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Mr Colin CHUI  
Clerk to Panel on Welfare Services  
Legislative Council Complex,  
1 Legislative Council Road,  
Central, Hong Kong

Dear Mr CHUI,

### **Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services**

At the special meeting of the Panel on Welfare Services held on 26 March 2013, Members discussed “Medium and long-term social welfare planning”. The Administration was requested to provide statistics regarding the number of elderly persons who had applied for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) on an individual basis.

In general, CSSA applicants living with their family members are required to make their applications on a household basis. In exceptional circumstances, for example, where an elderly applicant has poor relationship with his/her family members or there are special reasons that his/her children cannot provide financial support to him/her, the Director of Social Welfare (the Director) may exercise discretion on a case-by-case basis in allowing the elderly persons to apply for CSSA on his/her own.

The number of CSSA applications where discretion has been exercised by the Director in allowing elderly persons to apply for CSSA on their own though they are living with other family members in the past three years are provided in the following table:

Year	Number of cases
2010 - 2011	24
2011 - 2012	21
2012 - 2013 (up to the end of February 2013)	15
Total	60

Yours sincerely,



( Simpson LO )

for Secretary for Labour and Welfare

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cc. Director of Social Welfare (Attn: Mr NG Wai-kuen)