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The Hon CHAN Yuen-han Chairman, LegCo Panel on Welfare Services c/o LegCo Secretariat 3/F, Citibank Tower 3 Garden Road Central Hong Kong

Dear Madam Chan,

Pilot Project on Child Fatality Review

At the meeting of the Subcommittee on Strategy and Measures to Tackle Family Violence held on 8 July 2008, Members have requested the Administration to provide a written reply on giving assurance/undertaking to the information providers regarding the confidentiality of information provided to the Review Panel.

To address the concern on confidentiality as raised by the information providers, the Secretariat of the Review Panel will include a statement in the information sheet and relevant guidelines of the Pilot Project when collecting information. The statement is as follows:

> "Information furnished by organisation(s) will be used by the Secretariat for the purpose of conducting child fatality review only. information will be kept strictly confidential and will not be disclosed without the prior consent of the organisation(s) concerned unless its disclosure is authorised or required by law."

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We hope this would help encourage provision of information from different professionals and achieve the objectives of the review.

Yours sincerely,

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