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Dear Miss Yu,

Finance Committee
Follow-up to meeting on 20 April 2007

Thank you for your letter of 20 April 2007 to Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, requesting supplementary information regarding FCR (2007-08)3 on the number of recipients of Old Age Allowance (OAA) who have become ineligible for OAA due to exceeding the annual permissible limit of 240 days' absence from Hong Kong and the amount of allowance involved.

Under the existing arrangement, OAA recipients are entitled to an annual permissible limit of 240 days' absence from Hong Kong subject to the recipient having resided in Hong Kong for at least 90 days in the year. During the 2006/07 financial year, a total of 376 OAA recipients had been absent from Hong Kong for more than 240 days. The amount of OAA involved is \$1.3 million. However, should the recipients return to Hong Kong within the same payment year, they would be able to receive the allowance again. For those who do not return to Hong Kong within the same payment year, the recipients concerned need to submit a fresh application to the Social Welfare Department.

Yours sincerely,

(D. C. CHEUNG)

for Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

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