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Clerk to Panel on Health Services Legislative Council Complex 1 Legislative Council Road Central, Hong Kong (Attn.: Ms. Maisie LAM)

Dear Ms LAM,

Meeting of Legislative Council Panel on Health Services Measures for the Prevention and Control of Coronavirus Disease 2019 in Hong Kong

The Panel on Health Services discussed measures for the prevention and control of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Hong Kong at its meeting on 8 May 2020. I herewith provide the following supplementary information:

(a) Whether the Administration had approached Hong Kong Disneyland Resort to explore the feasibility of setting up quarantine centres at its three resort hotels, and if so, the outcome of discussion and the key consideration behind.

The Department of Health has earlier touched base with the hotel industry to explore the feasibility of using hotels as quarantine facilities, but it involves consideration from various aspects. While a number of hotels have indicated willingness to support the anti-epidemic work, they specified that the hotel rooms could only be used as temporary accommodation for healthcare staff and expressed major reservations about the use of hotels as quarantine facilities for close contacts. A few hotels were willing to make their rooms available for use as quarantine facilities, but they generally indicated that manpower for supporting the operation could not be provided, and most of the hotels concerned were close to residential buildings. In addition, facilities for use as quarantine centres must fulfill infection control requirements, including the availability of

independent air-conditioning, fresh air ventilation, and that the interior and environment and facilities should be easy to cleanse and disinfect, etc. In general, hotels are not designed for the purpose of quarantine. Most of the rooms are enclosed and equipped with central air-conditioning, and fitted with carpet that could hardly be thoroughly disinfected on a daily basis. Therefore, hotels may not be able to meet the above requirements.

Yours sincerely,

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