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Clerk to the Finance Committee
Legislative Council Secretariat
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road
Central
Hong Kong
(Attn.: Ms Pauline NG)

Dear Ms NG,

**LegCo Finance Committee (FC) meeting
held on 4 March 2005**

**FCR(2004-05)49
Extension of temporary jobs in the public sector**

I refer to the discussion on FCR(2004-05)49 at the FC meeting held on 4 March 2005. The following is the information on the present salaries and qualifications of those temporary workers who have successfully secured a permanent job in the open market, as requested by Members.

In 2004, the Administration extended some 11 700 temporary jobs in the public sector, and the majority of them would be further extended in 2005-06. We do not keep track of the employment situation of these temporary workers except for youths in training positions. For these trainees, we would try to keep a record of their subsequent movement on completion of their training or leaving their positions. Details of those who have successfully secured a job in the open market, as at mid-March 2005, are as follows:

Present salary	Number of trainees
\$4,000 or below	51
\$4,001 to \$6,000	367
\$6,001 to \$8,000	298
\$8,001 or above	56
Information not available*	771
<i>Total</i>	<i>1 543</i>

Education level	Number of trainees
F.5 and below	1 318
F.6 and F.7	80
Diploma / associate-degree	94
Degree or above	51
<i>Total</i>	<i>1 543</i>

Yours sincerely,

(Keith GIANG)
for Secretary for Economic Development and Labour

* In some cases, trainees who could be contacted refused to provide further information.