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Dear Hon. CHEUNG,

**Question raised during 2015-16 Draft Estimates Exercise
– Serial No. R129**

During the examination of the 2015-16 Draft Estimates of Expenditure, you asked the Government whether the “0-1-1” envelope savings programme launched by the Government would cause reduced provision of some services essential for people to maintain a basic livelihood, and if the Government would conduct social welfare planning in view of the ageing population and the increase in the size of disabled population. I hereby furnish the following reply.

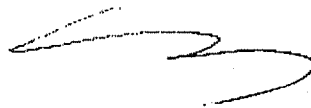
The Government has launched the “0-1-1” envelope savings programme to request bureaux/departments to achieve more efficient use of resources through re-engineering and re-prioritisation, and reduce operating expenditure by a total of two per cent over the three financial years from 2015-16 onwards. Resources saved will be re-allocated for providing new services. The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) and the Social Welfare Department (SWD) are now considering effective and practicable measures for the implementation of the programme.

As regards social welfare planning, LWB has, since 2012, implemented the enhanced mechanism proposed by the Social Welfare Advisory Committee (SWAC) after consultation with the social welfare sector.

The mechanism provides a platform where consultation and planning for the future development and delivery of welfare services are conducted at regular time on a yearly basis at the district, central and advisory committees levels. The consultation at the central level includes annual working meetings held by LWB and SWD with the Hong Kong Council of Social Service (HKCSS) and its member organisations to discuss and exchange views on the priorities of welfare services for the coming year. HKCSS will also put forward its submission to the Government. The Government will take into account the comments collected at the three levels in formulating welfare policies and measures (including in the context of Policy Address).

Moreover, in view of the rapidly ageing population in Hong Kong, LWB has tasked the Elderly Commission to formulate an Elderly Services Programme Plan.

Yours sincerely,



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