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Dear Ms SIT,

**Panel on Public Service
Implementation of paternity leave in the Government and
Government-funded public bodies**

Thank you for your letter of 22 November 2013.

As Members of the Panel on Public Service have already noted, the Administration does not have ready information regarding the practices of Government-funded public bodies on the provision of paternity leave to employees. As the Panel considers that the compilation of such information would facilitate its consideration of the subject, we will be prepared to conduct a survey among the relevant public bodies. We hope that Members will appreciate that such a survey could only be conducted within our existing

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overstretched resources and subject to our other pressing assignments not being adversely affected. These include, among others, the preparation of the Bill on paternity leave for introduction into the Legislative Council within the current legislative session. We estimate that we shall be in a position to complete the survey and provide the relevant information to the Panel by April 2014.

Yours sincerely,



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