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Ms Shirley Chan
Clerk to Panel on Economic Development
Legislative Council Secretariat
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central, Hong Kong

Dear Ms Chan,

Panel on Economic Development
Typhoon Shelter and Sheltered Anchorage Management

Thank you for the Secretariat's letter of 13 July 2021, enclosing a letter dated 9 July 2021 from Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen to the Chairman of the Panel on Economic Development on the subject matter. After consulting the Marine Department, our reply is as follows.

Pursuant to Section 4 of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Typhoon Shelters) Regulation (Cap. 548E) (the Regulation), all local vessels are allowed to enter into typhoon shelter. The Regulation does not empower the Director of Marine to assign a designated area in a typhoon shelter for the sole purpose of mooring certain type of vessel.

Over the past six months, the Transport and Housing Bureau, together with the Marine Department, has been actively exploring with relevant stakeholders, including the Honourable Steven HO's Office, fishermen's groups and other marine users of the Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter, to map out a designated area for berthing of vessels through administrative means, and has discussed the proposed options on a number

of occasions. However, as no consensus could be reached among the parties concerned, the fishermen's groups agreed to maintain status quo and shelve the designated area proposal.

An information paper concerning the captioned issues will be submitted to the Legislative Council Panel on Economic Development for Members' reference in due course.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'LAW Lap-keung', written in a cursive style.

(LAW Lap-keung)

for Secretary for Transport and Housing

c.c. Director of Marine (Attn: Ms CHAN Ka-man, Carmen)