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Clerk to the Manpower Panel
Legislative Council
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(Attn.: Mr Raymond LAM)

Dear Mr LAM,

**Panel on Manpower meeting on 20 May 2010
Progress of employment support initiatives
in response to the financial tsunami**

The Panel on Manpower discussed the progress of employment support initiatives taken by the Labour Department (LD) in response to the financial tsunami at its meeting on 20 May 2010. Pursuant to Members' request for the number of job offers to job-seekers participating in large-scale job fairs organised by LD, we would like to provide the relevant information in the following paragraphs.

2. LD organised a total of 23 large-scale job fairs from May 2009 to April 2010. These large-scale job fairs offered about 29 000 vacancies and attracted over 35 000 job-seekers. According to the records provided to LD by the participating employers on the event dates, a total of 2 317 job-seekers were offered jobs on the spot.

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3. We understand that there are also job-seekers being offered appointments after the events. As employers normally use more than one means or channel to recruit staff, with job fairs organised by LD being one among them. In addition, some employers have advised that their recruitment is conducted by supervisors of different branches or workplaces. They have practical difficulties capturing the exact number of job-seekers placed through any one particular recruitment means or channel. Therefore, the above figure on number of job offers cannot fully reflect the placement results of these job fairs.

Yours sincerely,

(Charles HUI)
for Commissioner for Labour