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Ms Connie SZETO
Clerk to the Establishment Subcommittee
Finance Committee
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central, Hong Kong

Dear Ms Szeto,

**Establishment Subcommittee
Follow-up to the Meeting on 28 May 2019**

At the meeting of the Establishment Subcommittee (ESC) held on 28 May 2019, on the Government's proposal to create a permanent post of Administrative Officer Staff Grade B, designated as Deputy Director of Broadcasting (Administration and Development), in Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK), Members requested the Government to provide information on the rate of increase in financial provision allocated to RTHK and the changes in the Consumer Price Index between 2010-11 and 2019-20. Regarding the information requested by the Members, our reply is as follows:

RTHK's estimated expenditure in 2019-20 is \$1,021.1 million, representing an increase of 117.3% over the actual expenditure of \$469.9 million in 2010-11.

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As for the changes in the Consumer Price Index for the same period, according to the Census and Statistics Department, the Composite Consumer Price Index for 2018-19¹ has increased by 30.3% as compared with 2010-11.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could please relay this reply to the ESC for reference.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alvin', is written over a horizontal line.

(Alvin WONG)

for Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development

c.c. Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury
(Attn.: Ms Zerlinda CHUANG)

Director of Broadcasting
(Attn.: Mr Philip LAM)

¹ The Census and Statistics Department indicated that the Composite Consumer Price Index for 2019-20 would only be available in April 2020.