policy steer, co-ordinating among relevant bureaux and departments and engaging stakeholders independently. The post is deputised by the Principal Assistant Secretary (Communications and Creative Industries) (Special Duties), pitched at Administrative Officer Staff Grade C (D2), who is responsible for supervising the five non-directorate officers in the dedicated team. Their work includes working with the Department of Justice to draft the amendment bills relating to the telecommunications review and regulation of P2P calls, liaison with stakeholders through various means (e.g. the Business Facilitation Advisory Committee) and attending bills committee meetings, etc.

4. As regards the review on broadcasting, the First and Second Readings of the Broadcasting and Telecommunications Legislation (Amendment) Bill 2019 took place on 27 March 2019. The Bill is being scrutinised by the Legislative Council (LegCo). As for the review on telecommunications, we completed a three-month public consultation on the Review on Telecommunications Regulatory Framework on 27 February 2019. We are analysing the views received and working on the draft amendment bill. Regarding the bill relating to the regulation of P2P calls, we consulted the LegCo Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting and Panel on Commerce and Industry at a joint meeting held on 16 April 2019. Members in general supported our proposed

direction to legislate. Our target is to introduce the above amendment bills into LegCo for scrutiny in late 2019/ early 2020.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Tony Yip', written in a cursive style.

(Tony YIP)

for Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development

c.c. Office of the Communications Authority (Attn: Mr Sammy Li)
Financial Services and the Treasury Branch (Attn: Ms Candy Nip)