Supplementary Information on the Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged

At the meeting held on 11 December 2006, the Administration was requested to provide information on the number of participants of the Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged (PFD) projects who had subsequently secured employment, and their wage levels.

- 2. Among the 43 approved PFD projects reported in the meeting, eight of them aimed at providing job skills training to various disadvantaged groups, such as mentally or physically disabled persons, single parents and unemployed persons, etc. Based on the information provided by the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) concerned, the breakdown is as follows:
 - > 788 service users received employment training through the eight PFD projects. Out of these users, 294 (or 37%) had subsequently secured open employment; and
 - the service users were employed in different sectors as cooks, hair stylists, clerks, IT support personnel, home helpers, salesmen, elderly carers, etc. For those taking up full-time jobs, their monthly salaries ranged from \$3,000 \$10,000, with an average of \$5,158. Among users receiving monthly salary below \$5,000, some were taking up trainee posts or sales posts. Commission for the latter was not included in their basic salary.

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