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Clerk to Subcommittee on Poverty
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central, Hong Kong
(Attn: Mr Colin CHUI)

Dear Mr CHUI,

Subcommittee on Poverty

Provision of a One-off Grant for School-related Expenses to Kindergarten Students

I refer to your letter dated 31 March 2016 which relayed Members' enquiry on how the school-related expenses under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance ("CSSA") Scheme is set. I am authorised to reply as follows.

In 1996, the Government proposed a package of improvement measures to the CSSA Scheme including, among others, the introduction of a flat-rate grant for students for selected items of school-related expenses (i.e. books, stationery, school uniforms, miscellaneous and minor one-off expenses). The proposed package was approved by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council on 12 April 1996, and the above-mentioned flat-rate grant was implemented with effect from 1996-97. Since then, the Director of Social Welfare has been adjusting the rates of the flat-rate grant annually in accordance with the movement of the Consumer Price Index (A). In the 2016/17 school year, the flat-rate grant applicable to a kindergarten student is \$3,770.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'LI Wan-in'.

(Miss LI Wan-in)

for Secretary for Labour and Welfare

c.c. Director of Social Welfare

(Attn: Miss Rita LAU)