

**The Administration's Response to Questions raised by Members  
at the Special Meeting of the LegCo Panel on Health Services  
held on 28 May 2003**

*(a) To set out in more detail the compensation arrangements for Hospital Authority employees who contracted SARS in the course of their duties. In this connection, Hon Audrey EU asked the Administration to consider adopting the compensation arrangements under common law and Hon Albert HO suggested setting up a misadventure fund for the purpose.*

The Hospital Authority (HA) Task Force on SARS will discuss the compensation arrangements on 6 June 2003. We shall provide Members with the details in writing in due course.

*(b) Length of hospitalization of SARS patients currently in Intensive Care Units.*

As at 2 June 2003 there were 26 SARS patients staying in the Intensive Care Units of HA. The distribution of their length of stay in HA is shown in the following table:

<b>Length of stay in HA (in weeks) (until 2 June 2003)</b>	<b>Number of SARS patients</b>
0-2	1
2-4	6
4-6	5
6-8	2
8-10	11
10-12	1
<b>Total:</b>	<b>26</b>

*(c) The number of infected public health care workers who have recovered from the disease and resumed duty.*

As at 3 June 2003, a total of 385 health care workers of hospitals/clinics (including both public and private) and medical students have contracted SARS and 353 of them were discharged. Among these 385 health care workers and medical students, 337 were HA staff, out of whom 307 were discharged and 80 have resumed duty.

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