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Dear Miss YU,

**Finance Committee
Follow-up to meeting on 8 July 2008**

I refer to your letter of 8 July 2008 and set out below the supplementary information regarding PWSC(2008-09)23 as requested by Members.

The plan to improve the utilization of the existing vacant ward rooms in Tseung Kwan O Hospital to cater for the medical need of residents within the district

The existing vacant areas in Tseung Kwan O Hospital (TKOH) are mainly in the obstetrics ward, special care baby unit, paediatrics ward and special class ward. In order to utilize the space efficiently, TKOH has made use of the wards originally intended for obstetrics and paediatrics services to provide a range of clinical support services, including medical in-patient services, paediatric milk formulation, nasopharyngeal tests, training for nurses as well as temporary beds when necessary. With the approval of the hospital expansion project, the vacant wards will be used as buffer wards during project commissioning, ward renovation or decanting of hospital wards.

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Upon completion of the hospital expansion project in 2013, the space and the services available in TKOH will be rationalized and enhanced. Meanwhile, the Hospital Authority will review constantly utilization of the existing TKOH premises to ensure that they are used effectively to provide the necessary services for residents within the district in the years to come.

Yours sincerely,



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for Secretary for Food and Health

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