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Dear Ms Chung,

**PWSC(2015-16)2 –
3MQ – Refurbishment of Hong Kong Buddhist Hospital**

In considering PWSC (2015-16)2 on the Refurbishment of Hong Kong Buddhist Hospital at the Public Works Subcommittee meeting on 8 April 2015, Members requested the Government to provide supplementary information. Members requested the Government to provide supplementary information detailed below. The Government provides the requested information accordingly in the ensuing paragraphs.

Item (a) : the communication between the Hospital Authority (HA) and the Government Property Agency (GPA) on the use of a piece of land adjacent to the Hong Kong Buddhist Hospital (HKBH), which, according to information provided to HA, has been reserved by GPA for the use of a government department and therefore cannot be allocated to HKBH.

2. HA consulted GPA in mid-2011 on the possibility of using the piece of land adjacent to HKBH and was informed that the Government had already reserved the site for redevelopment into disciplined services staff quarters. The quarters project, discussed at the meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Security on 3 March 2015, was supported by Panel Members.

Item (b) : how the facilities and equipment for the specialist services, including ear-nose-throat (ENT), gynaecology (GYN) and medicine (MED), provided by HKBH would be enhanced under the refurbishment project.

3. The increase in service capacity in HKBH after the refurbishment project aims to meet the projected increase in demand for SOP services at HKBH arising from the ageing population. Space provision for the out-patient department at HKBH will also be enhanced to meet the up-to-date requirement.

Item (c) : in respect of the Kowloon Central Cluster:

(i) the respective waiting time for ENT, GYN and MED specialist out-patient (SOP) services ;

(ii) the respective waiting time for radio-diagnostic services relating to ENT, GYN and MED services.

4. Regarding the waiting time for SOP services for ENT, GYN, and MED, patients are triaged according to their clinical conditions as “Priority 1”, “Priority 2” and “Routine cases”. The table below sets out the number of SOP new cases in Kowloon Central Cluster (KCC) for ENT, GYN and MED. Their respective lower quartile (25th percentile), median (50th percentile), upper quartile (75th percentile) and the longest (90th percentile) waiting time for 2014 (1 April - 31 December 2014) are also presented in the table below.

	Priority 1					Priority 2					Routine				
	No. of new cases	Waiting Time (weeks)				No. of new cases	Waiting Time (weeks)				No. of new cases	Waiting Time (weeks)			
		25 th	50 th	75 th	90 th		25 th	50 th	75 th	90 th		25 th	50 th	75 th	90 th
Percentile					percentile					percentile					
ENT	1 161	<1	<1	<1	1	906	1	3	5	6	8 430	23	28	32	35
GYN	322	<1	<1	1	1	1 409	3	4	5	7	2 441	12	15	23	28
MED	1 090	<1	1	1	1	1 433	3	5	5	7	6 709	16	44	66	98

5. Regarding the waiting time for diagnostic radiological investigation, patients are triaged according to their clinical conditions as “1st priority patients”, “2nd priority patients” and “routine cases”. The waiting time for three types of diagnostic radiological investigations in KCC in 2014 is given as follows –

	% of urgent cases with examination done within 24 hours	median waiting time for 1 st priority patients (days)	median waiting time for 2 nd priority patients (days)	waiting time for 90 th percentile of routine cases (days)
Computed Tomography	100%	24	87	191
Magnetic Resonance Imaging	100%	26	127	440
Ultrasound	99.8%	4	69	291

Item (d) : how the refurbishment project will contribute to shortening the waiting time for (c)(i) and (c)(ii) above.

6. As the total number of SOP attendances in HKBH for the ENT, GYN and MED specialties (around 11,200 in 2014) accounts for only around 4% of that in KCC (around 298,600 in 2014), it is anticipated that the increase in service capacity in HKBH after the refurbishment project will not have material impact on the overall waiting time in KCC.

Item (e) : whether the total area of land in Kowloon East for “hospital use” will be increased in future to cope with the growing demand for medical services; if yes, the details; if no, the reasons.

7. As with the established practice, the Government would reserve land for medical and health facilities in consultation with HA according to the provisions and requirements set out in the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines. To meet the healthcare service demand of Hong Kong in the long run, we have reserved a site in the Kai Tak Development area for the development of healthcare facilities, including the Hong Kong Children’s Hospital which is under construction and the proposed acute general hospital.

8. HA is currently operating four hospitals in the two districts (i.e. Wong Tai Sin and Kwun Tong) of the Kowloon East region, namely HKBH, Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital (OLMH), TWGHs Wong Tai Sin Hospital (WTSH) and United Christian Hospital (UCH). Apart from the refurbishment project for HKBH, HA

is also embarking on different plans to cope with the growing demand for medical services. Details are presented as follows:

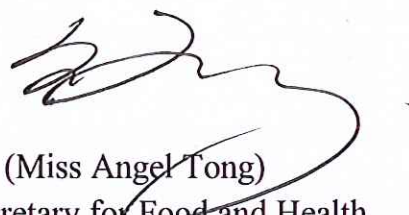
- (i) UCH is progressing with the preparatory works for its expansion project which is scheduled for completion in 2022-23; and
- (ii) OLMH is at the initial planning and feasibility stage of its redevelopment.

Item (f) : the changes in the floor areas for various types of medical/surgical services provided by HKBH before and after the refurbishment project.

9. The refurbishment project aims to strengthen the longer term care and rehabilitation services for elderly people suffering from chronic diseases as well as the refurbishment of existing in-patient wards and other clinical departments. The table below shows the net operational floor area (NOFA) of various departments before and after refurbishment.

Department	NOFA		
	Before Refurbishment (m ²)	After Refurbishment (m ²)	Increase (m ²)
Wards	4 080	5,180	1 100
Operating Theatres / Theatre Sterile Supplies Unit	357	832	475
Out-patient Department	294	505	211
Pharmacy	230	355	125
Allied Health	362	620	258
Integrated Rehabilitation	-	121	121
Total	5 323	7 613	2 290

Yours sincerely,



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