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Panel on Development and Panel on Home Affairs
Legislative Council Complex,
1 Legislative Council Road,
Central, Hong Kong
(Attn: Mr Roger Chung)

Dear Mr Chung,

**Panel on Development and Panel on Home Affairs
Joint Subcommittee to Follow Up Issues Relating to the
Redevelopment, Maintenance and Management of Aged Buildings**

Thank you for your letter of 21 January 2020. Overall statistics of Stage III investigation of water seepage reports for Sham Shui Po, Kwai & Tsing, Tuen Mun, Tai Po and the North District handled by the Joint Office of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department and the Buildings Department from 25 September 2019 to end of the year after extending the application of new testing technologies to these districts are set out in the **Annex**.

Please contact the undersigned for any enquiry.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Calvin Tang'.

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**Statistics of Stage III Investigation of Water Seepage Reports
for Sham Shui Po, Kwai & Tsing, Tuen Mun, Tai Po and the North District**

	Number of cases (25.9.2019 to 31.12.2019)				
	Sham Shui Po	Kwai & Tsing	Tuen Mun	Tai Po	North District
Cases required Stage III investigation =(a)+(b)+(c)+(d)	184	105	160	80	61
(a) Cases with new tests ¹ conducted	77	61	59	27	18
(b) Cases pending confirmation on applicability of new tests	78	17	71	40	23
(c) Cases with conventional tests ² conducted	17	4	17	3	6
(d) Cases with water seepage ceased or withdrawn by informants during investigation	12	23	13	10	14

¹ New tests include infrared thermography and/or microwave tomography.

² Conventional tests include water ponding test, water spray test and reversible pressure test. Since the new tests have their limitations, for example, they cannot be effectively applied in cases involving spalling of concrete ceiling at the locations of water seepage, blockage of pipes and other facilities, tile finishes on ceilings; conventional tests (water ponding and water spray tests) have to be used under such circumstances. Conventional tests also include reversible pressure test for investigating seepage cases that may be caused by leakage of water supply pipes.