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Clerk to Panel on Education
Legislative Council Secretariat
(Attn : Miss Odelia Leung)

Dear Miss LEUNG,

Meeting of the Panel on Education
Information Concerning
The Cost Analysis of Kindergarten Operation

At its meeting on 8 February 2010, the Panel on Education discussed the Review of the Pre-primary Education Voucher Scheme (PEVS). Members requested the Administration to provide information on the cost analysis of kindergartens (KG) for the voucher value that would sustain KG in providing quality education. The information requested is appended below for Members' information.

2. A cost analysis was made to survey the range of tuition fee charged by KG prior to the implementation of the PEVS and inform the planning for its implementation. KG have a substantial variation among them in terms of enrolment, facilities, fee level and operational mode, as well as the application of fund in different expenditure items. As of the 2006/07 school year, the tuition fees charged by half-day KG ranged from \$6,250 to \$105,600 per annum, whereas the monthly average fee charged by the non-profit-making (NPM) half-day KG was \$1,379 per student.

3. The PEVS fee subsidy of \$10,000 per student per annum (pspa) for the 2007/08 school year, progressively moving up to \$11,000 for the 2008/09 school year, \$12,000 for the 2009/10 school year, \$14,000 for the 2010/11 school year and \$16,000 for the 2011/12 school year were provided having regard to the following -

- a. The range of tuition fee charged by KG.
- b. By building roughly 10% increase in the provision of fee subsidy between the 2007/08 and 2011/12 school years, it is expected that the value of the voucher will be sufficient to compensate for the increase in operating cost during the period.
- c. Under the PEVS, parents' contributions are expected to meet part of the tuition fee but additional support will be given to children of needy families through fee remission.

4. In the 2010/11 school year, the approved fee of the PEVS-KG ranges from \$10,000 pspa to \$24,000 pspa for the half-day classes and from \$15,840 pspa to \$48,000 pspa for whole-day classes while the weighted average fee of all NPM KG joining PEVS is \$18,700 pspa and \$30,200 pspa for half-day and whole-day classes respectively. The average percentages of expenditure on salary and non-salary items are 70% and 30% respectively.

5. PEVS-KG are also required to disclose information on the deployment of funds to various expenditure areas in the Profile of Kindergartens and Kindergarten-cum-Child Care Centres for reference by parents and the public.

Yours sincerely,


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for Secretary for Education