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Ms Elyssa Wong
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Dear Ms Wong,

Panel on Home Affairs
Implementation of Measures to Address Gambling-related Problems

At the Home Affairs Panel meeting held on 15 March 2012, the Administration was requested to provide information on the number of family members of problem and pathological gamblers who received counselling and other support services provided by the four counselling and treatment centres for problem and pathological gamblers (“the counselling and treatment centres”) supported by the Ping Wo Fund.

The existing four counselling and treatment centres supported by the Ping Wo Fund have commenced operation since 1 January 2010 under the current service agreements. The data presented below are captured by the four centres since 1 January 2010 –

Year	Number of family members of problem and pathological gamblers served by the four counselling and treatment centres
2010	714
2011	942
2012 (up to March)	285

Yours sincerely,



(Miss Winnie Tse)
for Secretary for Home Affairs