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Miss Polly Yeung
Clerk to Panel on Education,
Legislative Council Secretariat,
Legislative Council Complex,
1 Legislative Council Road,
Central,
Hong Kong

Dear Miss Yeung,

**Panel on Education
Special meeting on 21 February 2013**

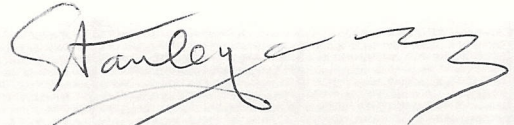
At the special meeting on 21 February 2013, the Central Policy Unit (CPU) was asked to provide information on the following:

- (a) provide information/actual examples, if any, to illustrate in what aspects the research projects funded by Public Policy Research Funding Scheme ("the Scheme") administered by Research Grants Council from 2005 to 2012 could not address needs of the community;
- (b) confirm whether research projects under the Scheme to be administered by the Central Policy Unit ("CPU") would continue to have the autonomy on the three aspects, namely the choice of research themes, the formulation of research proposals and the publication of research findings;

- (c) advise whether the Scheme to be administered by CPU would only accept applications from invited parties or would invite open applications; and
- (d) confirm whether the research findings of funded projects would be published after CPU took over the administration of the Scheme.

Please see the Annex for information provided in response to the above questions.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stanley", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

(Stanley W.H. Wong)
for Head, Central Policy Unit

c.c. Secretary for Education
(Attn. AA/SED)
Secretary – General, UGC
(Attn. Ms Sharon Ho)

Annex

a. provide information/actual examples, if any, to illustrate in what aspects the research projects funded by Public Policy Research Funding Scheme ("the Scheme") administered by Research Grants Council from 2005 to 2012 could not address needs of the community;

During 2005 and 2012, 150 projects were approved under the Scheme. Of these, there were only one project covering the topic of housing, one project covering the topic of governance, one project covering the topic of mass media and one project covering the topic of population. For details, please refer to the entire list of projects at the Research Grants Council (RGC) website.

b. confirm whether research projects under the Scheme to be administered by the Central Policy Unit ("CPU") would continue to have the autonomy on the three aspects, namely the choice of research themes, the formulation of research proposals and the publication of research findings;

CPU will provide a list of research areas after consultation with Government bureaux for applicants' consideration. Applicants are free to propose any other topics. CPU will continue the existing practice of allowing applicants to formulate their own research proposals and publish research findings. The intellectual property is owned by the principal investigator(s), while CPU will reserve the right to publish research findings.

c. advise whether the Scheme to be administered by CPU would only accept applications from invited parties or would invite open applications; and

The PPR will be open to all eligible applicants. These include academics who are teaching undergraduate, or above programmes, at all degree-awarding tertiary institutions including but not confined to the eight universities funded by the University Grants Committee (UGC); and researchers in non-profit making public policy think-tanks registered in Hong Kong.

d. confirm whether the research findings of funded projects would be published after CPU took over the administration of the Scheme.

Research reports will be uploaded on CPU's website.