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Dear Miss MA,

Panel on Manpower Meeting on 20 January 2015
Supplementary Information on Qualifications Framework

At the Panel on Manpower meeting on 20 January 2015, a Member requested the Administration to provide information on the percentage of practitioners who have obtained qualifications recognised under the Qualifications Framework (QF) in each industry. Our reply is as follows.

The Administration introduced QF in 2008 with a view to encouraging lifelong learning and enhancing the competitiveness of the workforce in Hong Kong. At present, we have assisted 20 industries in setting up 19 Industry Training Advisory Committees under QF, covering about 52% of the working population in Hong Kong. The implementation of QF is industry-led and practitioners' participation in QF is voluntary. On obtaining QF-recognised qualifications, apart from studying QF-recognised learning programmes, practitioners can also obtain such qualifications through the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) mechanism.

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At present, there are over 8 000 QF-recognised qualifications registered in the Qualifications Register. As these programmes, which include quite many self-financed ones, are provided by about 240 education and training institutions of various kinds, the Administration does not have information on the number of people who have completed these programmes and obtained the relevant qualifications.

As for the RPL mechanism, it is now implemented in 10 industries. As at end January 2015, about 12 000 employees have been awarded statements of attainment through the mechanism, involving more than 21 200 statements at QF Levels 1 to 4. Details of the number of employees, their percentages in the total number of employees in the industries concerned as well as the number of statements of attainment obtained are set out in the table below.

Industry (Year of implementing the RPL mechanism)¹	Number of employees (Percentage in the total number of employees in the industry concerned)	Number of statement of attainment obtained
Hairdressing (2008)	836 (5.2%)	4 668
Printing & Publishing (2008)	765 (2.7%)	1 398
Watch & Clock (2008)	703 (3.6%)	752
Property Management (2011)	6 504 (7.9%)	9 557
Automotive (2011)	732 (4.3%)	1 127
Jewellery (2011)	651 (1.9%)	880
Logistics (2012)	995 (0.8%)	1 279
Beauty (2013)	78 (0.2%)	528
Chinese Catering (2014)	684 (0.5%)	1 044
Total	11 948 (2.4%)	21 233

Yours sincerely,



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for Secretary for Education

¹ As the RPL mechanism was implemented in the retail industry on 1 December 2014, as at end January 2015, no employees from the industry have been awarded a statement of attainment yet.