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Legislative Council
Clerk to the Finance Committee
(Attn : Ms Anita Sit)
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Dear Ms Sit,

**Supplementary information requested
at the Finance Committee Meeting on 14 May 2010
FCR(2010-11) 11 on additional provision to social security recipients**

I refer to your letter dated 17 May 2010 where the Administration was required to provide the following information:

On the understanding that the Committee members have concern over the possible abuse of the additional one-off payment by operators of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly (RCHEs), this Department will before the release of payment, issue a letter to all operators of the RCHEs reminding them that the additional one-off social security payments are used for the benefit for the elderly concerned and not for subsidizing the home fee. The operators are not allowed to take the one-off payment as additional charges arbitrarily. As at end April 2010, there are 16 667 elderly recipients receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) living in institution who are medically certified to be unfit to make a statement and required an appointee to make application and manage the CSSA payment on their behalf.

Moreover, please be informed that we have completed the necessary adjustments to the computer system ahead of the original schedule and will arrange payment of one-off amount to social security recipients on 7 June 2010.

Yours sincerely

(Ms LUNG Siu-kit)
for Director of Social Welfare