APPENDIX 30

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Dear Mr Chu,

## Chapter 5 of the Director of Audit's Report No. 71 Radio Television Hong Kong: Provision of programmes

Thank you for your letter dated 14 December 2018 to Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury. I append below the required information –

In accordance with Stores and Procurement Regulations ("SPRs") 125, Controlling Officers ("COs") of departments are responsible for the procurement of stores, services and revenue contracts within the financial limits set out in the SPRs, and the management of the relevant contracts awarded. COs shall observe and uphold a culture of compliance with the requirements set out in the SPRs, regularly remind all the staff concerned about their need to always comply with the SPRs and closely monitor their compliance. Besides, as laid down in SPR 180, it is the responsibility of all public officers to ensure the integrity and impartiality of the Government's procurement process. All public officers involved in procurement must be alert to situations which may lead to actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest and ensure that sufficient safeguards are in place to avoid such situations from arising. We understand that the Radio Television Hong Kong is reviewing whether the acquisition of programmes is within the scope of SPRs, so that appropriate follow-up actions can be taken. This bureau will provide relevant advice pursuant to the findings of the review.

I should be grateful if you could relay the above information to Members of the Public Accounts Committee for reference.

Yours sincerely,

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