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By post and by email

Ms Flora TAI
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1 Legislative Council Road
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Dear Ms TAI,

**Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services
List of follow-up actions**

I write to update progress of the review of Supplementary Legal Aid Scheme ("SLAS") in response to the request for the following information by Members -

- (a) Provide information on the number of cases where applicants for legal aid had turned down the grant of legal aid due to the amount of contributions required to be paid and the amount of contributions involved in such cases;
- (b) Provide information on the actual caseload and the success rate of cases relating to sale of goods and provision of services covered under the Ordinary Legal Aid Scheme ("OLAS");

- (c) Revert to the Panel on its consideration on the various issues relating to contribution by aided persons raised by members; and
- (d) Provide a progress report on the work of the Administration in taking forward the legislative proposals for the expansion of SLAS and the proposal of including derivative claims under OLAS.

On item (a), you may wish to note that in 2010, out of the 8,755 and 115 legal aid offers under the OLAS and the SLAS respectively, 290 (3%) and 2 (2%) were declined by applicants. The Legal Aid Department does not keep records on the reasons for the decline.

On item (b), LAD does not keep record on such information.

On items (c) and (d), we have submitted relevant papers to the Panel for the meetings on 28 March and 20 December 2011 (LC Papers No. CB(2)1320/10-11(01), CB(2)1363/10-11(01) and CB(2)600/11-12(01)). We have no further supplement.

Grateful if you could update the list of follow-up actions accordingly.
Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



(Percy LEUNG)
for Secretary for Home Affairs

c.c. Director of Legal Aid (Attention: Ms Alice Chung)