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Clerk to Panel  
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Legislative Council Complex  
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Dear Ms YU,

**Panel on Education**  
**Follow-up to meeting on 14 May 2012**

I refer to your letter dated 15 May 2012. Written response requested by Members is set out below.

Subsequent to the report released in October 2009 by the “Working Group on Textbooks and e-Learning Resources Development” which recommended the Education Bureau (EDB) to encourage schools to launch various kinds of textbook recycling programmes, the EDB has availed itself of different means to materialise the measures. They include the issuance of an annual circular memorandum on textbook selection in May each year to advise schools to implement textbook recycling measures and to organise textbook and storybook recycling programmes with the help of Parent-Teacher Associations; and running regular seminars for teachers to share with them some exemplary practices in textbook recycling.

To further facilitate textbook recycling, we agree with the recommendations to the Secretary for Education by the “Task Force to Review Learning and Teaching Materials” in December 2011. In the course of textbook review, we will take into consideration the textbook layouts and designs with a view to optimising the existing textbook vetting criteria. To this end, it will facilitate the reuse of textbooks among students and encourage them to use other means to finish assignments and assessment tasks. The relevant sub-committee of the Curriculum Development Council has recently endorsed a revised set of textbook vetting criteria which will be in force from July 2012. Besides, through curriculum development visits, we will gauge the implementation of textbook recycling in schools and their successful practices. And we will continue to keep in contact with the Consumer Council, environmental protection agencies, etc to encourage different types of textbook recycling measures. The EDB has recently launched the “EDB One-stop Portal for Learning and Teaching Resources” at the Hong Kong Education City ([www.hkedcity.net/edbosp](http://www.hkedcity.net/edbosp)) which provides teachers with diversified learning/teaching activities and assessment tasks for selecting and developing learning, teaching and assessment resources. This would tailor better to the needs of students and reduce the reliance on bundled materials. In the long run, the One-stop Portal and other measures mentioned above are instrumental in minimising schools’ reliance on printed textbooks.

We would regularly review the progress of the above measures and take further actions as necessary.

Yours sincerely,

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for Secretary for Education

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