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Clerk to LegCo Panel on Welfare Services
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Dear Miss Ma,

**Meeting of Panel on Welfare Services on 17 March 2008
Information on Social Security Assistants and
Employment Assistance Coordinators**

I refer to paragraphs 14 and 23 of the minutes of Panel meeting held on 17 March 2008, and provide the requested information as follow –

- (a) Open recruitment to the civil service posts of Social Security Assistants (SSAs) resumed in late 2006. That exercise was completed in June 2007 with 134 persons appointed to the SSA rank on civil service terms. Another open recruitment exercise is now underway. We aim to complete this exercise by mid 2008 with a view to recruiting 186 persons to the SSA rank on civil service terms.
- (b) Currently there are 121 SSAs and 132 Employment Assistance Coordinators (EACos) being employed on non-civil service contract (NCSC) terms. From the resumption of open recruitment of civil servants for the Department to mid April 2008, 61 SSAs on NCSC



terms were appointed on civil service terms to the rank of SSA and one each to the rank of Social Security Officer II (SSOII) and Assistant Social Work Officer. In addition, 44 EACos were appointed on civil service terms to the rank of SSA and seven to the rank of SSOII.

Yours sincerely,

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for Director of Social Welfare