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(Attn : Ms Janet Shum)

Dear Ms Shum,

LegCo Panel on Manpower

List of Follow-up Actions

I refer to the discussions at the meetings of the Panel on Manpower held on 15 March 2007 and 21 June 2007 and write to provide the following information requested by Members:-

- (a) a breakdown, by age, occupational and type of work engaged, on patients diagnosed as suffering from silicosis caused by work in 2006; and
- (b) statistics relating to inspection and prosecution of supermarkets for non-compliance with the safety requirements under the Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance; and
- (c) the number of industrial accidents in the construction industry which respectively involved self-employed persons and workers employed by subcontractors.

Breakdowns, by age, occupation and type of work engaged, on patients diagnosed as caused by work in 2006

The breakdowns requested are shown in the tables below:-

Number of silicosis cases confirmed in 2006 by age group

Age group	Number of cases
40 – 49	21
50 – 59	37
60 – 69	24
70 – 79	20
80 or above	7
Total	109

Note:

The figures indicate the age groups of the silicosis sufferers at the time of applying for compensation or at the time of death.

Occupations / types of work of the silicosis sufferers confirmed in 2006

Occupation / Type of work	Number of person
Mason / concreter / excavator	48
Caisson worker	35
Construction site / construction material labourer	8
Jade / gem artisan	5
Pneumatic driller	5
Plasterer	3
Machine repairing / metal worker	2
Others	3
Total	109

Statistics relating to inspection and prosecution of supermarkets for non-compliance with the safety requirements under the Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance

The number of prosecutions taken out against operators of supermarkets in 2004, 2005 and 2006 are 12, 15 and 15 respectively. We

are, however, unable to provide the inspection figures of supermarkets as the Labour Department ("LD") does not compile such a breakdown.

The number of industrial accidents in the construction industry which respectively involved self-employed persons and workers employed by subcontractors

The number of industrial fatal accidents in the construction industry that involved self-employed persons and workers employed by sub-contractors in 2004, 2005 and 2006 is shown in the table below:

	2004	2005	2006
No. of fatal construction accidents which involved employees of sub-contractors	13	23	14
No. of fatal construction accidents which involved self-employed persons	3	2	2
Other cases	5	2	2
Total	21	27	18

The above fatal accidents which involved self-employed persons are brought to LD's notice by the Hong Kong Police Force or the Fire Services Department. LD does not have the information on other work accidents that involved self-employed persons as there is no requirement for reporting such cases under the law. We are also unable to provide the industrial accident figures of workers employed by sub-contractors as LD does not compile such a breakdown for the industrial accident statistics.

Yours sincerely,



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for Secretary for Labour and Welfare