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Clerk to the Panel on Financial Affairs
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(Attn : Ms Rosalind MA)

**Panel on Financial Affairs
Follow-up to the meeting on 5 June 2006**

Information about high-income households

Dear Ms Ma,

I refer to your letter of 7 June on the captioned subject and the Hon Emily Lau's letter dated 6 June, seeking the Government's explanation on why information on high-income households is not collected. Our written response (in both Chinese and English) is enclosed for your further action.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'K C Kwok', written in a cursive style.

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Government Economist

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The Census and Statistics Department conducts the General Household Survey (GHS) regularly to collect detailed information related to the characteristics of the labour force (including monthly household incomes). The GHS is a random sample survey conducted on a continuous basis. It covers the land-based non-institutional population of Hong Kong, including households with different household incomes. This Survey does not and cannot cater for the collection of information regarding households with the highest income.

Survey findings of the GHS are published in the Quarterly Report on General Household Survey, which includes a table on the number of domestic households by monthly income.