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Legislative Council Secretariat
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central, Hong Kong
(Attn: Mr Colin Chui)

Dear Mr Chui,

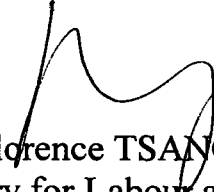
**Panel on Welfare Services
Meeting on 10 June 2013 – Guangdong Scheme**

At the Panel meeting on 10 June 2013, Hon Leung Kwok-hung and Hon Tang Ka-piu enquired about the track record in social services of the International Social Service Hong Kong Branch (ISS HK Branch), the appointed agent under the Guangdong Scheme and also the number of Hong Kong elderly people who were unable to maintain subsistence living on the Mainland and referred by the Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions (HKFTU) to the Social Services Department (SWD) for assistance last year respectively. We undertook at the meeting that we would provide detailed information of the ISS HK Branch to the Panel and also check whether SWD has kept the statistics of such elderly people.

Attached in Annex for Members' information is the detailed information of the ISS HK Branch, including its services details and the list of its Board Members. On the other hand, as SWD does not keep a central record of the number of elderly people who were unable to maintain subsistence living on the Mainland and referred by the HKFTU for assistance last year, we are unable to provide such statistics to the Panel.

We should be grateful if you could pass the above information to Members for information. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Florence TSANG', written over the printed name below.

(Florence TSANG)
for Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Information on International Social Service Hong Kong (ISS HK) Branch (provided by the ISS HK Branch)

Our Vision

To have children, individuals, families and migrants across countries live in dignity and harmony, and be contributing members to a just, humane and caring society.

Bridging Families and Agencies Around the World

International Social Service (ISS) is an international non-governmental organization without political, racial, religious or nationality bias with a General Secretariat in Geneva. In 1958, ISS was established in Hong Kong as a delegation which then became ISS Hong Kong Branch in 1972.

Through its global network of branches and correspondents ISS helps individuals and families with personal or social problems which require intercountry cooperation. ISS Hong Kong proactively responds to the community's needs through provision of a variety of social services.

Services for Families

Cross-boundary and Intercountry Casework Service

Assist individuals and families to handle social problems arising from geographical separation or requiring cooperation between Hong Kong and other territories/countries.

Integrated Family Service Centre

Enhance problem solving skills of individuals and families; strengthen family functioning; promote family congruence; and link up community resources to build a supporting community through the provision of diversified, cross-sector and community-based services.

Services for Children & Youths

Adoption Programme

Arrange local and intercountry adoption for children in need of a permanent and loving family; help them integrate into the adoptive families so that they can develop potentials and grow up happily.

Foster Care Programme

Provide temporary residential care in foster families for children who cannot be properly cared for in their own family so that they can enjoy family life and have a happy childhood; works towards reintegrating the children with their birth family or preparing them for other welfare arrangements.

Small Group Home Programme

Provide home-like residential care for needy children; prepare them for restoration to their natural family or enable them to lead an independent life in an integrated context.

School Social Work and School Support Services

Assist secondary and primary students with their personal, family, interpersonal relationships and schooling problems; help students develop their potentials and achieve healthy personal growth; facilitate the development of students, parents, and teacher; and strengthen the linkages of students, parents and schools with the community.

Services for Migrants

Programme for New Arrivals from Mainland China

Assist new arrivals from Mainland China to integrate into the local community by reducing their adjustment problems, enhancing their social functioning and self-sufficiency, and enabling early intervention to needy families.

Migrants Programme

Provide timely, appropriate and adequate services and psycho-social support to non-Chinese, ethnic minority new arrivals, migrant workers, residents and their families, asylum seekers, torture claimants, refugees and human trafficking victims as they lead decent lives while in Hong Kong.

Services for the Elderly

Programme for Portable Comprehensive Social Security Assistance

Assist the elderly who have been approved by the Social Welfare Department to reside in Guangdong and Fujian Provinces, Mainland China and retain their Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) payments.

Family Systems training & Counselling

ISS Wofoo Family Institute

Provide training and developmental services, psychological and family counselling to strengthen individual and family functioning.

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