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Dear Miss SO,

**Public Accounts Committee (PAC)
Consideration of Chapter 3 of the Director of Audit's Report No. 59
Regulatory Control of Private Hospitals**

Thank you for your letter of 20 November 2012. We would like to provide the following information for the Committee's consideration –

- (a) A copy of the "Protocol for Inspection of Private Hospitals, Nursing Homes and Maternity Homes under the Hospitals, Nursing Homes and Maternity Homes Registration Ordinance (Cap.165) (March 2010)" used by the Office for Registration of Healthcare Institutions (ORHI) of the Department of Health (DH) is enclosed at **Annex A** for reference.

The Committee may wish to note that the ORHI had used the inspection checklist enclosed at **Annex B** to conduct annual inspections before September 2010. Starting from September 2010, all annual inspections are performed in an unannounced manner. All private hospitals are required to submit the Report for Registration (**Annex C**) to the DH to demonstrate that they have complied with the Code of Practice for Private Hospitals, Nursing Homes and Maternity Homes (**Annex D**). ORHI will study the full Report of each private hospital prior to the conduction of unannounced inspection by using the revised inspection checklist enclosed at **Annex E**. In response to the recommendations in Chapters 3 and 4

of the Director of Audit's Report No. 59, the inspection checklist has been further revised. Two checklists have been used for the annual inspection of private hospitals since September 2012 (**Annexes F and G**).

- (b) A copy of the "Review of Legislation for the Regulation of Health Facilities (December 2000)" is enclosed at **Annex H** for reference.

Please note that the Protocol for Inspection (**Annex A**) and the inspection checklists (**Annexes B, and E to G**) are restricted documents used by ORHI Officers to enforce Cap.165, which are not advisable for public disclosure or further distribution.

Yours sincerely,



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***Note by Clerk, PAC:** *Annexes A to F and H not attached.
For Annex G, please refer to Appendix 24.*