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Clerk to Panel on Public Service
(Attn.: Ms Sarah Yuen)
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road
Central
Hong Kong

Dear Ms Yuen,

**Panel on Public Service
Meeting on 16 March 2011**

At the Public Service Panel meeting held on 16 March 2011, the Administration was requested to provide a breakdown by reimbursement items in respect of the reimbursement expenditure of medical expenses incurred by civil service eligible persons for the period from 1 April 2010 to 31 December 2010, as well as the respective numbers of applications received, approved and rejected, and the reasons for rejection.

Further to the Panel meeting, we have obtained the latest updated figures from the Department of Health (DH). From 1 April 2010 to 28 February 2011, DH has received 36 403 applications for payment and reimbursement of medical fees and hospital charges. Among them, 36 245 (or 99.6%) applications with a total claims value of \$241.6 million were approved, and 158 applications (or 0.4%) with a total claim value of \$0.5 million were rejected. A breakdown of both approved and rejected cases by reimbursement items and the reasons for rejection are provided at **Annex** for Members' information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charmaine Lee', written in a cursive style.

(Miss Charmaine Lee)
for Secretary for the Civil Service

c.c. Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-ye, GBS, JP
Chairman, Legislative Council Panel on Public Service

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**Breakdown of Claims for Payment and Reimbursement of
Medical Fees and Hospital Charges
from 1 April 2010 and to 28 February 2011**

(A) Approved cases

Items	2010-2011 (from 1.4.2010 to 28.2.2011)	
	No. of cases	\$ million
Drugs	26 946	161.1
Medical equipment and treatment	6 657	62.6
Medical tests and imaging services	1 348	12.6
Hospital maintenance fees	663	2.7
Others (e.g. medical expenses for officers on duty outside Hong Kong)	631	2.6
Total	36 245	241.6

(B) Rejected cases

Items	2010-2011 (from 1.4.2010 to 28.2.2011)	
	No. of cases	\$
Drugs	26	36,700
Equipment	50	43,900
Services	78	416,200
Others (e.g. medical expenses for officers on duty outside Hong Kong)	4	4,800
Total	158	501,600

The applications were rejected because: (i) the item(s) was/were not reimbursable under the existing reimbursement policy (e.g. non treatment-related equipment such as walking sticks; preventive services such as vaccinations, etc.); or (ii) the attending doctors did not certify that the item(s) was/were medically necessary.