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Dear Miss Yeung,

## Subcommittee on Subsidiary Legislation Relating to the Prevention and Control of Disease

Follow-up actions required of the Administration arising from the discussion at the meeting on 24 May 2021

Thank you for your letter of 24 May 2021 on the captioned matter. Our reply is set out below -

## (a) follow-up actions taken by the Department of Health regarding venues visited by confirmed cases of Coronavirus Disease 2019

For catering business premises or schedule premises which confirmed cases had visited, users of the "LeaveHomeSafe" mobile application who visited those venues at similar times would receive notifications to undergo testing given the risk of infection. The Contact Tracing Office (CTO) of the Department of Health (DH) would also contact the persons who had visited the relevant venues at similar times through other channels, including sending SMS messages to the relevant patrons to remind them about the aforesaid matters according to their written entry records.

In view of the massive outbreak that took place at Mr Ming's Chinese Dining in K11 Musea in February this year, all patrons who had visited the restaurant on the day when the confirmed case visited the restaurant, which was around lunch hours on 19 February 2021, were classified as close contacts and were subject to quarantine. In order to contain further outbreak of the cluster, the CTO conducted contact tracing in relation to those patrons who were classified as close contacts and were subject to quarantine through various channels, including calling the patrons according to their written entry records. Among the patrons who were classified as close contacts and were subject to quarantine, around 10% were located through telephone calls made by the CTO according to their written entry record for arrangement for quarantine at the quarantine centres.

## (b) documentary proof issued by DH to persons who have undergone quarantine

When the relevant persons leave the quarantine centres upon the end of their quarantine period, DH would issue a document which sets out the quarantine period and whether the person was infected by COVID-19 as proof that they have stayed at the quarantine centres. Medical certificates will also be issued upon request by the relevant persons and after assessment by the medical team of the quarantine centres.

Yours sincerely,

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for Secretary for Food and Health