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Clerk to Establishment Subcommittee
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(Attn: Miss Alice Cheung)

Dear Miss Cheung,

Establishment Subcommittee

Follow-up to meeting on 14 January 2009

I refer to your letter dated 14 January 2009 to the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury on the above subject.

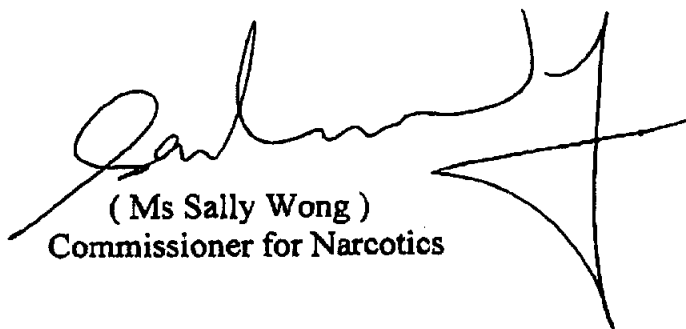
At the meeting of the Establishment Subcommittee on 14 January 2009, Members considered LC Paper No. EC(2008-09)14 and requested the Administration to provide information on performance indicators measuring the effectiveness of the anti-drug work and the implementation of the recommendations of the Task Force on Youth Drug Abuse (the Task Force), as a result of the creation of one supernumerary post of Administrative Officer Staff Grade C (D2) in the Narcotics Division of Security Bureau.

Youth drug abuse is a complex social issue that has implications on various fronts such as legal, healthcare, welfare and security. Suffice it to say that public policy work is not an exact science and the casual relationship between efforts put into an area and the results may not be established that readily. A host of relevant information has to be taken into account in assessing effectiveness. In this regard,

information on the general drug scene and the attainment of specific objectives we set for ourselves could be useful reference for assessing our anti-drug efforts.

We have therefore compiled a list of information at **Appendix** that may help assess the results of our anti-drug efforts to be led by the supernumerary directorate post in the next three years. As the Administration makes progress in implementing the Task Force recommendations, we may also provide more detailed information to the Panel on Security from time to time.

Yours sincerely,



(Ms Sally Wong)
Commissioner for Narcotics

c.c. Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Attn: Mr Raistlin Lau)
Secretary for the Civil Service (Attn: Mr Frankie Lui)

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**Information on the specific objectives
that are relevant in
assessing the results of key anti-drug initiatives**

Specific Objectives

- Enhancement of a multi-disciplinary and integrated approach among schools, Counselling Centres for Psychotropic Substance Abusers, Substance Abuse Clinics and Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation Centres to ensure a continuum of services and more effective service provision from identification, counselling, treatment to rehabilitation.
- Completion of a pilot scheme in selected magistracies by providing more focused, structured and intensive treatment programmes under close supervision of Probation Officers to enhance probation services for convicted drug offenders and evaluation of results to decide on the way forward.
- Conduct research and formulate a proposal on compulsory drug testing, with a view to conducting wide public consultation and, subject to public views, introduce a legislative proposal into the Legislative Council.
- Completion of a study on voluntary school-based drug testing and a pilot scheme, followed by a review and refinement of the scheme for general promotion in all schools.
- Completion of research to review the various methodologies for estimating the drug abusing population and, subject to its results, to apply any suitable method to Hong Kong to supplement the Central Registry of Drug Abuse (CRDA) and other statistics currently being collected.
- Completion of the two-year territory-wide campaign with the theme "No Drugs, No Regrets. Not Now, Not Ever" and assessment of results.
- Implementation of a Healthy School Policy with an anti-drug element in schools.

Drug Scene

- Trends of young drug abusers reported to the Central Registry of Drug Abuse (CRDA) (numbers, age, drugs abused, profile, etc).
- Trends of student drug abusers shown in the Student Surveys in 2008/09 and 2011/12 (numbers, age, drugs abused, profile, etc).
- Arrest figures in relation to drug offences and drug seizure figures.
- Admission figures of treatment and rehabilitation programmes.