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Clerk to the LegCo Panel on Manpower  
Legislative Council Building  
8 Jackson Road  
Central  
Hong Kong  
(Attn: Ms Katherine Yung)

Dear Ms Yung,

**LegCo Manpower Panel Meeting**

I refer to the discussion at the meeting of the Panel on Manpower held on 15 June 2006. As requested by Members, I am writing to provide statistics on workers suffering from musculoskeletal disorders treated at the Kwun Tong Occupational Health Clinic of the Labour Department.

In 2005, a total of 2,160 new patients sought consultation at the Kwun Tong Occupational Health Clinic. Of these, 1,679 (78%) suffered from musculoskeletal disorders caused by, related to or aggravated by work. The breakdown of these patients by industry and occupation is at Annex.

Yours sincerely,

(Dr L M Leung)

for Permanent Secretary for Economic  
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**Breakdown of Patients Seeking Consultation  
at the Kwun Tong Occupational Health Clinic in 2005  
and Diagnosed as Suffering from Musculoskeletal Disorders  
Caused by, Related to or Aggravated by Work**

**(A) By Industry**

Industry	No. of cases (%)
<b>Community, social and personal services</b>	
- <i>Government services</i>	341 (20.3%)
- <i>Welfare institutions</i>	160 (9.5%)
- <i>Medical, dental and other health services</i>	75 (4.5%)
- <i>Education services</i>	66 (3.9%)
- <i>Miscellaneous personal services</i>	53 (3.2%)
- <i>Others</i>	<u>92 (5.5%)</u>
<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>787 (46.9%)</b>
<b>Wholesale, retail and import/export trades</b>	
- <i>Retail</i>	91 (5.4%)
- <i>Import/export</i>	65 (3.9%)
- <i>Wholesale</i>	<u>60 (3.6%)</u>
<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>216 (12.9%)</b>
<b>Manufacturing industries</b>	
- <i>Textiles</i>	24 (1.4%)
- <i>Wearing apparel</i>	21 (1.3%)
- <i>Electrical appliances and house ware, electronic toys</i>	16 (1.0%)
- <i>Others</i>	<u>98 (5.8%)</u>
<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>159 (9.5%)</b>
<b>Financing, insurance, real estate and business services</b>	
- <i>Real estate</i>	43 (2.6%)
- <i>Business services except rental or machinery and equipment</i>	37 (2.2%)
- <i>Banking</i>	32 (1.9%)
- <i>Others</i>	<u>25 (1.5%)</u>
<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>137 (8.2%)</b>
<b>Restaurants and hotels</b>	
- <i>Restaurants</i>	99 (5.9%)
- <i>Hotels and boarding houses</i>	<u>27 (1.6%)</u>
<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>126 (7.5%)</b>
<b>Transport, storage and communications</b>	
- <i>Land freight transport</i>	27 (1.6%)
- <i>Air transport</i>	19 (1.1%)
- <i>Land passenger transport</i>	18 (1.1%)
- <i>Others</i>	<u>53 (3.2%)</u>
<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>117 (7.0%)</b>
<b>Construction sites: manual workers</b>	
<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>62 (3.7%)</b>
<b>Others:</b>	
<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>75 (4.5%)</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1679 (100%)</b>

**(B) By Occupation**

<b>Occupation</b>	<b>No. of cases (%)</b>
Typists, secretaries and clerical related personnel	395 (23.5%)
Cleaners, charworkers, personal care workers, maids and related housekeeping workers	291 (17.3%)
General labourers	178 (10.6%)
Office managers, executive officers, etc.	81 (4.8%)
Cooks	73 (4.3%)
Medical and allied medical personnel	55 (3.3%)
General salesman and shop assistants	54 (3.2%)
Protective service personnel, e.g. police, firemen, security guards, etc.	43 (2.6%)
Teachers	30 (1.8%)
Transport equipment operators	30 (1.8%)
Waiters, bartenders, etc.	29 (1.7%)
Mechanical engineers or technicians	28 (1.7%)
Computing machine operators	28 (1.7%)
Mail distribution personnel	21 (1.3%)
Tailors, dressmakers, sewers, upholsterers	21 (1.3%)
Others (various occupations each accounting for less than 1% of the total number of cases)	322 (19.2%)
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1679 (100%)</b>