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Dear *Mr. Li,*

**Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene
Meeting on 26 October 2004**

I am writing in relation to the motion passed by the LegCo Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene on 26 October 2004

We have carefully considered the motion urging this Bureau to provide a paper to the Finance Committee (FC) to provide training courses and one-off special grants to those unemployed live poultry workers whose employers have not surrendered their licences/tenancies. As already explained at the meeting on 26 October 2004, those unemployed poultry workers whose employers have not surrendered their licences/tenancies may enroll in the regular retraining courses currently organized by the Employees Retraining Board. It would therefore be inappropriate to extend the special retraining arrangement to this category of unemployed workers, as they should be treated in the same way as all other unemployed workers.

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In the light of the above, the Administration does not consider it necessary nor appropriate to amend the details of the voluntary surrender scheme as contained in the Finance Committee Paper discussed by the Finance Committee on 2 July 2004.

Yours sincerely,



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for Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food