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Clerk to Subcommittee on Poverty
Legislative Council Complex
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(Attn : Ms Kay CHU)

Dear Ms CHU,

Subcommittee on Poverty

Follow-up to meeting on 11 April 2016

At the meeting of the Legislative Council Subcommittee on Poverty held on 11 April 2016, the Government was requested to provide supplementary information relating to the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme as set out below –

- (a) the average monthly CSSA payments of all CSSA cases in all household categories according to the following case natures, i.e. old age, illness, disability, single parenthood, unemployment, low income and others; and
- (b) the percentile of households which had expenditure levels that were close to the amount of the average CSSA payments of all cases in all household categories.

I am authorised to reply as follows.

The Social Welfare Department does not keep information on the average monthly CSSA payment by case nature. We have, however, estimated the average monthly CSSA payment by the number of eligible members and



compared the average monthly CSSA payment with the average monthly expenditure of non-CSSA households based on the results of the 2014/15 Household Expenditure Survey. Detailed information is set out in Appendix.

Yours sincerely,

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(Attn : Miss LI Wan-in)



Average Monthly CSSA Payment by Number of Eligible Members and Comparison with Average Monthly Expenditure of Non-CSSA Households

Number of eligible members	Average monthly CSSA payment of all CSSA cases* (with effect from 1 February 2016) (\$)	The lowest expenditure group of non-CSSA households, with average monthly expenditure being the closest to the average monthly CSSA payment of respective household sizes
1 person	5,690	Lowest 35%
2 persons	8,891	Lowest 30%
3 persons	11,752	Lowest 30%
4 persons	13,943	Lowest 25%
5 persons	16,085	Lowest 25%
6 persons or more	19,805	Lowest 35%

* This refers to the amount of CSSA payment received by CSSA households when they do not have any other sources of income. Specifically, these amounts could be regarded as the “recognised needs” under the CSSA Scheme.