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Clerk to the LegCo Panel on Manpower
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road
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(Attn: Ms Josephine So)

Dear Ms So,

LegCo Manpower Panel Meeting

I refer to the discussion at the meeting of the Panel on Manpower held on 15 December 2005. As requested by the Hon LEE Cheuk-yan, information on the occupational diseases dealt with by the Occupational Health Clinic of the Labour Department is provided below.

In 2005, a total of 2,160 new patients sought consultation at the Kwun Tong Occupational Health Clinic. Of these, 1,814 (84%) suffered from diseases or injuries caused by, related to or aggravated by work, and the remaining 346 (16%) had illnesses or injuries unrelated to work. The breakdown of these two groups of patients by sex, age, industry, occupation and nature of illness is at Annex I.

Among the 1,814 patients suffering from diseases or injuries caused by, related to or aggravated by work, 231 had injuries or diseases caused by work. Of these 231 patients, 57 suffered from occupational diseases prescribed in the Second Schedule of the Employees' Compensation Ordinance, including 53 cases of tenosynovitis of hand or forearm and 4 cases of occupational contact dermatitis. The breakdown of these occupational disease cases by sex, age, industry and occupation is at Annex II.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'L M Leung', written over a circular scribble.

(Dr L M Leung)

for Secretary for Economic Development and Labour

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**Breakdown of Patients Seeking Consultations
at the Kwun Tong Occupational Health Clinic in 2005**

(A) By sex

Sex	Disease/injury	
	Caused by, related to or aggravated by work	Unrelated to work
Male	588 (32%)	162 (47%)
Female	1226 (68%)	184 (53%)
Total	1814 (100%)	346 (100%)

(B) By age group

Age group	Disease/injury	
	Caused by, related to or aggravated by work	Unrelated to work
< = 20	6 (0.3%)	4 (1.2%)
21-40	755 (41.6%)	115 (33.2%)
41-60	1029 (56.8%)	217 (62.7%)
>60	24 (1.3%)	10 (2.9%)
Total	1814 (100%)	346 (100%)

(C) By industry

Industry	Disease/injury	
	Caused by, related to or aggravated by work	Unrelated to work
Community, social and personal services	824 (45%)	120 (35%)
Wholesale, retail and import/export trades, restaurants and hotels	360 (20%)	65 (19%)
Manufacturing	211 (12%)	29 (8%)
Financing, insurance, real estate and business services	141 (8%)	26 (8%)
Transport, storage and communications	126 (7%)	22 (6%)
Others	152 (8%)	84 (24%)
Total	1814 (100%)	346 (100%)

(D) By occupation

Occupation	Disease/injury	
	Caused by, related to or aggravated by work	Unrelated to work
Clerical and related personnel	527 (29%)	73 (21%)
Service personnel	485 (27%)	75 (22%)
Production and related personnel, transport equipment operators and labourers	354 (19%)	68 (19%)
Professionals and technicians	236 (13%)	44 (13%)
Others	212 (12%)	86 (25%)
Total	1814 (100%)	346 (100%)

(E) By nature of illness

Nature of illness	Caused by, related to or aggravated by work	Unrelated to work
Musculoskeletal	1679 (92.6%)	199 (57.5%)
Skin	28 (1.5%)	13 (3.8%)
Auditory	11 (0.6%)	15 (4.3%)
Respiratory	10 (0.5%)	14 (4.0%)
Visual	5 (0.3%)	9 (2.6%)
Others	81 (4.5%)	96 (27.8%)
Total	1814 (100%)	346 (100%)

**Breakdown of Patients Seeking Consultations
at the Kwun Tong Occupational Health Clinic in 2005
and Diagnosed as Suffering from Occupational Diseases Prescribed in the
Second Schedule of the Employees' Compensation Ordinance**

(A) By sex

Sex	Occupational Disease	
	Tenosynovitis of hand or forearm	Occupational contact dermatitis
Male	20 (38%)	2 (50%)
Female	33 (62%)	2 (50%)
Total	53 (100%)	4 (100%)

(B) By age group

Age group	Occupational Disease	
	Tenosynovitis of hand or forearm	Occupational contact dermatitis
< = 20	0 (0%)	1 (25%)
21-40	20 (38%)	1 (25%)
41-60	32 (60%)	2 (50%)
>60	1 (2%)	0 (0%)
Total	53 (100%)	4 (100%)

(C) By industry

Industry	Occupational Disease	
	Tenosynovitis of hand or forearm	Occupational contact dermatitis
Community, social and personal services	25 (47%)	0 (0%)
Wholesale, retail and import/export trades, restaurants and hotels	11 (20%)	4 (100%)
Manufacturing	10 (19%)	0 (0%)
Financing, insurance, real estate and business services	2 (4%)	0 (0%)
Transport, storage and communications	4 (8%)	0 (0%)
Others	1 (2%)	0 (0%)
Total	53 (100%)	4 (100%)

(D) By occupation

Occupation	Occupational Disease	
	Tenosynovitis of hand or forearm	Occupational contact dermatitis
Clerical and related personnel	8 (15%)	0 (0%)
Service personnel	26 (49%)	3 (75%)
Production and related personnel, transport equipment operators and labourers	6 (11%)	1 (25%)
Professionals and technicians	8 (15%)	0 (0%)
Others	5 (10%)	0 (0%)
Total	53 (100%)	4 (100%)