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Miss Betty MA Clerk to Panel on Security Legislative Council Legislative Council Complex 1 Legislative Council Road Central, Hong Kong

Dear Miss MA,

Follow-up on a police officer suspected of damaging street sleeper's properties during anti-crime patrol operation

I refer to your letter dated 10 March 2020 to the Secretary for Security. Having consulted the Hong Kong Police Force ("Police"), I am authorised to reply as follows.

Police are highly concerned about an incident in which a police officer was suspected to have damaged some articles at scene during an anti-crime patrol operation at Tung Chau Street Park in Sham Shui Po on 24 February. Upon criminal investigation by the Regional Crime Unit of Kowloon West, a police officer suspected of criminal damage was arrested on 5 March. The police officer has been immediately interdicted; he is now on police bail pending further investigation. Police's criminal investigation is still on-going.

Police reiterate that any breach of law or offence against discipline by police officers will not be tolerated. Police will follow up on the case in a fair, just and impartial manner.

Yours sincerely,

(Joceline CHUI) for Secretary for Security

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Commissioner of Police

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