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Dear Ms So,

**Reprovisioning of Yaumatei Specialist Clinic
at Queen Elizabeth Hospital**

I refer to item 13 of LC Paper No. CB(2) /09-10(02). At the Panel meeting held on 13 July 2009, the Administration was requested to provide the following information –

- (a) the respective number of old and new cases and the average waiting time for first appointment of the Child Psychiatric Centre of YMTSC and AMC of QEH in each of the past five years;
- (b) the number of child psychiatrists to be employed at the Child Psychiatric Centre in the year ahead; and
- (c) the average waiting time for first appointment and the average length of stay of patients of the Geriatric Day Hospital of YMTSC in each of the past five years.

Response to item (a)

The throughput and waiting time of the Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Specialist Outpatient services at YMTSC in 2004/05 – 2008/09 are set out below –

	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
First attendances	563	57 0	56 6	51 4	53 7
Follow up attendances	8 567	8 816	8 490	7 643	7 177
Total attendances	9 130	9 386	9 056	8 157	7 714
Median waiting time for new case bookings (week)	3	3	4	4	3

The throughput and waiting time of the Specialist Outpatient services at Adolescent Medical Centre (AMC) at QEH in 2004/05 – 2008/09 are set out below –

	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
First attendances	314	197	209	185	137
Follow up attendances	2 409	2 128	2 178	1 908	1 834
Total attendances	2 723	2 325	2 387	2 093	1 971
Median waiting time for new case bookings (week)	3	6	4	4	5

Response to item (b)

The number of Child Psychiatrist providing support to YMTSC Child Psychiatric Centre (full time equivalent) are detailed below –

	2008/09	2009/10
Consultant	0.2	0.2
Senior Medical Officer / Associate Consultant	2	3
Medical Officer / Resident	2	2

Response to item (c)

Elderly patients requiring rehabilitation treatment are arranged by individual hospitals to receive geriatric day hospital services on a need basis. They normally attend geriatric day hospital two to three times a week for a period of two to three months depending on their progress and subject to further review by doctors. There is no overnight stay by patients in the geriatric day hospital. In the Geriatric Day Hospital of YMTSC, priority is given to stroke patients and a snap shot in July 2009 showed that the waiting time for first appointment for stroke patients is two to three weeks. For other patients, the waiting time is around four weeks. The Hospital

Authority does not however have detailed statistics about the average waiting time for each of the past five years.

Project Implementation

It was our original plan to seek the funding approval of the Finance Committee (FC) for the project in December 2009. The timeline was worked out on the basis of the normal practice of seeking funding support before inviting tenders for the construction works. However, to reduce the possible risk in delaying the project delivery due to fluctuation in returned tender price, the Architectural Services Department will adopt the alternative approach (as permitted by prevailing regulations) of inviting tenders first before seeking funding approval from FC. With this revised arrangement, we would seek funding approval from FC in the latter half of 2010 (instead of December 2009) after the completion of the tender evaluation process.

Yours sincerely,

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for Secretary for Food and Health

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