

**Supplementary Information on paragraph 26 of the Minutes of Meeting  
of LegCo Panel on Home Affairs  
Subcommittee to Study Discrimination on the Ground of Sexual Orientation  
held on 29.11.2001**

|   | <b>1999/2000</b> | <b>2000/01</b> | <b>2001/02<br/>(1<sup>st</sup> term)</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|---|------------------|----------------|--|--------------|
| No. of counselling cases relating to sexual orientation handled by school social workers (Note 1)   | 145              | 205            | 146<br>(Note 2)                          | <b>496</b>   |
| No. of cases relating to sexual orientation handled by school social workers in which the student concerned had to switch to another school | 0                | 0              | 0  | <b>0</b>     |

(Note 1) Counselling cases refer to cases involving casework activities between school social workers and students whereby the former have face to face discussion with the latter with a view to rendering advice and assistance to solve their problems/difficulties as appropriate.

(Note 2) The increase in no. of counselling cases can be attributed to the enhanced awareness among students with regard to issues relating to sexual orientations due to more educational activities/programmes conducted by school social workers covering human growth topics relating to sex. The number of talks/mass programmes organized has been increasing from 13,844 in 1999-2000 to 15,629 in 2000-01 and 8,144 in 2001-02 (1<sup>st</sup> term).