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Ms Dora Wai
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 (Fax: 2537 1204)

Dear Ms Wai,

**The Director of Audit's Report on the
 results of value for money audits (Report No. 47)**

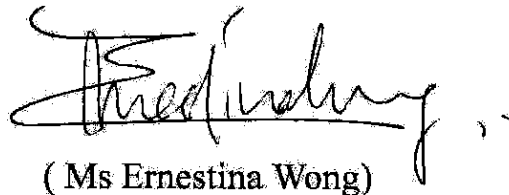
**Chapter 5 – Hospital Authority:
 management of outstanding medical fees**

Thank you for your letter of 22 November 2006 on the captioned subject.

In addition to the fee recovery improvement initiatives implemented by the Hospital Authority, the Administration has been exploring the viability of amending the law so that a visitor who had yet to settle his fees with the Hospital Authority can be prevented from re-entering Hong Kong.

We are deliberating within the Administration how best to take forward the proposed measure in the context the package of fee recovery improvement initiatives to be implemented by the Hospital Authority. We plan to report progress to the Panel on Health Services as soon as we are in a position to do so.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ernestina Wong', written in a cursive style.

(Ms Ernestina Wong)
for Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

c.c. Chief Executive, Hospital Authority
Secretary for Security
Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury
(Attn: Miss Amy Tse)
Director of Audit