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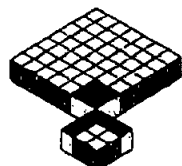
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Legislative Council,
Panel on Welfare Services
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road
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(Attn.: Miss Betty Ma, Clerk to Subcommittee)

Dear Sirs,

**Panel on Welfare Services
Subcommittee on Residential and Community Care Services
For Persons with Disabilities and the Elderly**

I refer to your letter of 1 April 2010 enquiring about the Agency's policy in assisting the set up of welfare facilities, including residential care services for persons with disabilities.

The government premises under the management of the Agency are mainly for government departments for office use or for their provision of public services. The Agency circulates information on available surplus government premises on a regular basis to all bureaux and departments (including Labour and Welfare Bureau and Social Welfare Department), to invite notification of interest and application for their use of the premises or for their supporting subvented projects, etc. In response to your letter of 1 April 2010,

we have gone through the existing list of available premises but have not been able to find any which are potentially suitable for the provision of residential care places or community care services for persons with disabilities and the elderly. Nonetheless, we will lend our full support to the Social Welfare Department and continue to assist in their identification of suitable surplus government premises under the Agency's purview for the provision of welfare facilities.

Yours faithfully,



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