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Dear Ms MA,

Panel on Manpower
Further Letter from Hon Jeremy TAM

The Secretariat of the Legislative Council Manpower Panel wrote to the Commissioner for Labour on 4 April 2019, enclosing a letter of 2 April 2019 from the Hon Jeremy TAM to the Chairman of the Panel, raising further enquiries about the Labour Department's ("LD") reply of 27 March 2019. Following the interim reply of 18 April 2019, our reply is set out below.

- (I) LD does not keep the record of failure to comply with the "Guidance Notes on Safe Use of Power-operated Elevating Work Platforms" ("GN").
- (II) According to the GN, employers and contractors should observe the requirements as stipulated in the GN and the manufacturer's instructions to carry out regular inspection, test and maintenance so as to ensure that the elevated working platforms ("EWPs") are in safe working condition at all times.

When Occupational Safety Officers of LD, in the course of regular inspections, come across a work process involving the use of EWP, they will verify whether the equipment has been properly inspected, tested and maintained by the duty holders with a view to checking whether they have complied with the relevant work safety regulations and the GN so as to ensure the safety of workers. If there is violation of the relevant safety requirements, LD will take actions pursuant to the law.

Yours sincerely,



(CHAN Ka-lai)
for Commissioner for Labour

c.c. Secretary for Labour and Welfare