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Legislative Council Secretariat
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(Attn: Ms Joanne Mak)

Dear Ms Mak,

**Panel on Home Affairs of the Legislative Council
Follow-up on Meeting on 19 December 2018**

At the meeting of the Panel on Home Affairs of the Legislative Council on 19 December 2018, Members requested the Government to provide the following information related to the proposed Virtual Reality/Augmented Reality/Mixed Reality Research Laboratory to be established in the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (HKAPA) –

- (a) details of the recurrent expenditure of the proposed virtual reality/augmented reality/mixed reality research laboratory; and
- (b) the disposal arrangements for equipment acquired under the proposal upon the end of serviceable life.

In consultation with the HKAPA, we are pleased to supplement the following information –

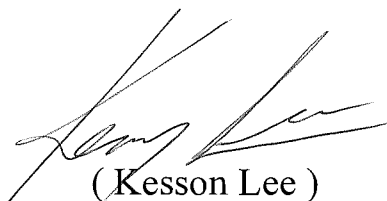
On (a), the amount of \$650,000 annual recurrent expenditure was estimated by HKAPA based on its experience. It covers maintenance work including software upgrade and routine equipment check-up as well as material cost for minor damage and spare parts for replacement due to wear and tear, etc. The amount will be absorbed by HKAPA within its existing level of annual subvention.

On (b), HKAPA has promulgated a set of procedures for the disposal of tangible assets beyond their serviceable life. According to the procedures, the HKAPA would dispose an equipment only if it is unserviceable. The equipment will be disposed of in the following ways in descending order of priority :

- to be used as a trade-in item for the purchase of new tangible assets;
- to be sold; and
- to be donated to a non-profit making organisation.

Only after exhausting the above options that an equipment would be dumped.

Yours sincerely,



(Kesson Lee)

for Secretary for Home Affairs

c.c. HKAPA (Attn.: Professor Gillian Choa, Dean of School of Theatre and Entertainment Arts)