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Clerk to the Panel on Manpower
Legislative Council
3/F, Citibank Tower Central
Hong Kong
(Attn.: Ms Amy WONG)

Dear Ms WONG,

**Panel on Manpower
List of follow-up actions**

Extension of Temporary Jobs by the Housing Department

I refer to your letter dated 13 February 2004 (ref. CB2/PL/MP) seeking information on the extension of temporary jobs by the Housing Department (HD).

HD created 583 temporary posts in response to the outbreak of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome last year. Of these, 160 have yet to expire, whilst 423 expired between mid February to early March this year. Except for 52 posts which have recently been vacated, we have since extended the remainder of the latter jobs for about one to two months. Details are as follows:

| Types of position | Number of openings | Original expiry date | Extended till |
|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Temporary Project Assistant | 302 | Mid February 2004 | 31 March 2004 |
| Temporary Project Supervisor | 32 | Late February/early March 2004 | 31 March 2004 |
| Temporary Drainage Inspector | 37 | Late February 2004 | 30 April 2004 |
| Total: | 371 | | |

Yours faithfully,

(Ms Kitty SHIU)
for Permanent Secretary for Housing,
Planning & Lands (Housing)

c.c.

Permanent Secretary for Economic Development and Labour (Labour)
(Attn: Miss Carrie CHANG)