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Dear Mr Chui,

Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services

**Proposed Injection of Further Funding into the
Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged
- Supplementary Information**

At the meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services held on 25 July 2014, Members discussed the “Proposed Injection of Further Funding into the Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged (PFD)” [LC Paper Nos. CB(2)2077/13-14(01) to (02)]. The Administration was asked to provide supplementary information. The requested information is set out at **Annex** for Members’ information.

Yours sincerely,

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for Director of Social Welfare

c.c. Secretary for Labour and Welfare



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(a) Objective(s) of promoting after-school learning and support programmes for primary and secondary students from grassroots families through the Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged (PFD)

The promotion of after-school learning and support programmes through PFD is to provide a platform for the business sector to work with the welfare non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and schools to help the disadvantaged primary and secondary students from grassroots families. The welfare NGOs or schools are encouraged to initiate after-school learning and support proposals which aim at improving study skills, learning motivation and academic performance of student beneficiaries; strengthening their whole-person development on aspects such as self-esteem, self-management, emotional management, interpersonal skills and resilience to adversity; supporting parents to relieve their stress in parenting and improve their parenting skills; or facilitating parents to stay in employment or join the workforce.

(b) Observations about the decrease in the number of applicant NGOs from 91 in the 7th round to 63 in the 8th round of invitation to PFD applications

The number of welfare NGOs making PFD applications in each round of invitation has been affected by a number of factors including the donations secured from business partners, the application period, the application procedures and applicant NGOs' own administrative arrangement. As some projects may last for more than one year, some of the NGOs running these projects may not apply for PFD grants in every round of invitation. Notwithstanding the decrease in the number of applicant NGOs from 91 in the 7th round to 63 in the 8th round of invitation, the number of applications remained fairly stable at 148 and 152 respectively in the 7th and 8th rounds of invitation.



(c) Composition of the Advisory Committee of PFD

The Advisory Committee of PFD (ACPFD) comprises non-official members from the welfare, business and academic sectors. ACPFD takes up a major role in advising the government on the approval of individual PFD applications and on all matters relating to the operation of PFD. Over the past years, 25 members from business and welfare sectors as well as service users have been invited to serve in ACPFD. In the process of appointing non-official members to ACPFD, the government would take into account the abilities, expertise and experience of the persons under consideration, irrespective of their political affiliations.

(d) Target beneficiaries of PFD

PFD is set up to promote tripartite partnership among the welfare sector, the business community and the government to help the disadvantaged. The government will provide grants to match with the donations made by the business organisations to support welfare NGOs in running social welfare projects. For the nine rounds of applications, the welfare NGOs have implemented over 700 projects which benefit the underprivileged groups such as persons with disabilities or ill health, elderly persons with inadequate social support, children from deprived families or living in disadvantaged circumstances, victims of family violence/abuse, the unemployed, non-engaged youths, single parents, ethnic minorities or new arrival families, etc.

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