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Clerk to the Finance Committee
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road
Central
Hong Kong
(Attn.: Miss Becky YU)

Dear Miss YU,

Finance Committee

Follow-up to meeting on 1 February 2008

Upon the Committee's request, I enclose herewith the supplementary information, in both English and Chinese, in respect of the FC Paper FCR(2007-08)55.

Yours sincerely,

(Ms Ada HIN)

for Secretary for Labour and Welfare

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c.c. Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury
(attn.: Mr WONG See-man)

Follow-up of FC Meeting on 1 February 2008
Supplementary Information
(FCR(2007-08)55)

(a) The design of the fitting-out works, particularly environment-friendly and energy conservation measures, of the two new Integrated Rehabilitation Services Centres upon receipt from the operator

Information will be provided when available.

(b) The targets and time-tables of the Administration's measures to reduce the waiting time for subvented residential care

On the long-term plan for provision of residential care services for persons with disabilities, the Administration, as laid down in the 2007 RPP, has adopted a three-prong approach:

- (a) regulating all private homes for persons with disabilities to ensure their service quality and to facilitate development of residential services of different types and operational modes in the market;
- (b) supporting the development of self-financing homes by non-governmental organizations; and
- (c) continuing the steady development of subvented homes for persons with disabilities in need of residential care services.

Regarding subvented homes, the Administration would continue to identify resources to steadily increase the number of places every year. In 2007/08, a total amount of HK\$53 million has been allocated for increasing 490 new residential care places.

For providing new residential places, we are faced with a number of uncertain factors, such as resource allocation and estimates of future needs. In addition, there is difficulty in identifying suitable venues for residential

care services having regard to the need for adequate ancillary facilities and transport provision; and most importantly acceptance from District Council and local residents. Therefore, it would not be practicable to set a timetable for provision of residential care places.

Nevertheless, we have in place short-term, medium-term and long-term plans for identifying suitable venues. For long-term plan, we would take care of the needs for residential care services of persons with disabilities as early as in the stage of town planning. Examples of successful cases in recent years include the redevelopment project in Shek Kip Mei. For medium-term plan, we have a mechanism to identify suitable vacant Government premises for building hostels for persons with disabilities. As for short-term plan, we would continue to identify existing vacant public housing premises suitable for conversion into hostels for persons with disabilities.

(c) The number and nature of cases where emergency care services have been arranged over the past few years.

The number of priority placements arranged in the past three years and the reasons for request are given as follows:

Year	No. of priority placements arranged	Reasons for priority placement
2005-06	175	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ageing/health problem of carer ➤ Applicant exposed to moral/physical danger ➤ No carer for home care ➤ Carer deployed to look after other family members with health problem ➤ Applicant cannot get along with the carer
2006-07	125	
2007-08 (up to January 2008)	159	