



中華人民共和國香港特別行政區政府總部食物及衛生局
Food and Health Bureau, Government Secretariat
The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
The People's Republic of China

本函檔號 Our Ref: FHB/H/16/111

電話號碼 Tel: (+852) 3509 8915

來函檔號 Your Ref:

傳真號碼 Fax: (+852) 2840 0467

10 January 2014

Ms Maisie Lam
Clerk to Panel on Health Services
Legislative Council
1 Legislative Council Road
Central, Hong Kong

Dear Ms Lam,

**Follow-up to Panel on Health Services - Meeting of 2 December 2013
Measures in Prevention and Control of Invasive Pneumococcal Disease**

The Panel on Health Services discussed the captioned subject at its meeting on 2 December 2013. I write to provide supplementary information requested by the Panel.

The incidence rate of invasive pneumococcal diseases in Hong Kong has all along remained low, and the incidence rate among children under 5 years old in 2012 was about 4.95 per 100,000 people. Local figures are far lower than other countries (such as the United States and Canada) which have already implemented childhood pneumococcal vaccination programmes. Given the low incidence rate in Hong Kong, it is difficult to give an accurate assessment with existing information on whether there is any difference in the risk of infecting invasive pneumococcal disease among children who receive the 13-valent Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine booster in early and late December.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Fiona Chau', written over a circular stamp or mark.

(Miss Fiona Chau)

for Secretary for Food and Health

c.c. Director of Health (Attn: ConCM(CD))