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Dear Mrs Ma,

**Legislative Council Panel on Constitutional Affairs  
Follow-up to meeting on 21 April 2006**

**Amount of Financial Assistance Payable if Donations were not Deducted**

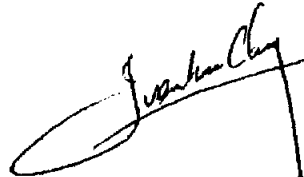
At the meeting on 21 April 2006, the Administration was asked about the amount of additional financial assistance payable to candidates in the 2004 Legislative Council (LegCo) election, if donations received by candidates were not deducted from election expenses for the purpose of calculating the amount of financial assistance payable.

For the 2004 LegCo election, a total of \$14.01 million was paid out to 47 eligible candidates who made applications under the financial assistance scheme. If donations received by candidates were not deducted from election expenses, the amount of assistance payable to the 47 candidates would have been \$14.36 million.

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The above figure has not taken into account the case of a candidate who was eligible but who received donations to cover all the election expenses and therefore did not apply for financial assistance. If donations were not deducted from election expenses for the purpose of calculating the amount of financial assistance payable, and if the candidate had chosen to apply for financial assistance, the total mount payable to the 48 candidates would have been \$15.02 million.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ivanhoe Chang', written over a horizontal line.

( Ivanhoe Chang )  
for Secretary for Constitutional Affairs

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