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Dear Sir/Madam,

## Uploading of Income and Expenditure Statement and Report of Lottery Event onto Government Websites

This letter aims to inform you the new administrative measure concerning the captioned subject to be implemented in August 2018.

According to the Gambling Regulations (Cap. 148A), condition no. 6 of lottery licence requires lottery licence holders to, within 90 days from the date of the draw of a lottery event, forward to the public officer a copy of the statement of income and expenditure as well as a copy of the written report prepared by a practice unit within the meaning of the Professional Accountants Ordinance (Cap. 50) ("IE statements and review reports"). These IE statements and review reports are to be made available for public inspection in such manner, and for such period, as the public officer thinks fit.

At present, members of the public can inspect these IE statements and review reports by making request to the Office of the Licensing Authority (OLA), or by visiting the website of OLA (www.hadla.gov.hk/el).

To increase transparency and accountability of lottery events and also to facilitate public access to lottery accounts, OLA will implement a new administrative measure in respect of lottery licence applications received and approved by the public officer in and after August 2018. The IE statements and review reports of these approved lottery events will be made available without redaction on Government websites (including but not limited to websites under the Home Affairs Department and GovHK).

For lottery licence holders whose application of lottery licence is submitted and approved by the public officer in and after August 2018, you are requested to inform the practice unit within the meaning of Cap. 50 appointed by you to prepare the review report of your lottery event the new administrative measure mentioned in paragraph 4 of this letter and obtain his/her agreement to our implementation of the new administrative measure, i.e. the uploading of the review report without redaction onto Government websites.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 2117 3694.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

(Hugo LAW) for Public officer appointed by the Secretary for Home Affairs