

政府總部
勞工及福利局

香港下亞厘畢道
中區政府合署



LABOUR AND WELFARE BUREAU
GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT

Central Government Offices
Lower Albert Road
Hong Kong

本函檔號 Our Ref.: () in LWB CR 2/1136/07(09) Pt 13

來函檔號 Your Ref.:

電話號碼 Tel No.: 2810 3826

傳真號碼 Fax No.: 2523 1973

22 July 2011

Clerk to Panel on Welfare Services
(Attn: Ms Yvonne Yu)
Legislative Council
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road
Central, Hong Kong

Dear Ms Yu,

Child Development Fund

At the meeting on 13 June 2011, Members discussed the “Progress Report on the Child Development Fund (CDF)” [see LC Paper No. CB(2)1977/10-11(03)] and requested the Administration to provide reasons for the withdrawal of some participants from the CDF projects. Our response is set out below.

The non-governmental organisations operating the projects have interviewed each child and the parents who wish to withdraw from the projects or the targeted savings programme, in order to understand their difficulties and offer assistance. Based on information collected at these interviews, we have identified the major reasons for the withdrawal. Details are given at **Annex**.

Yours faithfully,

(Ricky CHENG)

for Secretary for Labour and Welfare

c.c. Director of Social Welfare (Attn: Mr FUNG Man-lok)

**Numbers of and Reasons for Participating Children Withdrawing from
CDF Projects or the Targeted Savings Programme
(as at 31 March 2011)**

(1) CDF projects

Reason for withdrawal	Number of withdrawn child(ren)	
	First batch projects	Second batch projects
Employment	2	0
Family problem	3	0
Health problem	1	1
Lack of motivation to continue	9	9
Migration	3	1
Financial Problem	0	3
Discrepancy in expectations	0	1
Heavy school work	0	2
Total	18	17

(2) Targeted savings programme

Reason for withdrawal	Number of withdrawn child(ren)	
	First batch projects	Second batch projects
Financial problem (contingency fund has been provided)	4	0
Financial problem (no contingency fund is used) ^{Note}	5	0
Lack of motivation to continue	0	1
Total	9	1

Note: Assistance offered by the operating non-governmental organisations was declined in some cases. Others are long-term financial problems which are not suitable for the contingency fund to address.